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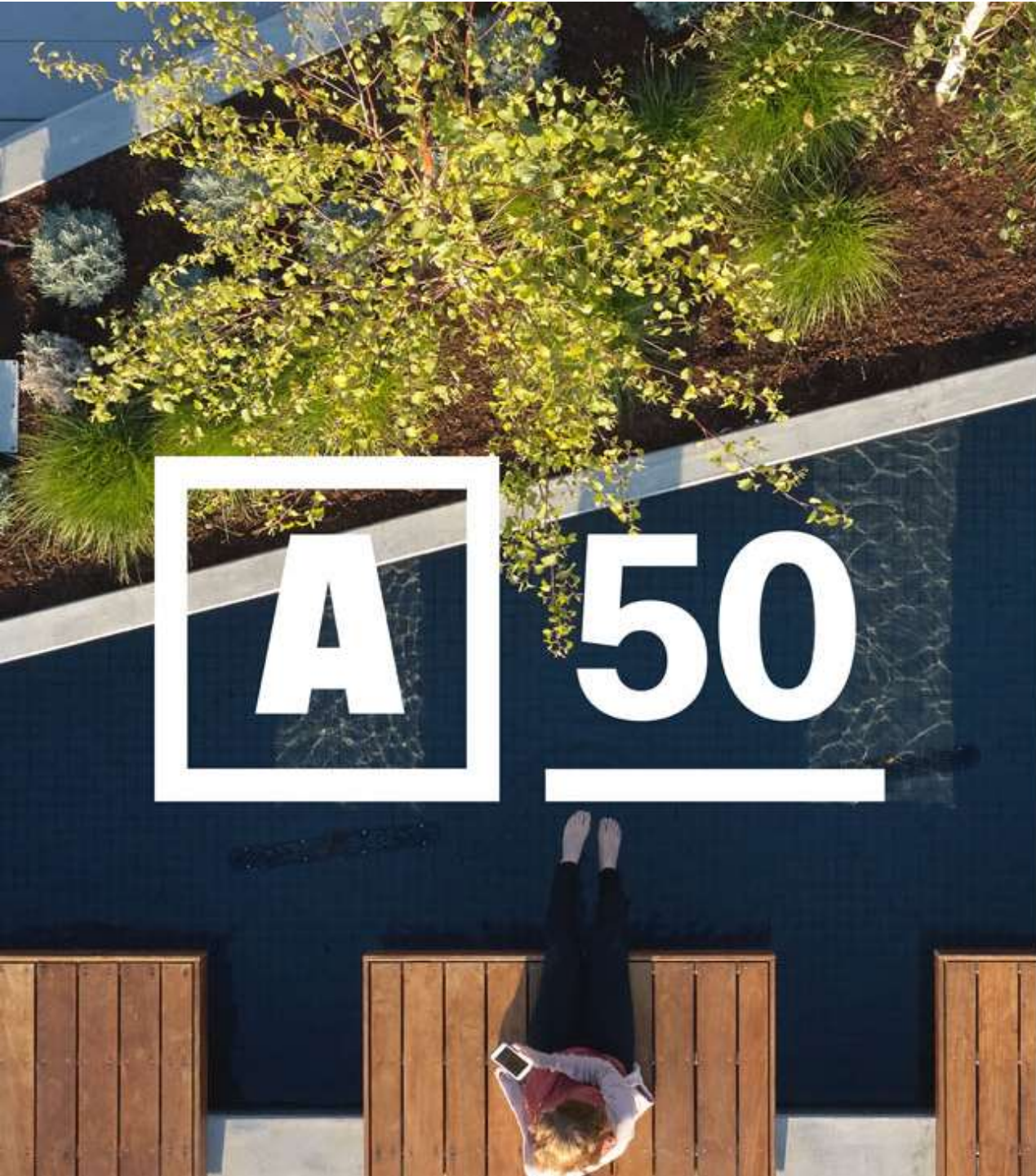
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**DESIGN  
FOR  
POSITIVE  
CHANGE**

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2  
SUSTAINABILITY

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OVERALL

Mithun Ranks No. 12 overall and No. 2 in Sustainability  
by Architect Magazine, 2018



**6 AIA COTE TOP  
TEN GREEN AWARDS**

**10+ NET ZERO BUILDINGS**

**AIA 2030 COMMITMENT**

**SUSTAINABLE R&D INVESTMENT 15,000+ HOURS**

**150+ GREEN STORMWATER PROJECTS**

**15+ PROJECTS WITH  
GREEN DISTRICT SCALE SYSTEMS**

**500+ SUSTAINABLE DESIGN PRESENTATIONS**

**CARBON NEUTRAL  
OPERATIONS SINCE 2004**

**40+ LEED CERTIFIED PROJECTS**





- ZNE-ready Affordable Housing is not only possible, but is being designed and built
- Construction is Cost-Neutral at a minimum, with potential for Lower Utility Bills
- Co-Benefits are Plentiful (and potentially Beautiful)
- **It's really about Zero Net Carbon (not Energy)**



# Electrifying Multifamily Affordable Housing—





# R+D Study Overview—



**R+D**

## Resilience

—  
thrive in the face of climate change

## Health & Wellbeing

—  
enhance the human condition

## Carbon

—  
achieve carbon positivity

## Artificial Intelligence

—  
empower designers & enable  
superior decision-making

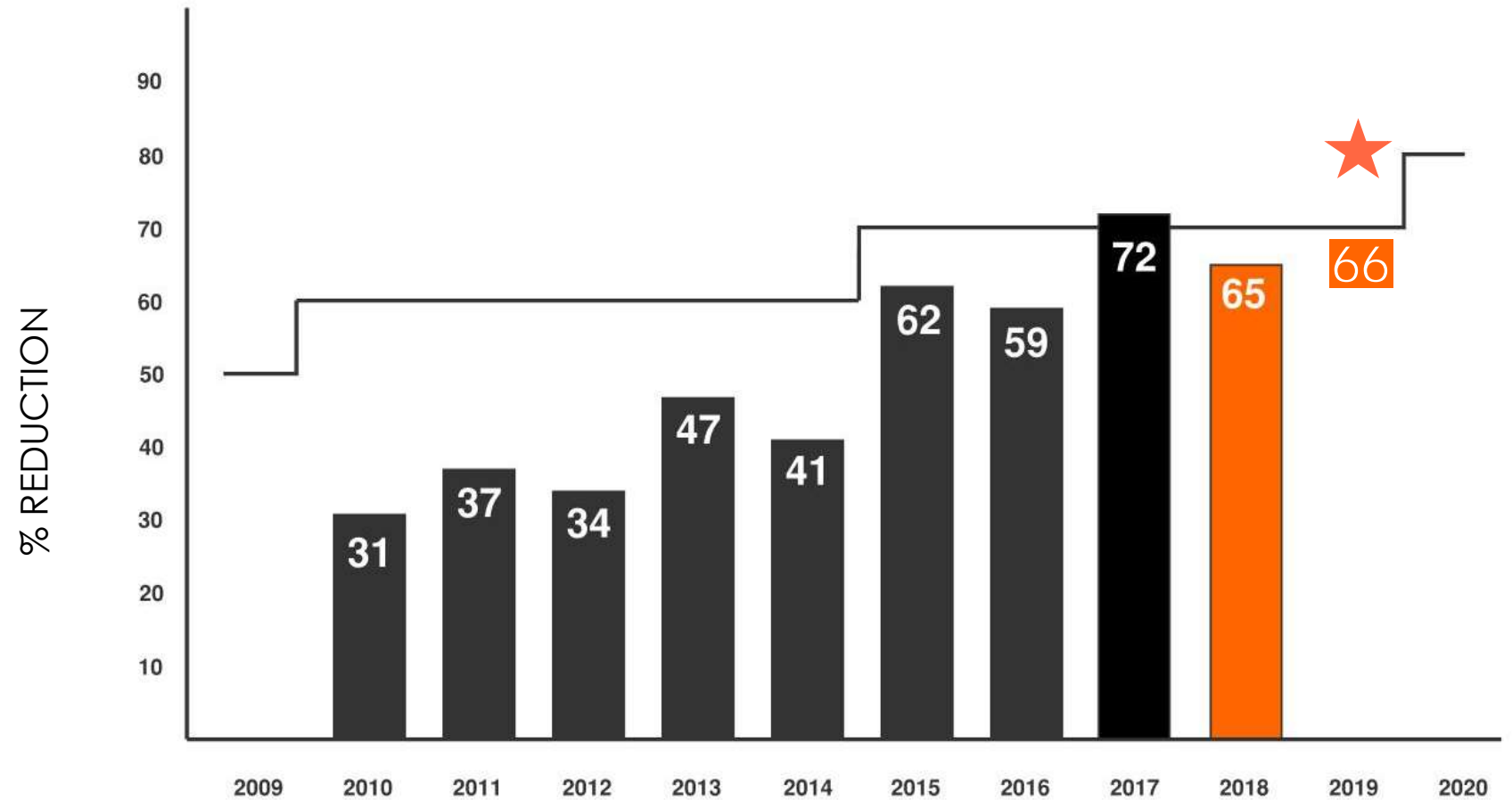
## Construction Technology

—  
transform building delivery  
for positive change



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# 2030 Challenge Reporting





Performance  Code Compliance  Operational

### Zero Net Carbon

- Comprehensive Model Analysis of all Systems
- Actual EUI
- Source Energy
- Carbon (embodied and operational)

### Title 24 CEC

- Politically Weighted
- Excludes certain loads, systems & equipment
- Includes only:
- Space Conditioning, Mechanical Ventilation and Water Heating
- TDV energy use
- Cost basis

### Benchmarking

- Separately metered Units, Common Areas, and Whole Building
- Actual Energy Use, Utility Costs, and ROI
- Resident Behavior



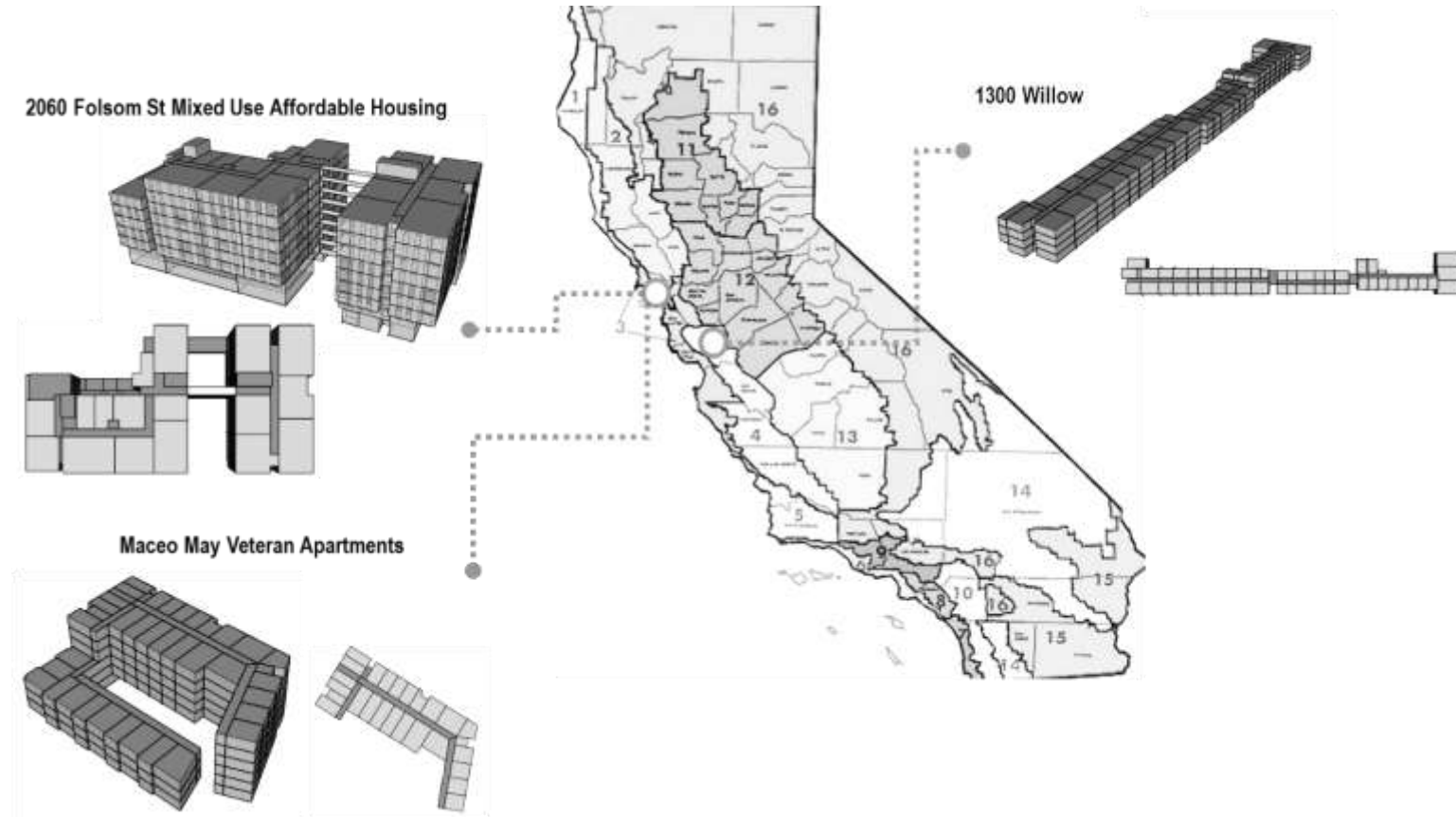
# R+D—

## Research & Development Zero Net Energy for CA Multifamily Residential Design

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Low, Mid and High Rise

Several Construction Types





# All-Electric San Francisco Affordable Housing Projects—

with ambitious EUI targets

Casa Adelante Housing  
(2060 Folsom)



