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I recommend three specific improvements to the Energy Cooperation Agreement that would create tangible climate progress while supporting housing affordability:

1. INCORPORATE SB 1221 COMMITMENTS INTO STRATEGY 1

Amend Section 6 (Decarbonization of the Built Environment) to include specific commitments for SDG&E to submit at least 5 San Diego neighborhoods to the SB 1221 program by 2026. This fits naturally within the existing framework and supports the City's building decarbonization goals. This amendment leverages existing state policy to accelerate neighborhood-scale electrification. It aligns with SDG&E's financial interests by potentially reducing infrastructure replacement costs while creating jobs and improving indoor air quality in communities that need it most.

2. STRENGTHEN THE EQUITY-FOCUSED SOLAR PROGRAM

Amend Section 7(a) to increase the shareholder contribution from \$1 million to \$1.15 million annually, as already recommended by the Environment

Committee on February 13, 2025. Add language requiring at least 30% of these funds to support solar installations on multifamily affordable housing. This modest 15% increase maintains program effectiveness while extending benefits to renters currently excluded from the program. The multifamily focus would increase program efficiency by serving more residents with the same investment while supporting affordable housing.

3. ADD ALL-ELECTRIC INCENTIVES TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVISIONS

Strengthen Section 6(f) by adding specific connection fee incentives for all-electric construction. The existing section already acknowledges the importance of utility coordination for housing but lacks concrete mechanisms to encourage electrification.

Adding a tiered discount structure (25% for all-electric buildings, 50% for all-electric affordable housing) creates clear market signals that align with both climate and housing goals. This approach removes financial barriers to building electrification while supporting housing production.

Thank you for your consideration.

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