



Policies that promote building efficiency and support renewable energy can reduce GHG emissions over the long term. Local governments can set and support clean energy policies, though policies that are aligned with local, state and federal levels are most impactful. When possible, buildings should be net zero, generating at least as much renewable energy as the building efficiently consumes.



ENACT

- Support robust building energy conservation codes, benchmarking, and building performance standards to optimize energy efficiency for retrofit projects
- Require high performance, all-electric, and net zero new building construction
- Modernize municipal franchise agreements to leverage investment in clean energy and reduce costs to residents
- Adapt zoning codes and streamline development processes to accelerate investment in solar and other renewable energy systems



ENCOURAGE

- Support state and federal policies to advance clean energy

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS

- Ensure benefits are shared equitably
- Reduce long term energy burden
- Eliminate utility franchise cost to residents
- Make rooftop solar more accessible by reducing soft costs
- Support retrofits and code compliance for low-income property owners

OUTCOMES & CO-BENEFITS

- Reduce energy and water costs
- Improve long-term building performance
- Leverage private investment in buildings
- Demonstrate technology and design to achieve net-zero
- Create operational resilience
- Create clean energy jobs