Florida Family Apartments  
(Mission neighborhood)



Maceo May Veterans  
Apts (Treasure Island)



Balboa Upper Yard  
(Outer Mission)

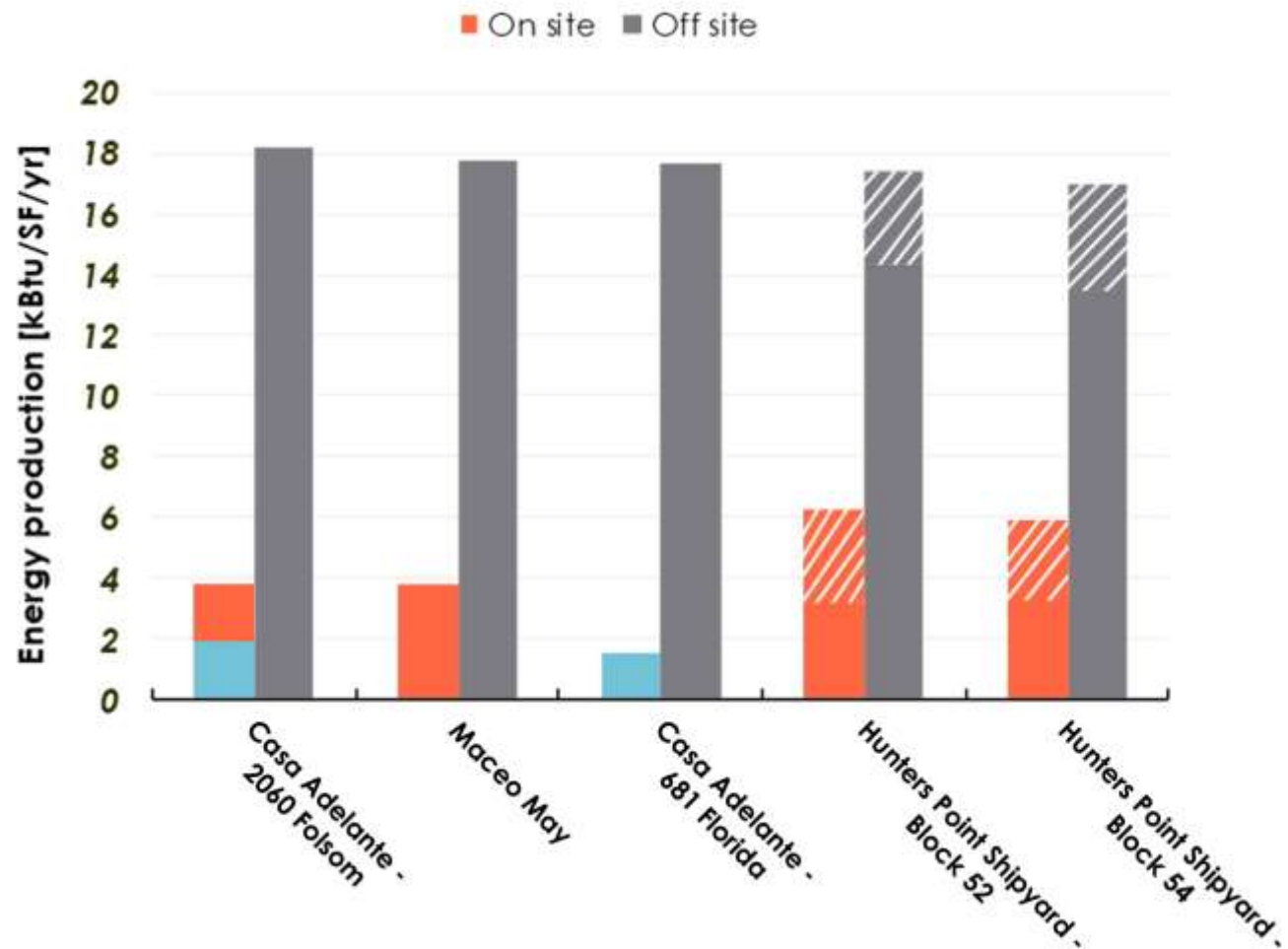


Blocks 52 & 54  
(Hunters Point Shipyard)





# PV Production for Net Zero Energy—



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28,200 SF



# The Shift from ZNE to All-Electric—

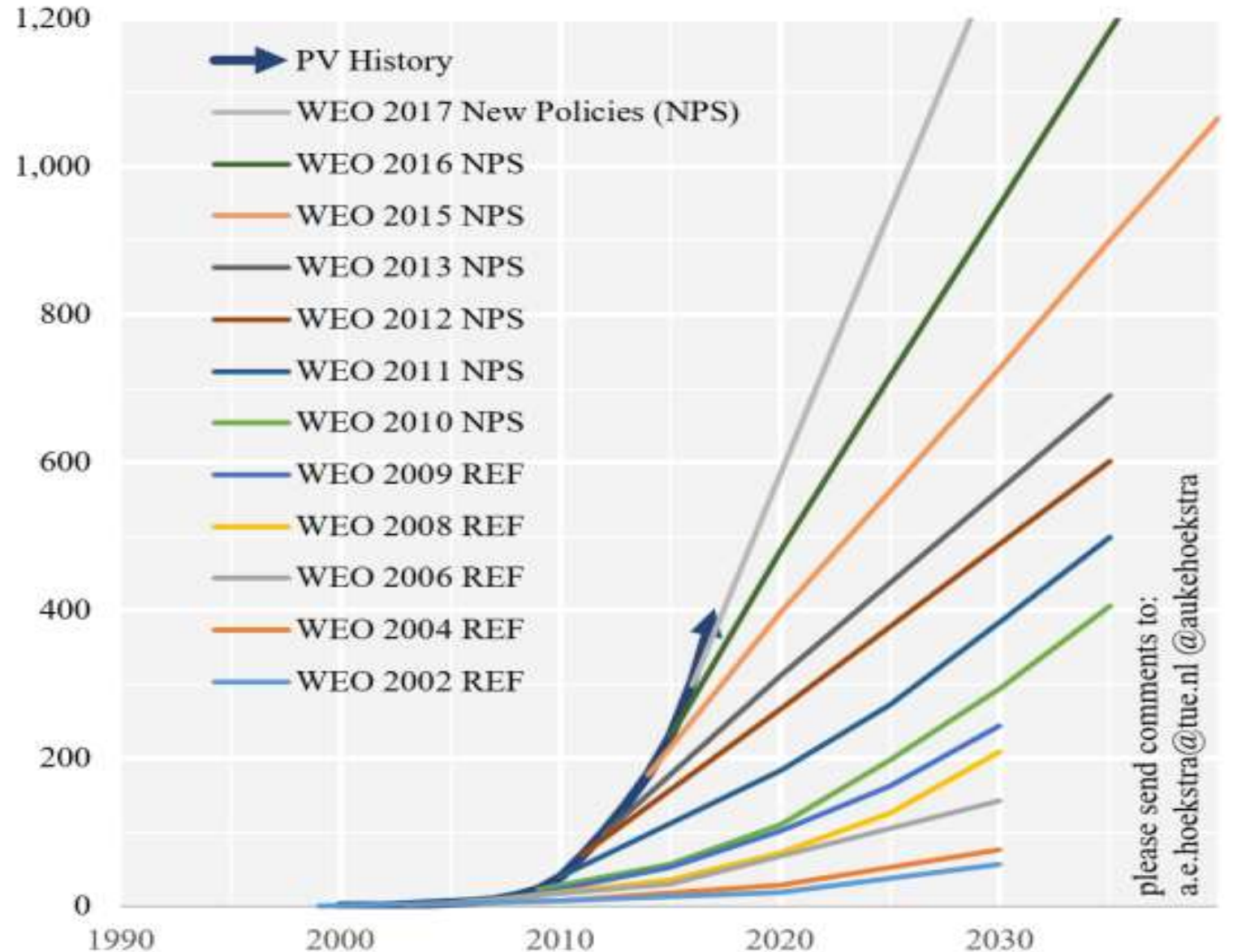


# Clean Energy Sources are Outpacing Targets—

Low income and communities of color bear a disproportionate burden of pollution from fossil fuels and are more cost-burdened with utility bills

Auke Hoekstra, PhD

Cummulative PV capacity: historic data vs IEA WEO predictions  
In GW of total installed capacity - source International Energy Agency - World Energy Outlook



