

October 1, 2013

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Re: Agenda Item #19 – Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program in
Conjunction with Ygrene Energy Fund

Dear Chair Briggs and fellow Supervisors,

When considering your vote on whether or not to approve the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program in conjunction with Ygrene Energy Fund in order to finance energy efficiency projects in El Dorado County, please consider residents who live in the numerous old houses in this county. El Dorado County is filled with old homes and businesses that have classic charm, built anywhere from the late 1840's to present. These homes are often beautiful and offer a lot of character, but they also come with high energy bills that can be hundreds of dollars per month. My house was first documented by the County Building Department in 1947, which was the year PG&E built power lines in Garden Valley. However, according to the real estate agent who sold the house to my grandparents, the original structure had been there long before 1947. Energy costs for my home are approximately \$250 per month to PG&E and \$100 per month for propane; I also burn approximately five cords of firewood every year to heat my home in the colder months. If I were able to finance new insulation and windows over a twenty year period on my property taxes, the improvements would more than pay for themselves through lower energy costs, while allowing my family to live much more comfortably. We all know that energy isn't getting any cheaper.

An additional benefit of allowing people such as myself to increase their home's energy efficiency, is that it would create local construction jobs. I have many friends in the construction industry who have been unemployed or underemployed since 2008. This would provide a valuable tool to get our hard working construction workers back on the job. There are a lot of old buildings that could use energy efficiency improvements, and a lot of workers sitting at home who want to work.

El Dorado County has always stood for personal choice and freedom; please allow those who would choose to finance home improvements through property assessments the chance to do so. Thank you for your consideration of people who live, work, and learn in old buildings.

Sincerely,

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