

Motion

- SBCC is endeavoring to comply with I 2066, the existing state statute, and federal EPCA law.
- SBCC has existing responsibilities that were not changed by 2066 to continue to update the 2024 Energy Code with limited staff, TAG and Council resources and time to meet them.
- In that context, we intend to make a good faith effort, through our established process, to achieve the complex and entangled goals with which we have been asked to comply, while minimizing uncertainty in regulation and disruption for the construction industry.
- To that end, we direct the Energy Code TAG to continue to advance the 2024 Energy codes and bring forward off cycle recommendations to update the 2021 Energy Codes if needed(Res and commercial), so as to:
 - Comply with federal EPCA standards.
 - Meet the existing statutory requirements, including but not limited to, incrementally increase energy efficiency with each update towards a 70% improvement in energy efficiency.
 - Recommend rules that may be required to meet the 2066 provision that gas not be penalized, prohibited or discouraged relative to other energy sources.
 - Does not provide any artificial advantage in meeting energy efficiency standards to gas energy sources or appliances.
- And directs SBCC staff to proactively communicate this process, including keeping existing 2021 energy code in effect until by this process or directed otherwise by a court; as well as any incremental steps in pending adjudication to local governments required to implement the standards.