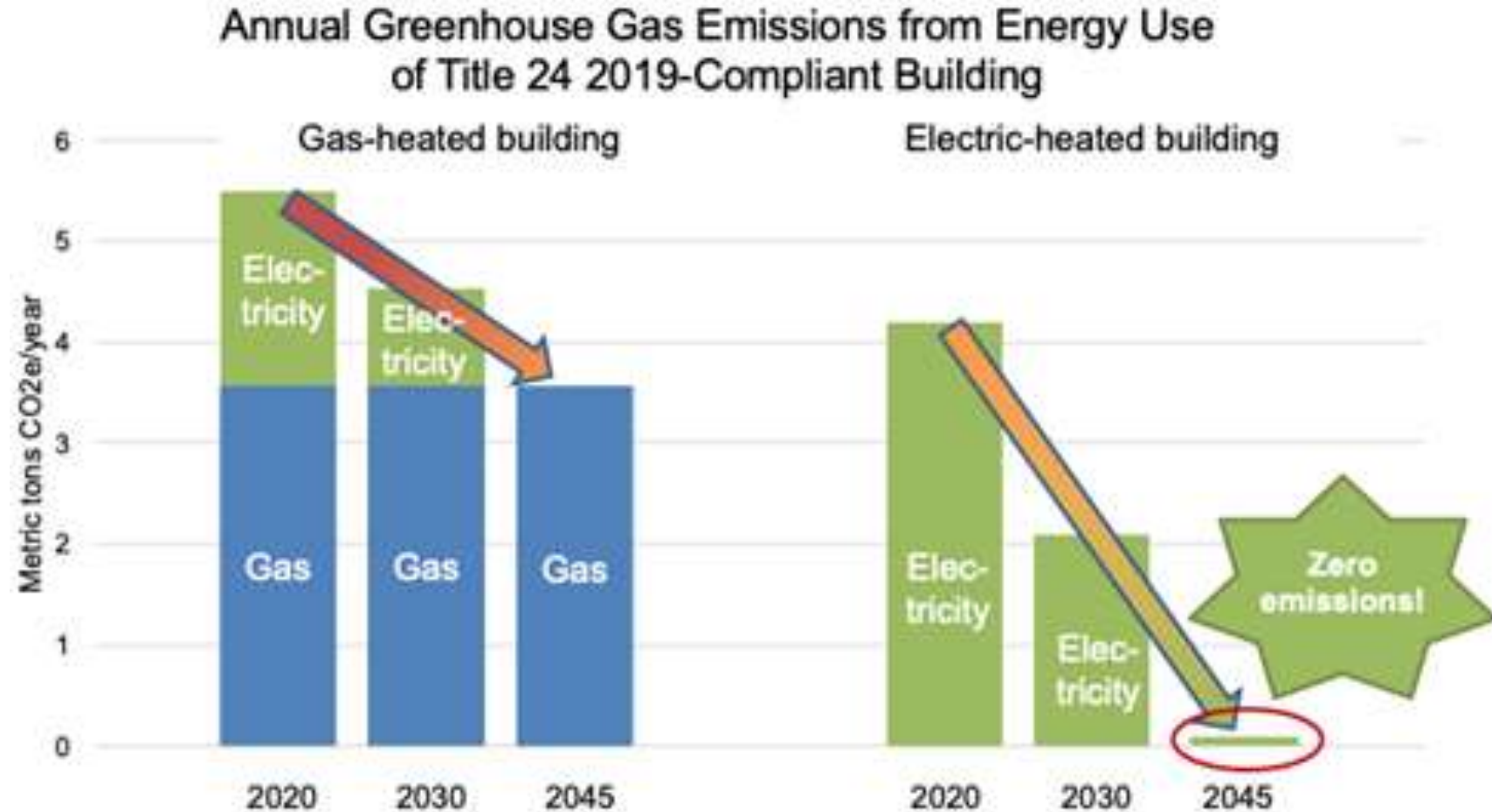


# Electrification is Pathway to Zero Carbon in CA—

Including Gas or Propane in a building is a guaranteed Carbon footprint in perpetuity

Rapidly greening grid means and All-Electric Buildings have a path to Zero Carbon Emissions

NRDC Analysis, Climate Zone 13 (Fresno) with rooftop solar, including methane leakage







## Berkeley Says No to New Gas Connections



Although San Francisco has yet to institute a gas ban similar to the one recently enacted across the bay, in Berkeley, several residential projects there anticipate such restrictions, including Mithun's Maceo May Apartments, a 105-unit building for formerly homeless veterans and their families slated for completion in 2021.

*Image courtesy Mithun*

Hilary Noll, a Mithun senior associate in San Francisco, says heat pumps are providing savings for five all-electric multifamily housing projects the firm has underway in the city. She says this is primarily due to federal tax credits for affordable housing tied to energy efficiency targets. Those require the addition of solar water heaters when gas boilers are used, helping trim gas consumption. Without gas, additional savings come from avoided equipment such as gas piping, meters, and combustion venting, as well as simplified fire code compliance. "There's a trickle-down effect," says Noll, who estimates about \$250,000 in savings per project.

Noll says Mithun's clients favor all-electric design primarily as a response to heightened awareness of climate change. But they also feel they are getting a better building. In most of Mithun's all-electric projects, these savings are being used to upgrade air filtration systems to protect residents from soot from the region's increasingly frequent wildfires. Owners also recognize that eliminating gas today will future-proof the structures against expensive retrofits. "When you design for natural gas in a building, you're designing for obsolescence," says Noll.

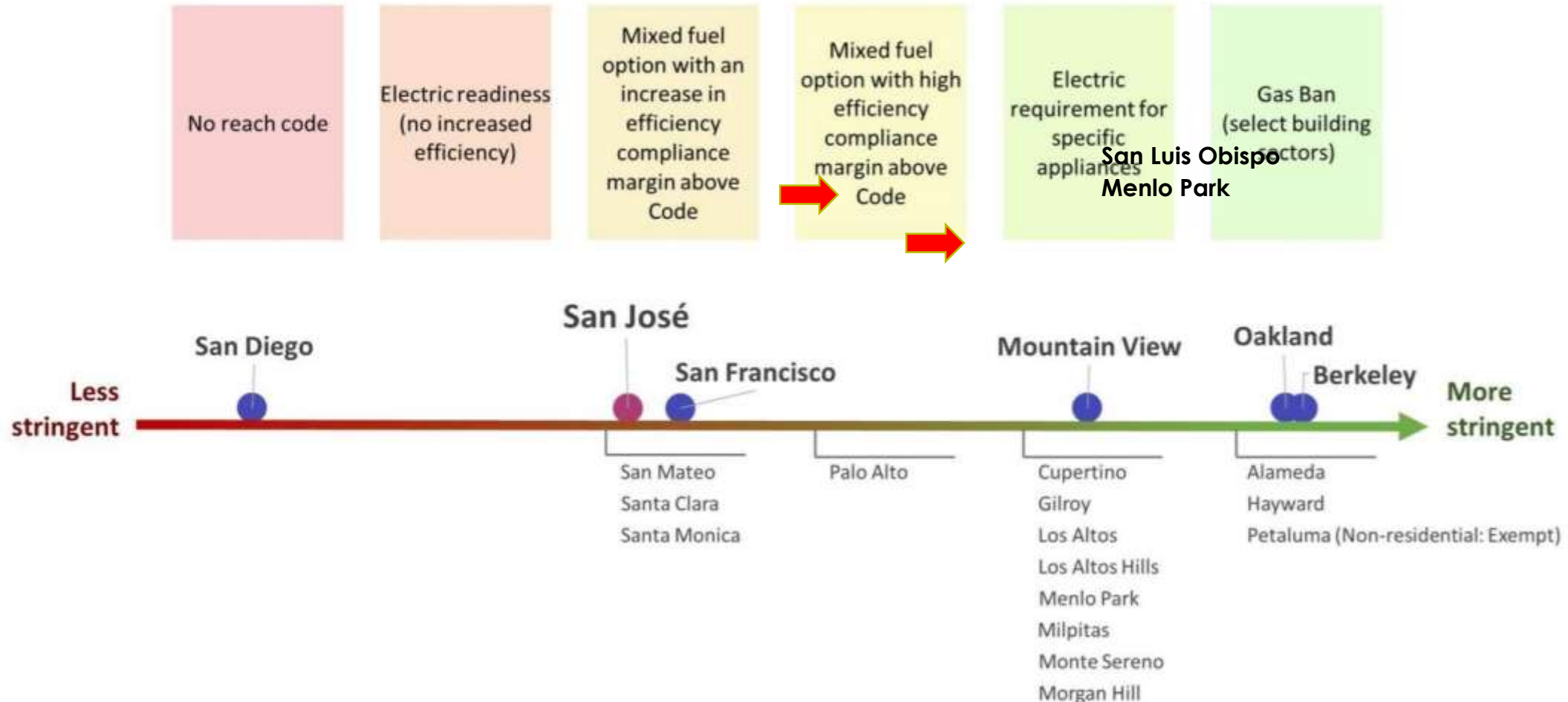
Many California cities plan to ban gas only from new municipal buildings, while pushing private developers to go electric by mandating higher efficiency for gas-equipped buildings. Bartholomy says Los Angeles is following another model pioneered in Vancouver, British Columbia: phasing in limits on carbon emissions that will ratchet down over time.

Whatever model jurisdictions use, Bartholomy says, they will have to stop the installation of new gas equipment—which can last 15-20 years—in all buildings by 2030 to have any hope of meeting their mid-century carbon targets.



# Reach Codes—

## City Reach Codes - Building Electrification



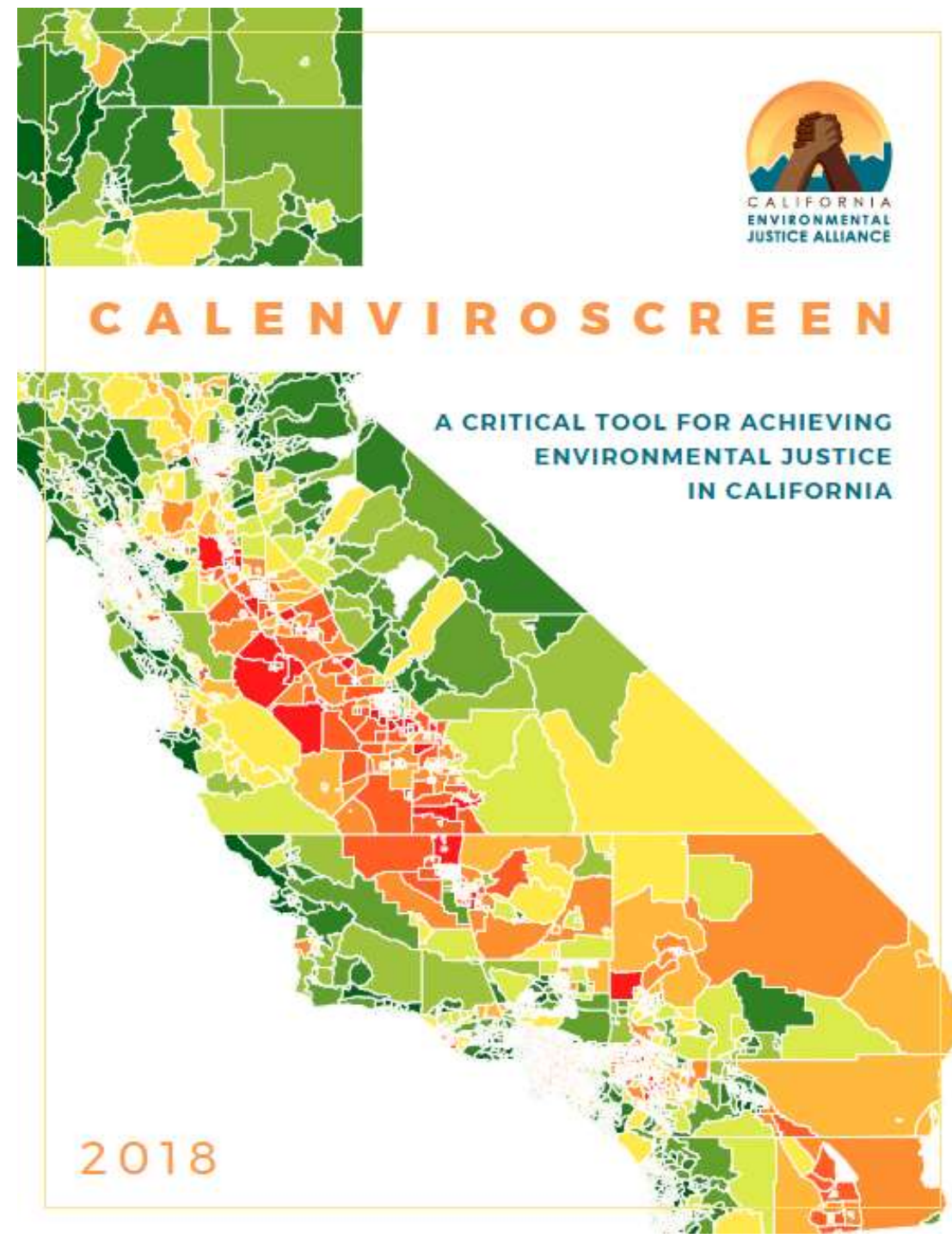
Note: All information in this chart is tentative, based on information obtained to date.



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# Why ZNE Affordable Housing Matters—

Low income and communities of color bear a disproportionate burden of pollution from fossil fuels and are more cost-burdened with utility bills on average





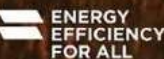
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# How Equitable Electrification is Achievable—

*Equitable Building Electrification:  
A Framework for Powering  
Resilient Communities*

provides decision makers with a step by step guide to achieve GHG goals while ensuring every person, regardless of race and income, can benefit from the clean energy transition.

