

On July 2, 2026 the CPUC is scheduled to vote on its proposed decision establishing the application process for SB 1221 neighborhood decarbonization pilot (see agenda item 47: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/events-and-meetings/cpuc-voting-meeting-07-02-26>.) The proposed decision instructs the gas corporations on the process and guidelines for applications for neighborhood decarbonization pilots.

The initial proposed decision set December 15, 20226 as the first deadline for the gas corporations' application filing. A pilot in Berkeley is an opportunity for improving local air quality outdoor and indoor, supports demonstrating a pathway to avoiding utility costs from maintaining gas infrastructure, provides a local opportunity for workforce in alignment with the Berkeley's Just Transition goals, and climate change mitigation. Instructions for making public comment on the docket online are below. For more context, see the [June 24, 2026 Environment and Climate Commission agenda](#) item 9.

After the decision establishing the application process for SB 1221 is adopted, PG&E, the gas corporation that serves Berkeley, will rapidly move toward narrowing efforts on the locations it will work on developing pilot applications in its first batch of applications. A showing of support from the residents in the community in addition to the city would serve as a signal to PG&E on the feasibility of a Berkeley pilot project meeting the required 67% consent to switch off of gas service on a pipeline segment scheduled for replacement to a zero emission alternative, and thus allow for decommissioning of that gas line segment. The City of Berkeley has been successful with getting six census blocks in Berkeley designated by the CPUC as possible locations for a pilot (see the "Priority Neighborhood Zones" in <https://sb1221.pge.com/>).

In your public comment, if applicable, be sure to indicate if you live in one of the designated priority neighborhood decarbonization zones in Berkeley (provide the census tract ID number). It could also help to share what, if any, further support you would be willing to lend to efforts to gather support for a pilot in Berkeley (e.g. experience with organizing or established relationships with your neighbors).

How to submit written public comment to the docket:

- Go to https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:::RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:R2409012
- Click "Add Public Comment" and follow the instructions.

Alternatively, you can make spoken public comment at the July 2 CPUC voting meeting.

Call in by 11am to sign up to speak using the instructions below. You may sign up and make a public comment until the public comment period has ended, which typically lasts for about an hour.

- To make a comment by phone, dial 1-800-857-1917 and enter the passcode for the English (9899501#) or Spanish (3799627#) phone line.

- To make a public comment, unmute your phone, and press *1 (star one) when prompted by the operator. Once you press *1 you will be prompted to state your name and/or organization, please do so slowly and clearly. The operator will call on you when it is your turn to speak.
- Wait times depend on the number of speakers in the public comment queue. During times of high call volumes, wait times will be long. The operator will call on you when it is your turn to speak.
- Each speaker will have 1 minute to speak. Commenters requiring a translator will have at least twice the amount of time allotted to English speakers.
- The President of the Commission maintains discretion on individual speaker time allocations, depending on the number of speakers. A speaker may not cede time to another speaker.
- In-person comments will generally be taken first, and the order of speakers will generally be based on the order in which speakers sign-up or call-in. The President of the Commission maintains the discretion to alter the order of speakers.

If you experience difficulty calling into the Public Comment line, please send an email to VotingMeetingHelp@cpuc.ca.gov or call (415) 703-1496.

Sincerest,
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