Public Comment - Menlo - Building Code - Item H1 - 08.12.2025

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council members, and honorable staff,

I'm Jenny Michel, a native living in D3, a recovering homeless teacher, and a disabled bus rider.

Personal comments:

I again want to thank staff for their additional work on this item especially because of the recently passed legislation, we might not hear this item again for another six (6) years to amend the code for residential units. Way to show leadership and tenacity for the policy option C or Flexpath. I ask the Council to vote yes on your recommendations.

We live in 40 year old apartments on Willow Road with a gas water heater and two gas wall mounted furnaces within five feet of each other. The fumes coming off the units makes our son sick to his stomach, and he routinely asks for the pilot lights to be turned off. Even then, you can still smell the rank stink.

Although our landlord is large and owns many units in Menlo with their names on pavilions and structures around town, it will take an act of God to move them towards a healthy alternative. In other words, it must come from this body or else they will continue to place our health in danger knowingly and willingly.

I'm sorry that many senior homeowners are not able to convert their gas units to electrical at this time. But that sounds like a rich person's problem when the median sales price in Menlo is \$3.5Million for a single family home. Lenders will work with you to leverage your home equity to pay for a healthy option to provide heating and cooling for your spaces. It's worth the small investment to ensure healthy air for all!

Thank you for your consideration! Jenny from the Coleman Place block