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# Decarbonization and Resilience—

Resilient by Design—  
Bay Area, California



# Project Case Studies—



# All-Electric San Francisco Affordable Housing Projects

with ambitious EUI targets  
and all-electric systems

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EUI 18.2—

**Casa Adelante - 2060 Folsom  
Mission Neighborhood  
San Francisco, CA**

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Size:	127 Units and 169,995 GSF
2030 Goal:	23.6 kBtu/sf/yr
Construction Cost:	\$ 68,175,234
Hard Cost / sq ft:	\$ 401/ sq ft







## Parkside Porch for the People

### 2060 Folsom

San Francisco, California

Client	Mission Economic Development Agency; Chinatown Community Development Center
Overview	Affordable housing development overlooking new neighborhood park in the Mission District
Program	127 affordable units, community room, garden courtyard, youth lounge, childcare center, parking for 150 bikes
Size	150,000 sq ft
Metrics	Green Point Rated, LEED Gold Targeted
Services	Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture
Collaborators	Y.A. Studio, Associate Architects

### Affordable Housing and Critical Services

2060 Folsom creates in-demand affordable homes and an active community hub, inspired by the Mission District's unique blend of civic participation and working-class heritage. Maximizing density, the nine-story building houses families and transitional-age youth, and offers programs critical to the future of the district.

### Maximizing Views and Connection

The building is conceived as a 'front porch' overlooking the new neighborhood park at the corner of Folsom and 17th streets. A spacious courtyard draws sunlight and park views into the building. A community room and common spaces clustered around the courtyard create a 'town square' for indoor-outdoor events.

### Activated Street Fronts

A transparent ground floor holds a diverse array of active programs. Wide sidewalks, bike lanes, retail and art murals activate street frontages and encourage public interaction. Public services including a childcare center and offices for local organizations are housed on the first two floors, and an incubator café on the prominent southeast corner supports local entrepreneurship.



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# EUI 17.7—

## Case Adelante – 681 Florida Mission Neighborhood San Francisco, CA

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Size:	130 Units and 142,100 GSF
2030 Goal:	23.6 kBtu/sf/yr
Construction Cost:	\$ 64,687,461
Hard Cost / sq ft:	\$ 455/ sq ft







## Mission Possible Family Housing

681 Florida

San Francisco, California

<b>Client</b>	Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC) and Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) Joint Venture
<b>Overview</b>	150 Units with amenities/services and 10,000 SF of Production, Distribution, and Repair (PDR) space reserved for local arts organizations.
<b>Program</b>	Residential, Business, Assembly
<b>Size</b>	140,000 square feet, 0.44 acres
<b>Metrics</b>	Meets AIA SF 2030 Challenge
<b>Services</b>	Architecture, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture
<b>Collaborators</b>	<a href="#">List here</a>
<b>Completion</b>	May 2021
<b>Cost</b>	\$62,000,000

### Family-Friendly Mixed Use

This new, mixed use development provides amenity-rich, family-friendly urban living. A ground floor, double-height facade spanning the entire block maximizes flexibility and visibility for diverse communities; and durable materials, highly coordinated systems design, careful cost analysis, and an EUI meet the AIA SF 2030 challenge; all helping to ensure the Mission remains a backbone of San Francisco culture.

### Serving a Need

Responding to need, the development supports displaced and low-income families with 30% of units reserved for formerly homeless residents with income 15-30% AMI; and the remainder of units available to residents 40-60% AMI. The project also provides spaces for a variety of programs and services, from job placement and tax preparation, to urban rooftop farming and healthy cooking classes.

### Honoring the Mission's Art Culture

Honoring the arts culture of the Mission, the ground-floor space is dedicated for arts organization use and designed to maximize visibility—pedestrians will be able to see through from one sidewalk across the block to the next. A forecourt with a large art gate at the main entrance welcomes events as well as curious passers-by.



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EUI 17.8—

**Maceo May Veterans Apts**  
**Treasure Island**  
**San Francisco, CA**

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Size:	105 Units and 114,836 GSF
2030 Goal:	22.6 kBtu/sf/yr
Construction Cost:	\$ 52,280,034
Hard Cost / sq ft:	\$ 455/ sq ft







## Healthy Homes for Veterans

### Maceo May Apartments

San Francisco, California

<b>Client</b>	Swords to Plowshares and Chinatown Community Development Center
<b>Overview</b>	Six-story building on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay providing 105 homes to formerly homeless Veterans and their families
<b>Program</b>	105 multifamily units (studios, 1-bdr and 2-bdr), on-site residential services, property management offices, community room, laundry, parking, bicycle storage, outdoor common areas including pet area, culinary gardens, forested healing garden, playground, BBQ and roof deck
<b>Size</b>	104,500 sq ft 0.74 acres
<b>Metrics</b>	Fitwel Certification and Green Point Rated
<b>Services</b>	Architecture, Landscape Architecture
<b>Completion</b>	2021

### Creating Community

Home to a diversity of residents, from families with young children to Veterans recently experiencing homelessness, Maceo May Apartments will provide a range of common areas, from gathering spaces to healing gardens. Its community-centered design—access to views for all, active ground-floor uses, and place-based wayfinding—will integrate residents into their new neighborhood.

### Infrastructure for Health Inside and Out

Pursuing Fitwel certification, the design emphasizes social cohesion and wellness, including features tailored to support those with a history of chronic illnesses and mental health challenges. Active design principles within the building connect residents to each other and the natural environment via the adjacent shared public way, community park and island trail network.

### Building for a Resilient Future

The design uses net-zero energy strategies to achieve an EUI of 18.2, incorporates several resilient-design elements guarding against disaster and climate change impacts, and prioritizes healthy and durable materials throughout. Modular construction parameters have influenced the unit design and will reduce construction cost and duration—speeding the delivery of much needed housing.



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**B52: EUI 14.2—**  
**B54: EUI 13.6—**

**Hunters Point Shipyard**  
**Blocks 52 & 54**  
**San Francisco, CA**

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Size:	112 Units and 169,474 GSF
2030 Goal:	20.2 kBtu/sf/yr
Construction Cost:	\$ 69,281,046
Hard Cost / sq ft:	\$ 408/ sq ft







BLOCK 52 - MASSING AXON VIEW FROM EAST



BLOCK 52 - MASSING AXON VIEW FROM WEST

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## Shipyard Multifamily

### HPS 52 + 54 Case Study

#### San Francisco, California

<b>Co-Sponsors</b>	Mission Housing Development Corporation and the Related Companies
<b>Architect</b>	Mithun
<b>Lot Area</b>	29,000 sf
<b>Project Size</b>	150,000 sf
<b>Zoning</b>	85 foot height limit, zero setbacks, no parking required, 7,000 sf open space required
<b>Funding</b>	4% California Tax credits and San Francisco's Mayor Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD), AHSC
<b>Timeline</b>	Fall 2015: Development team selected Spring-Summer 2017: Community outreach 2017-2018: Design, Permits, and financing 2018 or early 2019: Construction to start 2020: Residents to move in
<b>Metrics</b>	Green Point or LEED rated
<b>Transit</b>	BART regional transit Multiple MUNI bus lines Bike lanes a few blocks away

#### Project Description

- Safe, stable affordable housing for low income families (60% AMI, 40% neighborhood priority)
- Located immediately adjacent to Balboa Park BART station
- 300 feet from 280 Freeway
- Highly impacted by traffic at busy intersection

#### Project and Community Goals

- Affordable units for families
- Active ground floor for the community
- A vibrant new BART Plaza
- Safe streets for pedestrians and cars
- Protected open space for residents

#### Program

- Residential 100+ affordable units with a mix of 3br, 2br, 1br and studios, community room, garden courtyard, rooftop garden, bike parking, and supportive services offices
- Child Development Center 6,000 sf
- Neighborhood Retail
- Non-Profit Office Space 6,500 sf



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EUI 20.6—

## Balboa Upper Yard Family Apts San Francisco, CA

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2030 Goal: 23.6 kBtu/sf/yr

LEED Baseline 80.9 kBtu/sf/yr

39% savings







## Promoting Health through Community Development

### Balboa Park Housing Case Study

San Francisco, California

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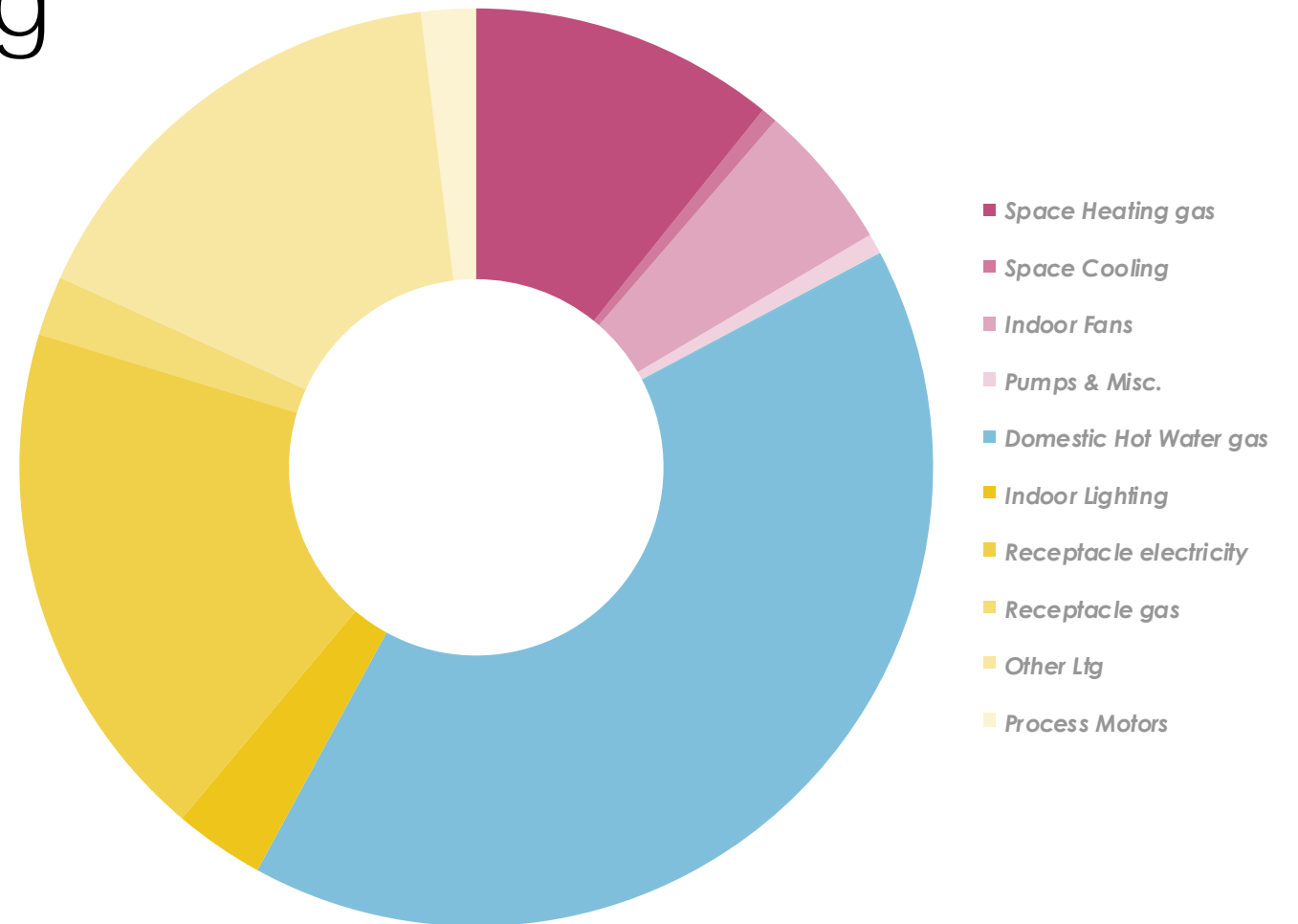
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# Energy Efficiency Measures—



