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Title: Berkeley's Building Energy Saving Ordinance - What's Next for Decarbonization?

Abstract: Three years into its Building Energy Saving Ordinance (BESO), the City of Berkeley is undergoing an evaluation of its administrative process and policy outcomes, with sights on advancing new opportunities to rapidly decarbonize its existing building stock to achieve 100% clean energy buildings. This presentation will share the results and key takeaways of its time of sale requirement for single family homes (1-4 units) and time of sale and phase-in requirements for larger commercial and multifamily buildings. Presenters will also share highlights from the next phase of implementation: 1) integrating the Home Energy Score into the MLS, 2) enhancing the Home Energy Score to account for localized data including emissions, 3) the implementation of the commercial and multi-family benchmarking and audit requirements which exceed the State's benchmarking requirements, 4) the rollout of its online compliance tools, and 5) integration with local and state incentive programs, including a new transfer tax rebate targeting efficiency and electrification. The lessons learned will seek to illuminate for local government officials, state policy-makers, utility professionals, community partners and market actors the opportunities to address a large-scale behavioral and infrastructural challenge: how to leverage city-wide building data at scale to achieve deep decarbonization in existing buildings, and in turn achieve our local and state climate and equity goals.