# Typical Loads in Multifamily Housing





# Passive Design Strategies—

## WATER SMART

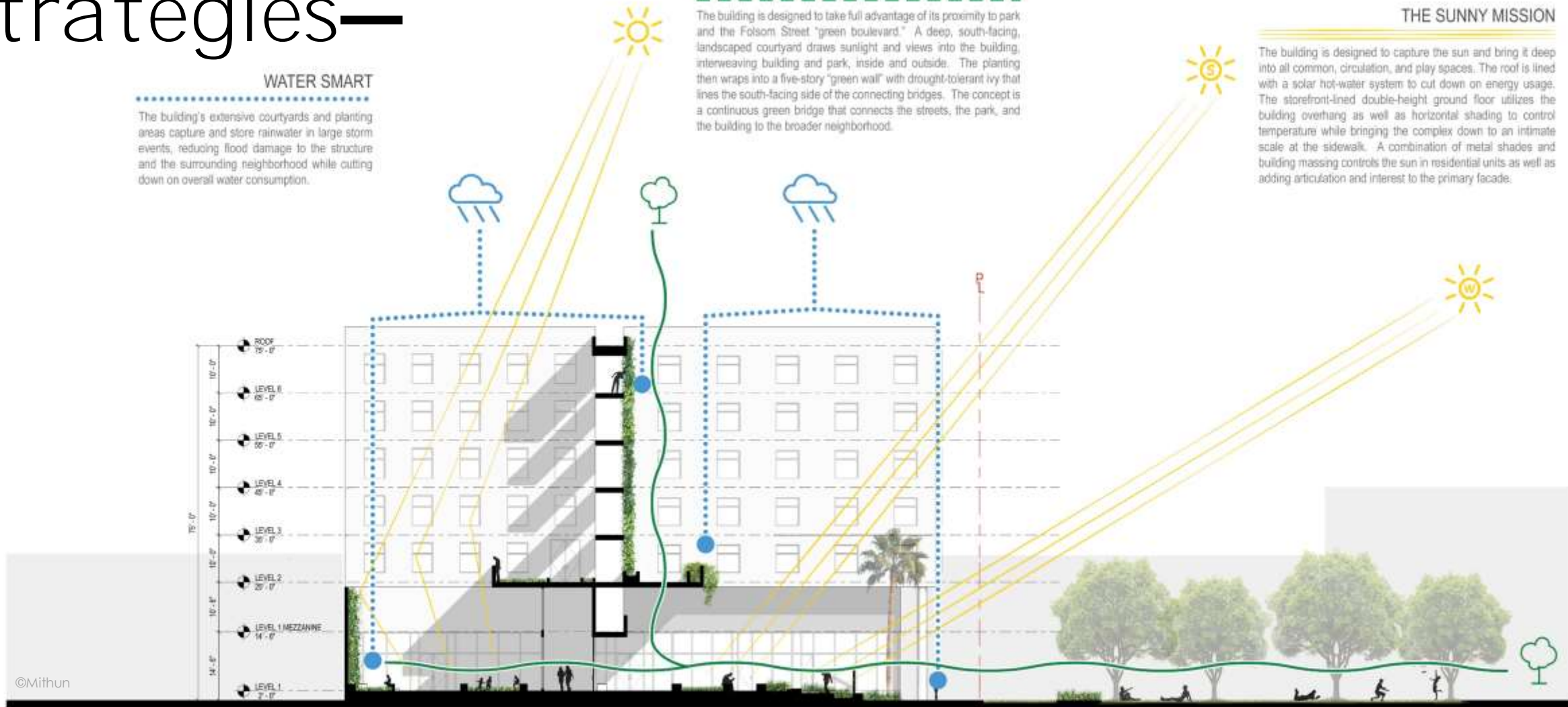
The building's extensive courtyards and planting areas capture and store rainwater in large storm events, reducing flood damage to the structure and the surrounding neighborhood while cutting down on overall water consumption.

## BRINGING IN THE GREEN

The building is designed to take full advantage of its proximity to park and the Folsom Street "green boulevard." A deep, south-facing, landscaped courtyard draws sunlight and views into the building, interweaving building and park, inside and outside. The planting then wraps into a five-story "green wall" with drought-tolerant ivy that lines the south-facing side of the connecting bridges. The concept is a continuous green bridge that connects the streets, the park, and the building to the broader neighborhood.

## THE SUNNY MISSION

The building is designed to capture the sun and bring it deep into all common, circulation, and play spaces. The roof is lined with a solar hot-water system to cut down on energy usage. The storefront-lined double-height ground floor utilizes the building overhang as well as horizontal shading to control temperature while bringing the complex down to an intimate scale at the sidewalk. A combination of metal shades and building massing controls the sun in residential units as well as adding articulation and interest to the primary facade.





# Building Systems

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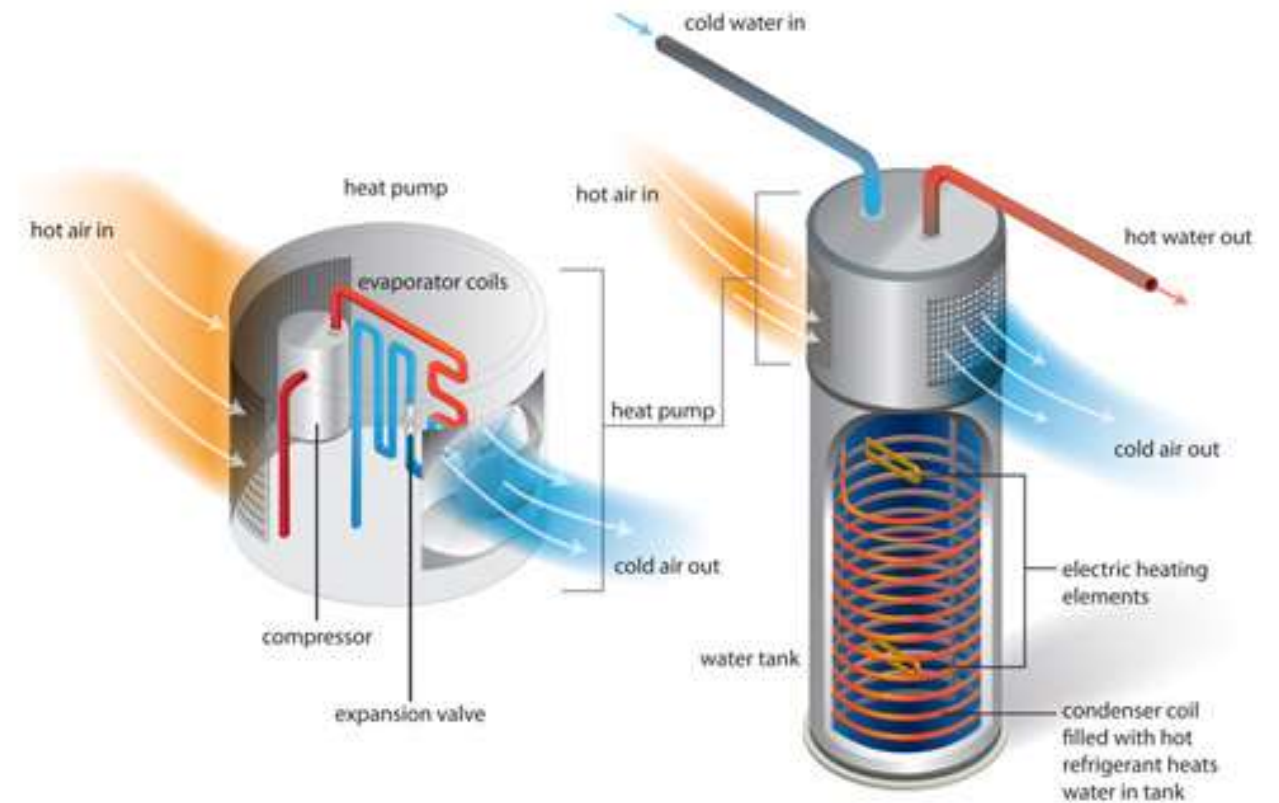
Envelope/ Wall Assemblies:	Type 1B/Type III with 2" C. I.
Window to Wall Ratios	22%
Glazing:	U-Value: 0.36 SHGC: 0.25
Building Orientation:	E-W axis
Passive Strategies:	External Shading, Operable Windows
Domestic Hot Water:	Air Source Heat Pump
Heating & Cooling, Units:	Electric Resistance & None
Heating & Cooling, Other(?):	Air Source Heat Pump & None
Ventilation:	DOAS HRVs in each Unit
Daylight Sensors/Lighting Controls:	Occupancy Sensors, Daylight Dimming
On-Site Renewables:	Solar PV (house load) & Solar Thermal Preheat



# Building Systems: Domestic Hot Water






## Air Source Heat Pump

- Operate by moving heat from one place to another, rather than generating heat directly
- Think of a refrigerator operating in reverse
- Can be stand alone or integrated with tanks
- 3 to 5 times more efficient than resistance
- Can retrofit an existing hot water system









# MEP Equipment—

Systems	Model Number	System Photo
Electric Resistant Heat (MECH)	DAIKIN DPS004A	
Air Source Heat Pump (VRV) (MECH)	MITSUBISHI PURY P288TSLMU-A	 Utility Room
	PUZA30NHA7	 Community Room
Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP)(PLUMB)	COLMAC HPA15-PDAC PLC	 Water Heater
Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV) (MECH)	RENEWAIRE HE4XINH	



# MEP Equipment Cont.—

Systems	Model Number	System Photo
Ceiling Fan	BIG ASS FAN- ESSENCE	 8'
Electric Radiant Heat (MECH)	KING KCV1202	
Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV) (MECH)	ZENDER 350-R	
Generator (ELEC)	MTU 6R0120 DS 180	



# Menu of System Options—

System Options	Folsom	Florida	Maceo May
Photovoltaic (PV)	●		●
Solar Thermal (ST)	●	●	
Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) Domestic Hot Water	●	●	●
Variable Refrigerant Volume (VRV) Common Areas	●	●	●
Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV)			●
Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV)	●		
Electric Radiant Heat	●	●	●
Ceiling Fans (Units)		●	●
Ceiling Fans (Common areas)	●		●
Backup Generator	●		
Battery Backup			●
Z-Duct and Fan		●	



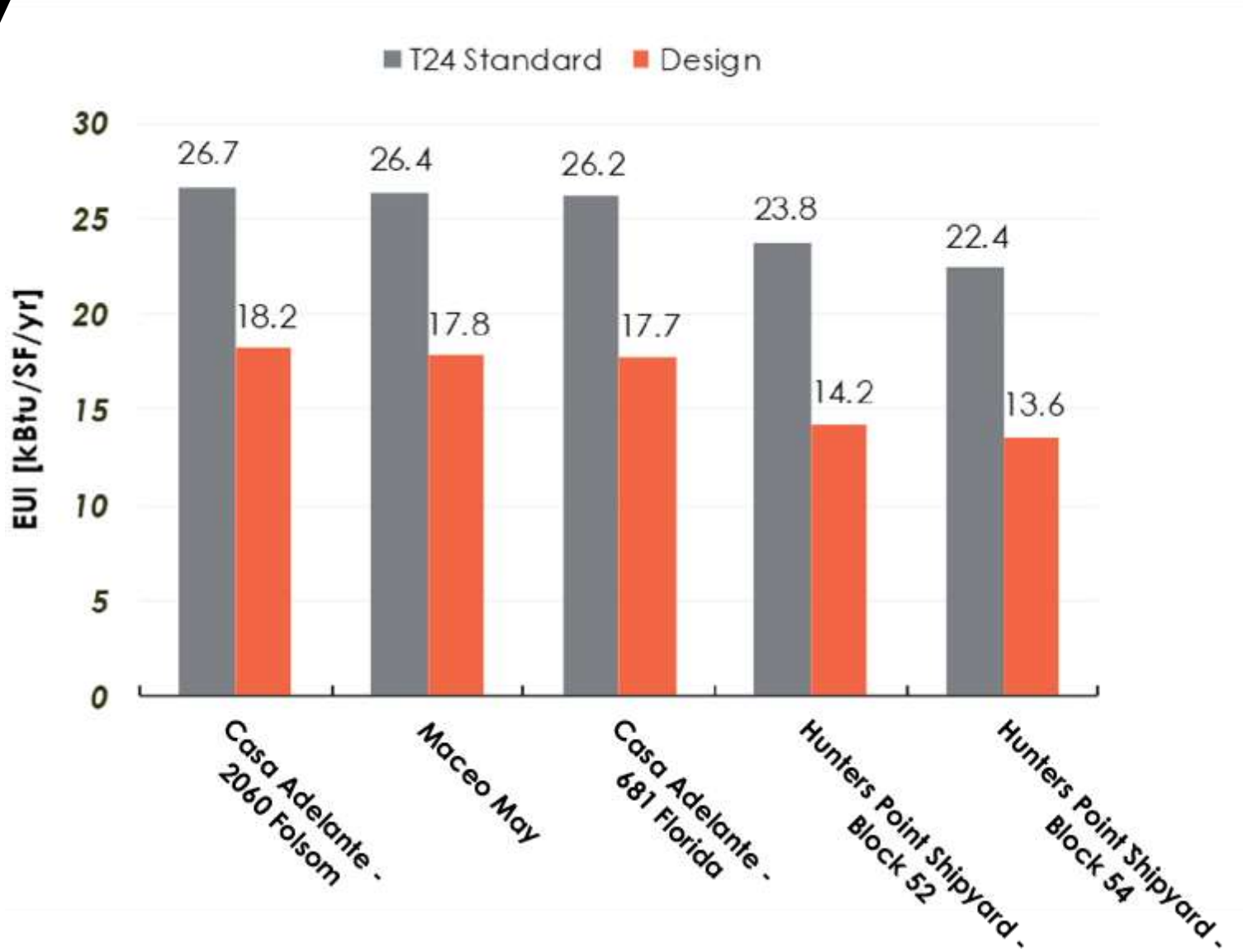
# Anticipated Carbon and Energy Savings—



# Projected Energy Savings—

kBTU/sf/year reduction averaging 32%

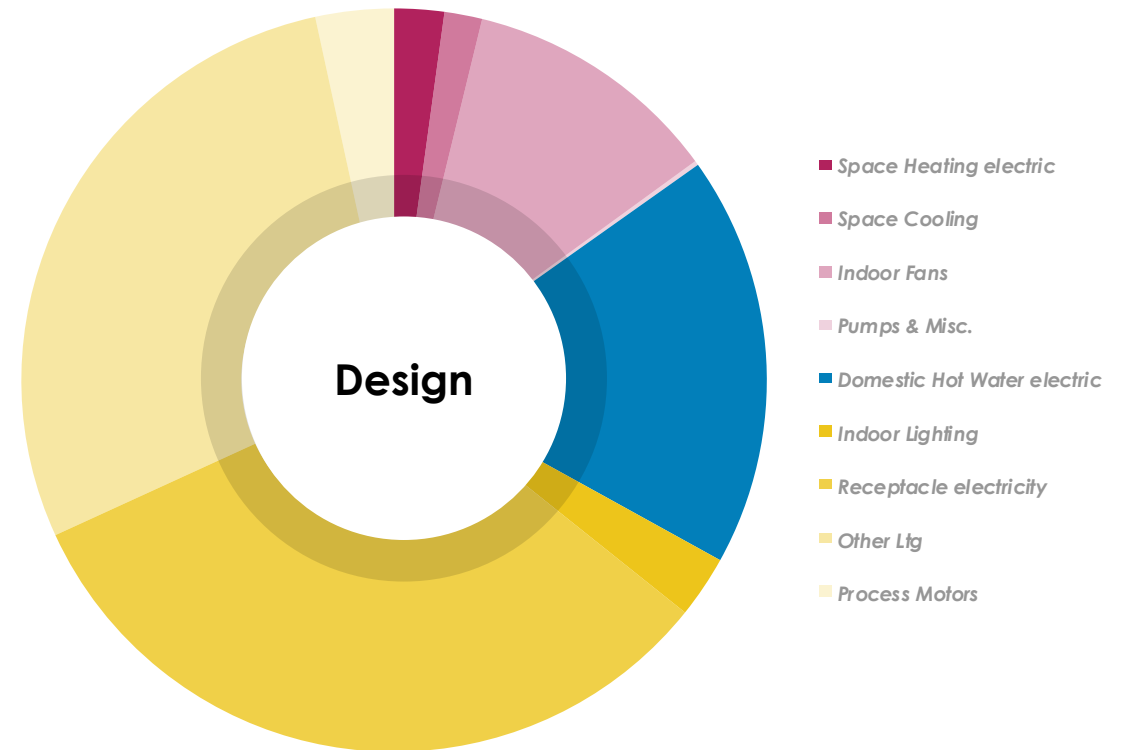
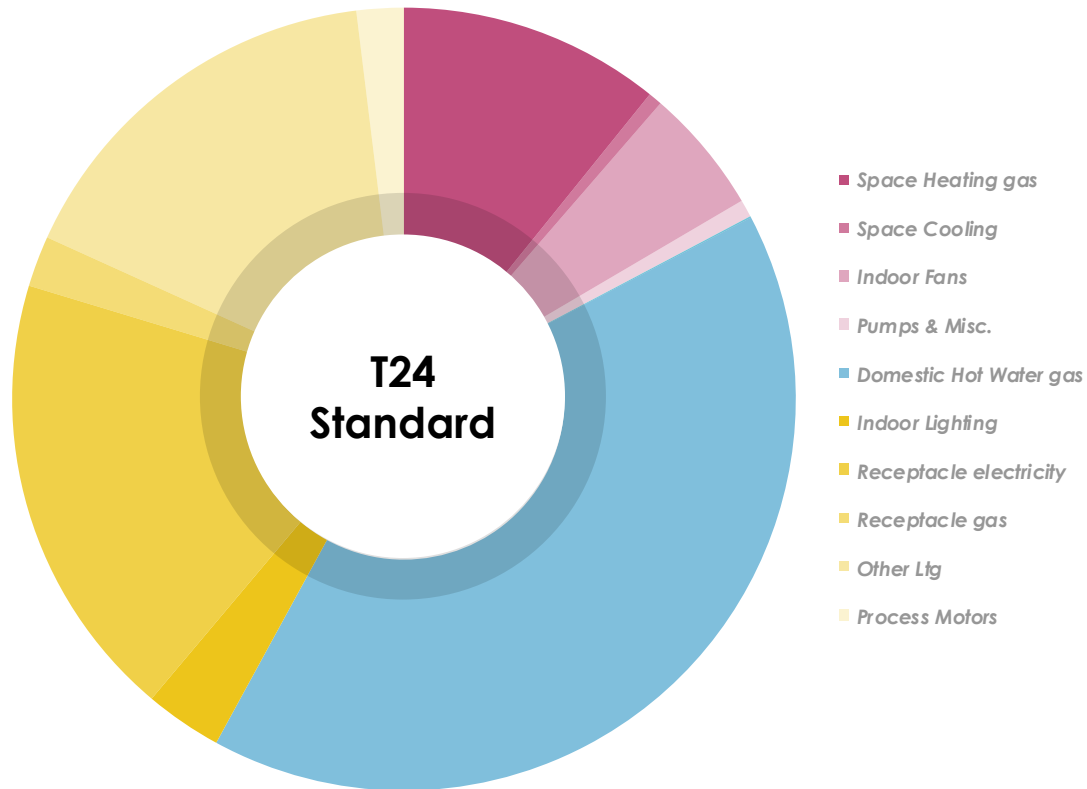
EUI = Energy Use Intensity





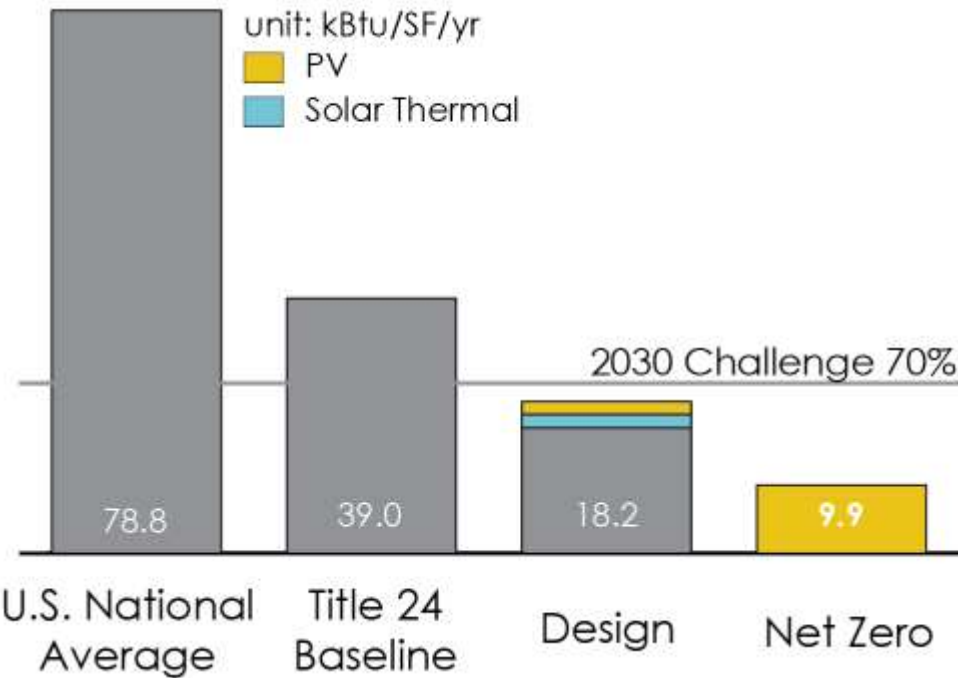
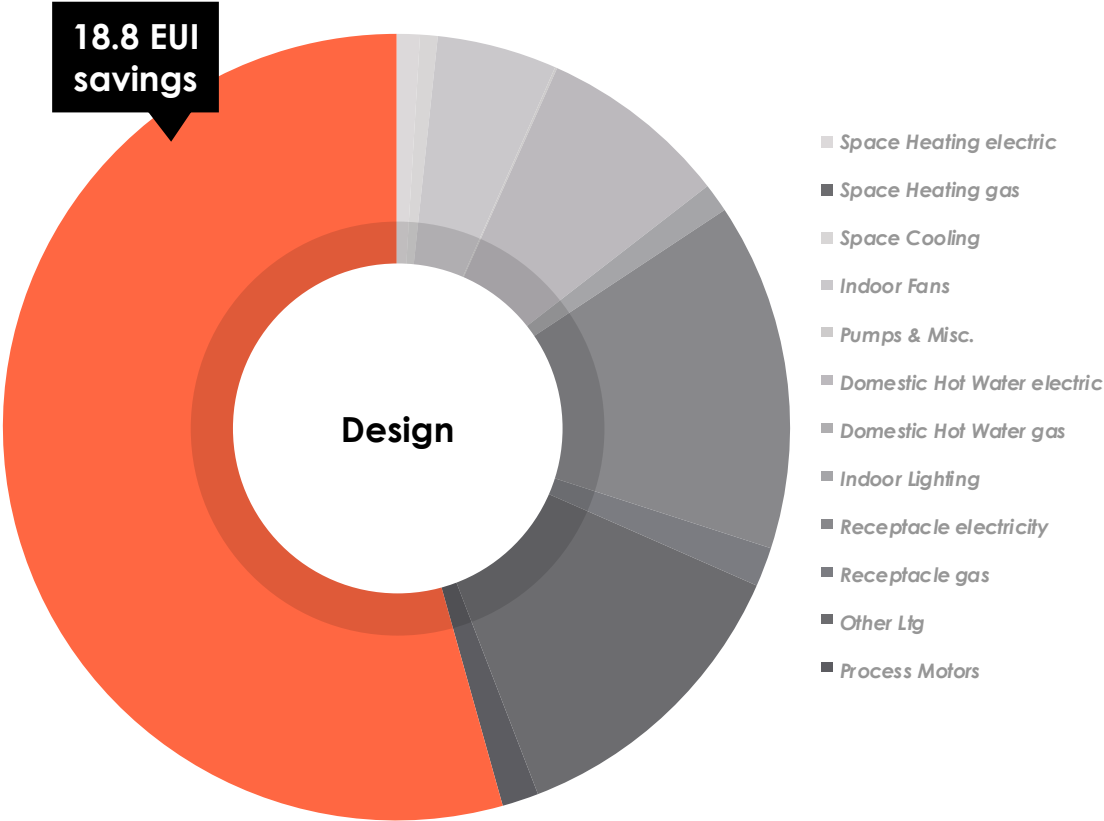
# Casa Adelante Housing—

## Energy Use Breakdown





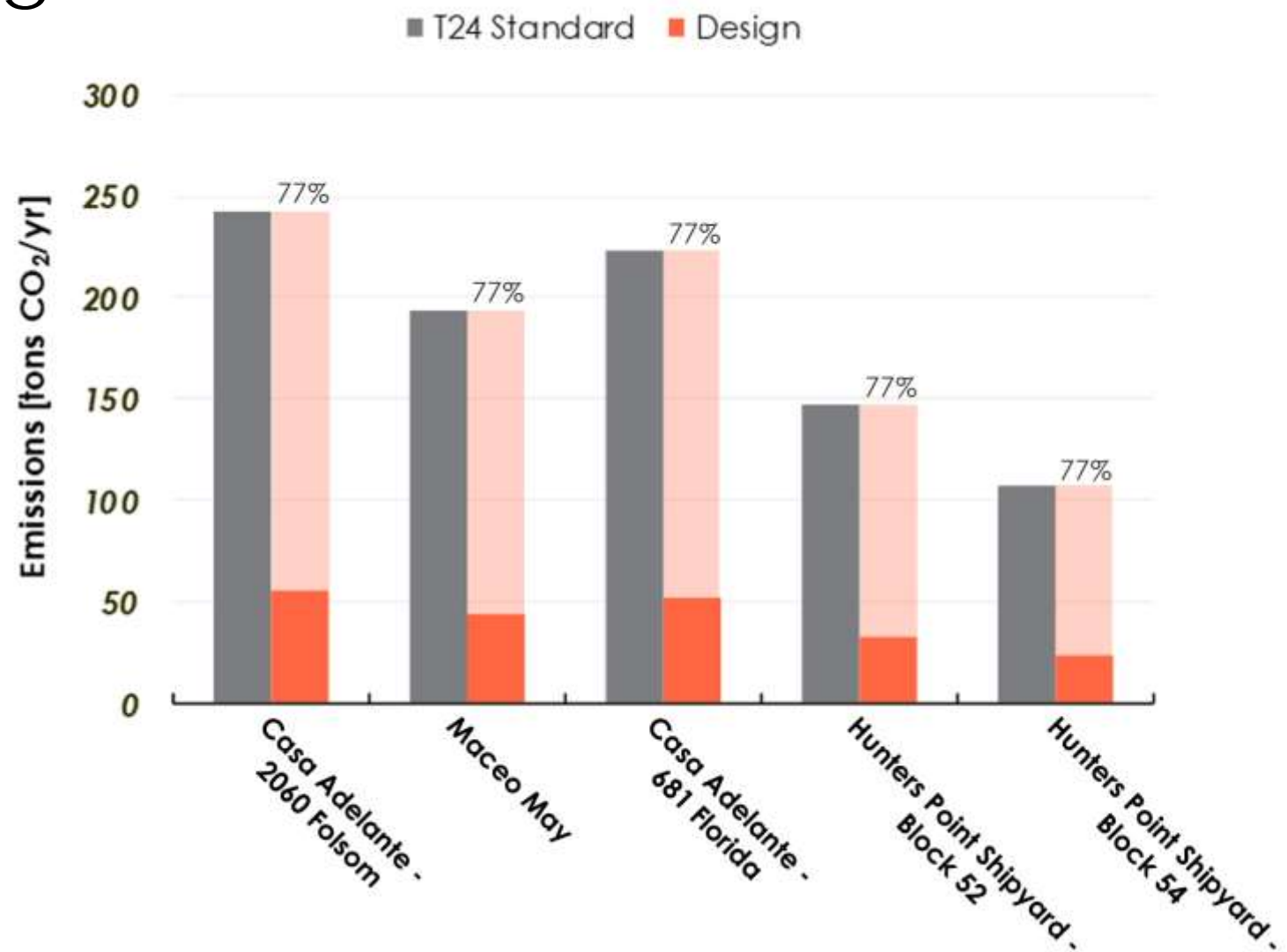
# EUI Comparison—





# Carbon Emissions

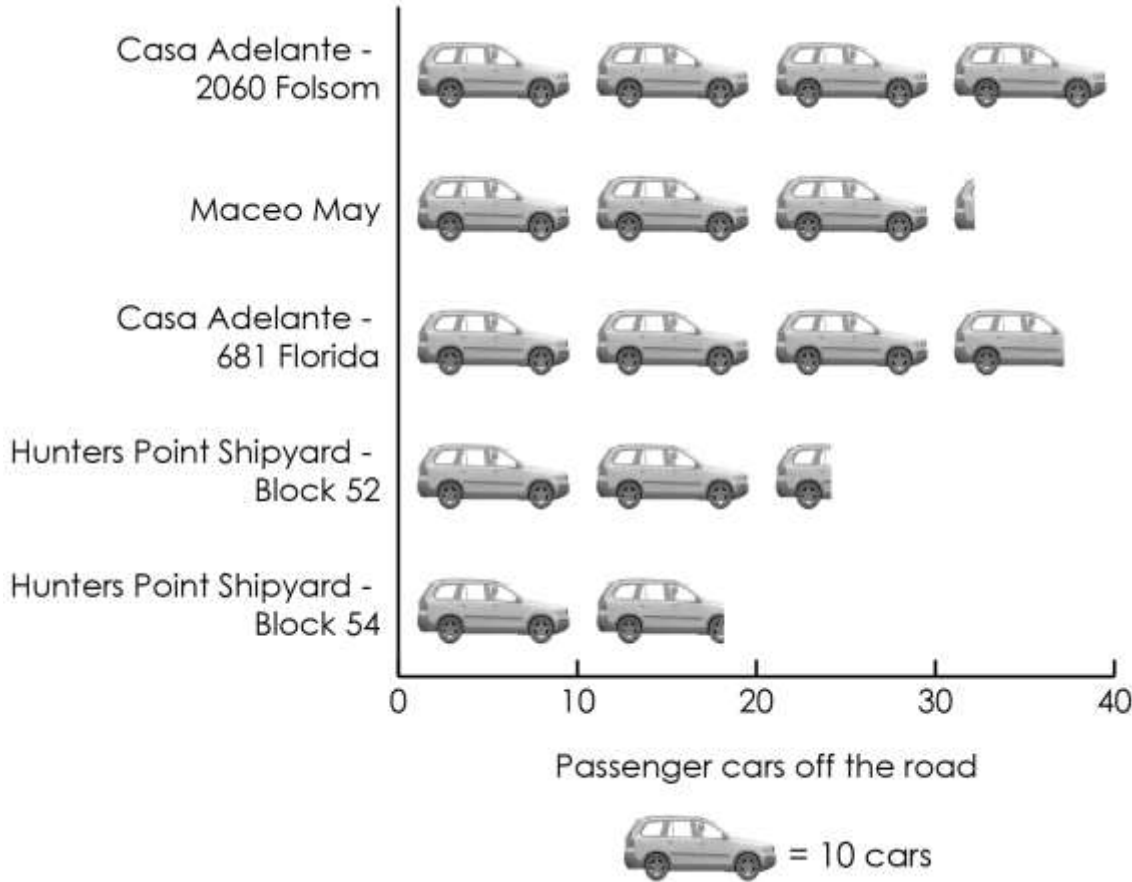
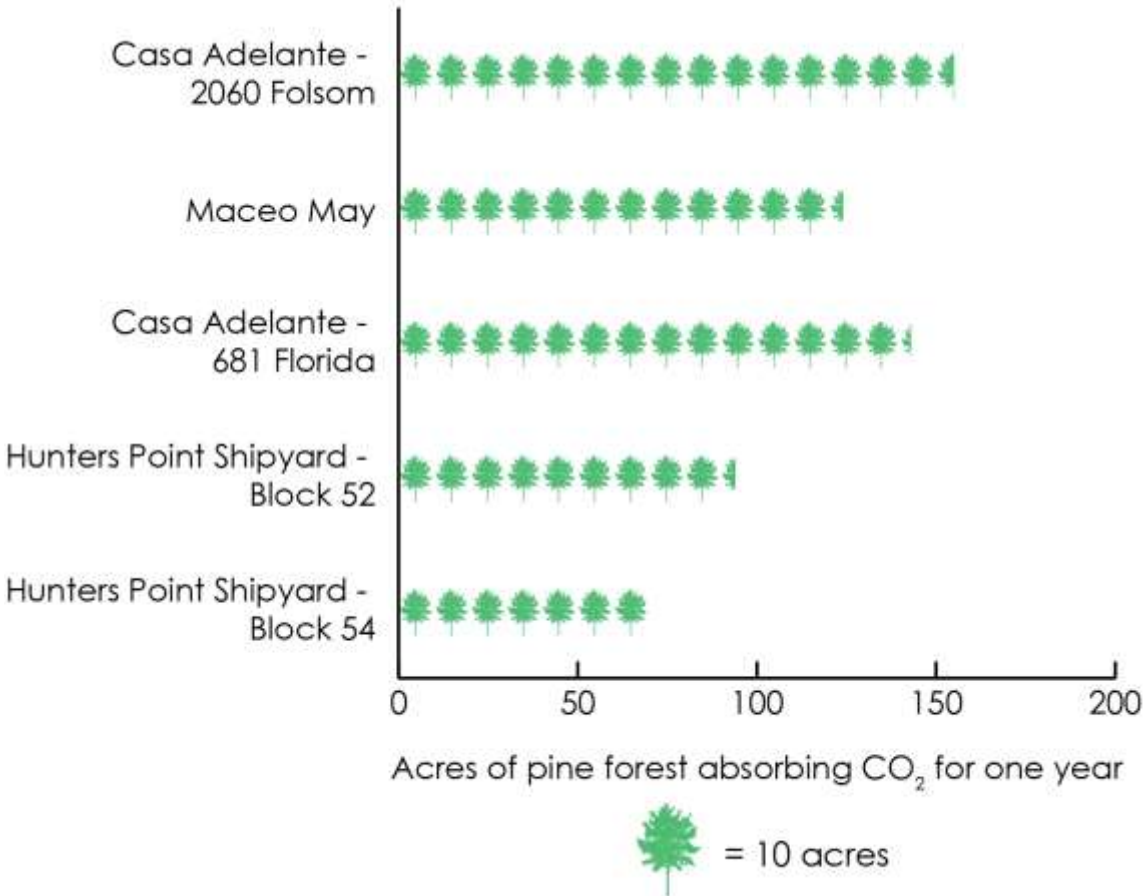
kBTU/sf/year reduction averaging 32%  
Carbon tons/year reduction averaging 77% !!!





# Carbon Emissions Avoided—

via annual operational energy use between design and T24 standard



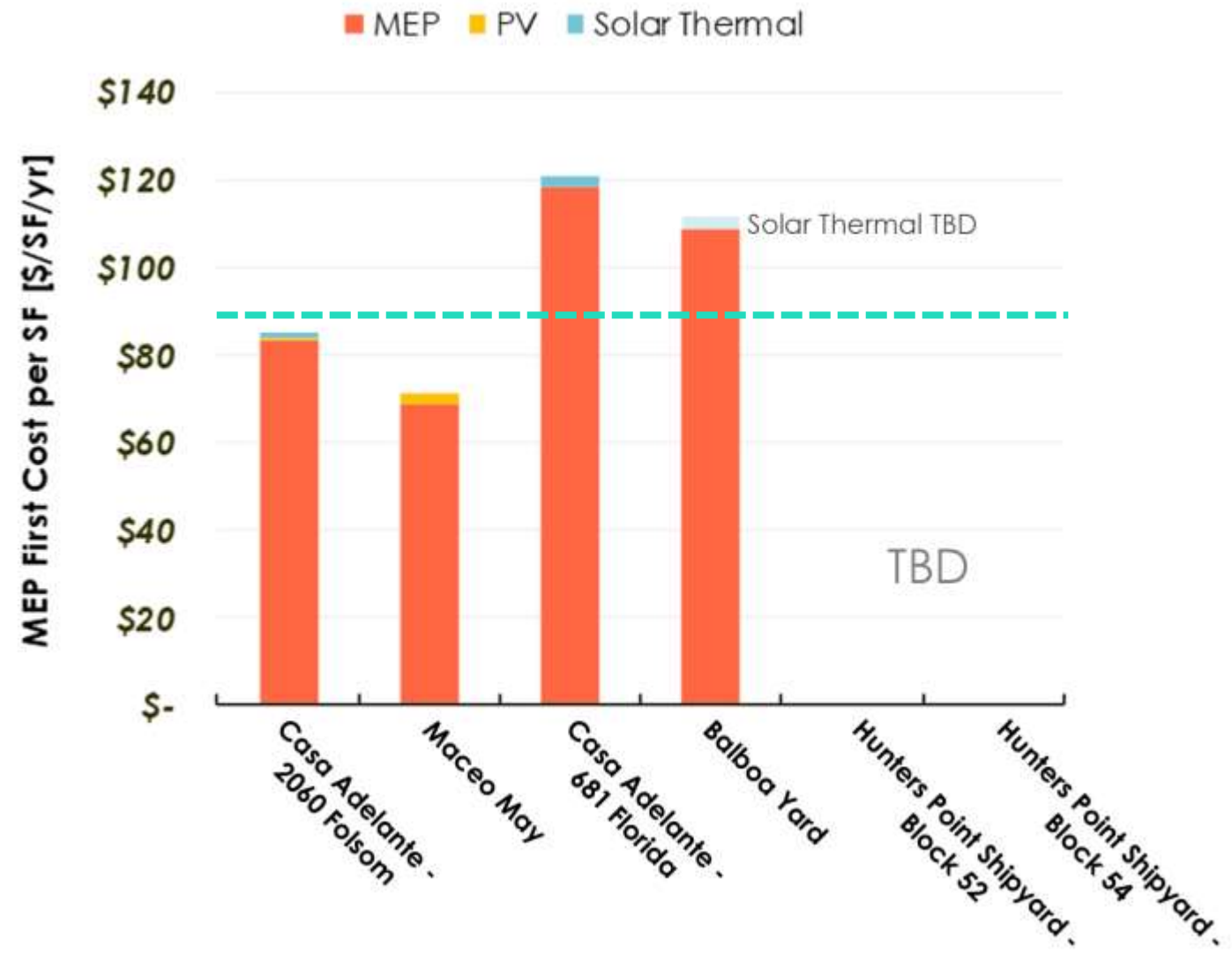


# Cost Analysis—



# MEP First Costs

Normalized by Gross Building Area





# Cost Analysis—

Co-Benefits Story:

Eliminating the solar hot water system saved \$215,000 in first cost  
And was a simplification of systems and O&M costs over time.

\$215,000 Savings Solar Thermal  
Allowed for addition of improved Ventilation, adding ERVs in every unit.

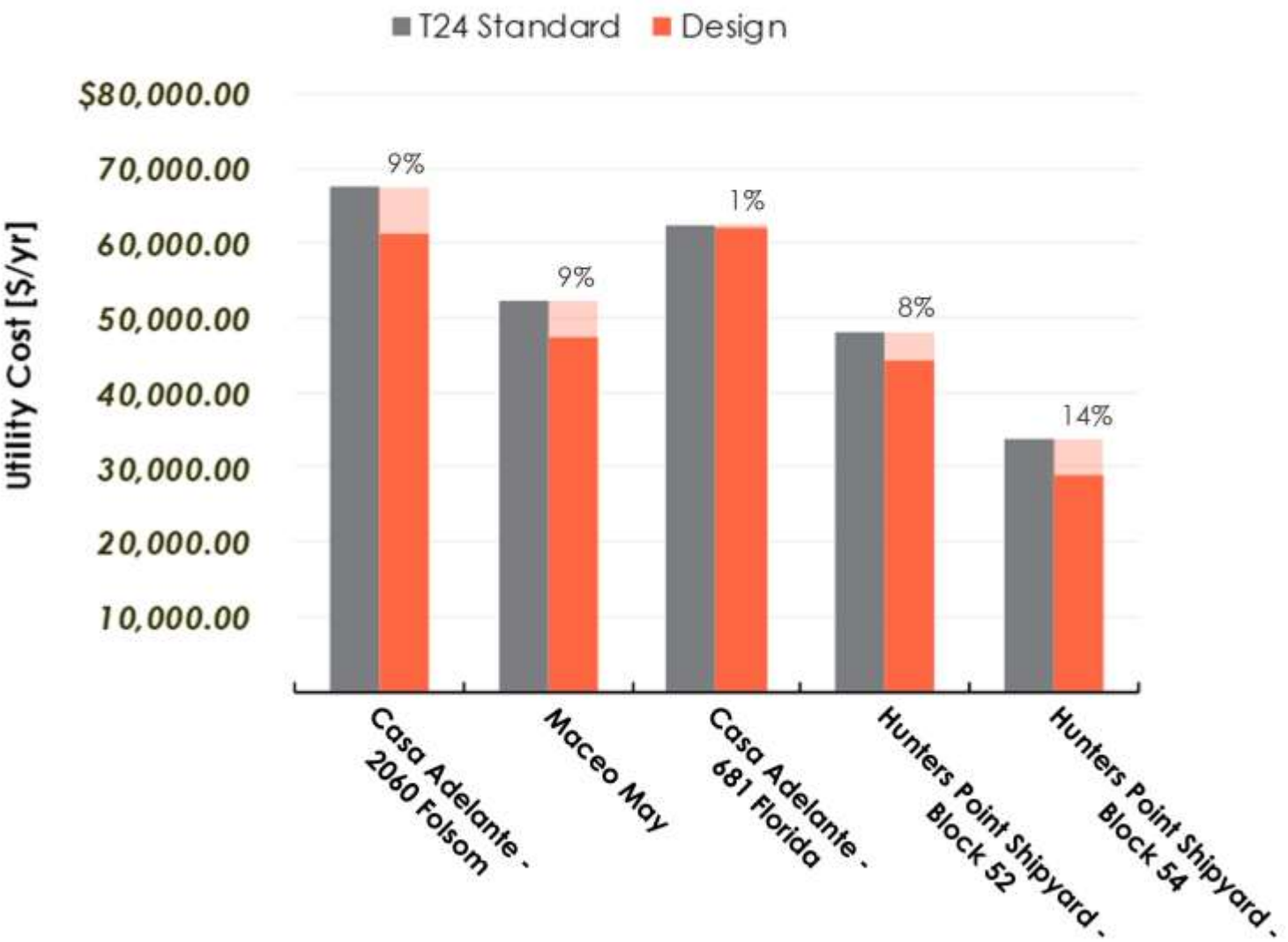
ERV cost premium over Z-ducts was  
Appx ~\$1,200/ unit  
105 units = \$133,000  
= \$82,000 savings

Maceo May Apts: Systems Cost Comparison							
	All Electric			Natural Gas		Summaries	
DHW	Colmac HPHW	\$	106,820	Boiler RayPack	\$	30,580	
	Tanks	\$	29,131	Tanks	\$	14,900	
	Add Labor/HR	\$	14,104				
						Electric DWH	\$ 150,055
						Gas DHW	\$ 45,480 \$ 104,575
Solar HW	None	\$	-	40% Fraction	\$	219,000	
ReCirc	same	\$	-	same	\$	-	
Bldg Gen.	NA	\$	-	Gas Trench, backfill, pipe, stubout inside	\$	25,000	
	NA	\$	-	flexextend joints	\$	10,000	
	NA	\$	-	Gas Meter Room	\$	28,550	
	NA	\$	-	Gas piping to Boiler Room	\$	11,904	
	NA	\$	-	Insulated copper pipe to Solar Thermal to Tanks	\$	25,000	
	NA	\$	-	Gas to Laundry	\$	9,933	
	NA	\$	-	Gas Ventilation	\$	8,000	
						GasBldg Costs	\$ 168,387
Utility Connection	Gas Connection	\$	-	Gas Connection	\$	15,000	
TOTAL		\$	150,055		\$	392,867	Total Diff: \$ 242,812
Solar PV	Array 123,000kW	\$	443,566	assume half	\$	221,250	
TOTAL w PV		\$	593,621		\$	654,117	Total Diff: \$ (160,754)



# Annual Utility Cost Savings—

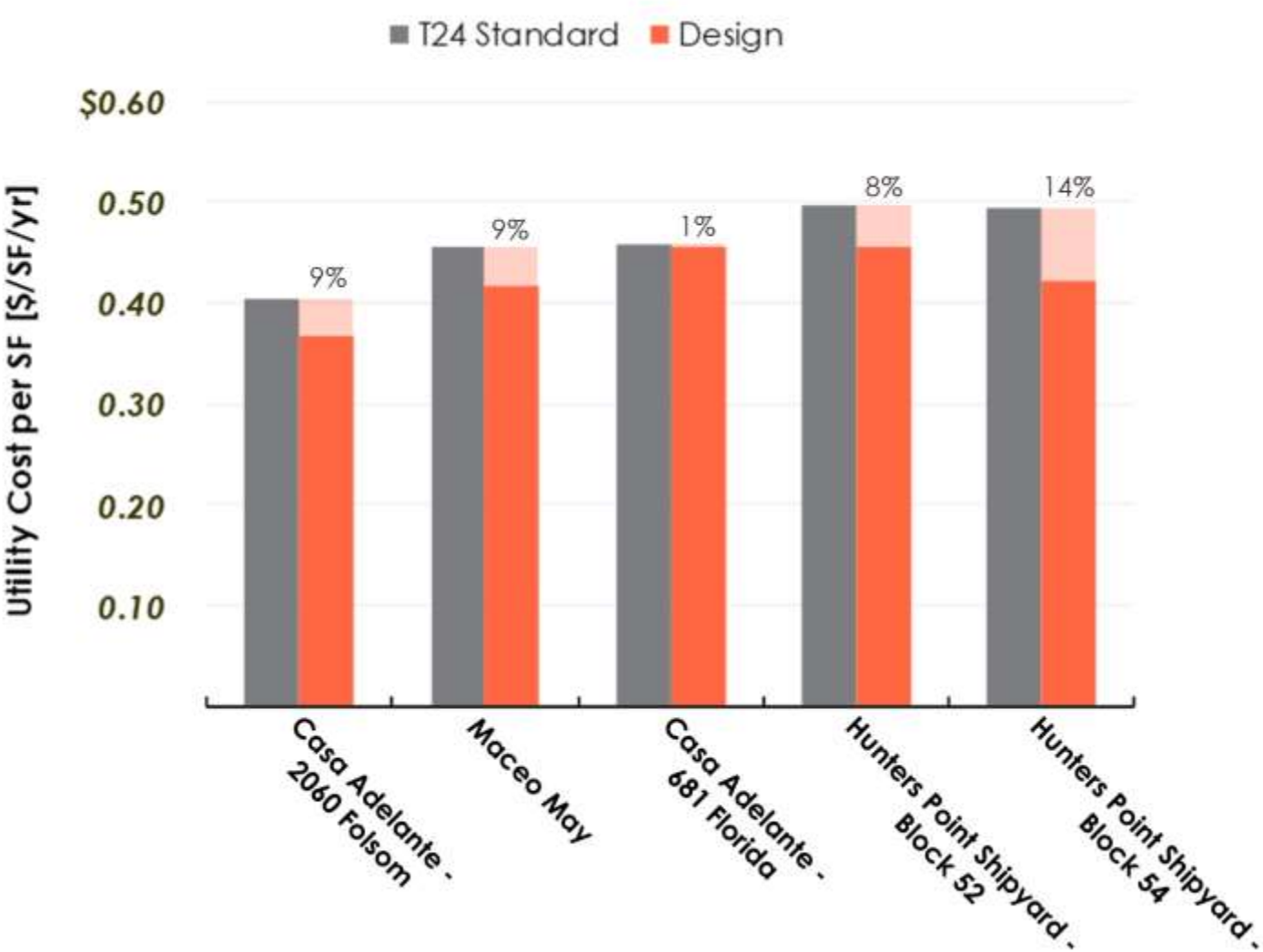
Total Annual Utility Cost (Projected)





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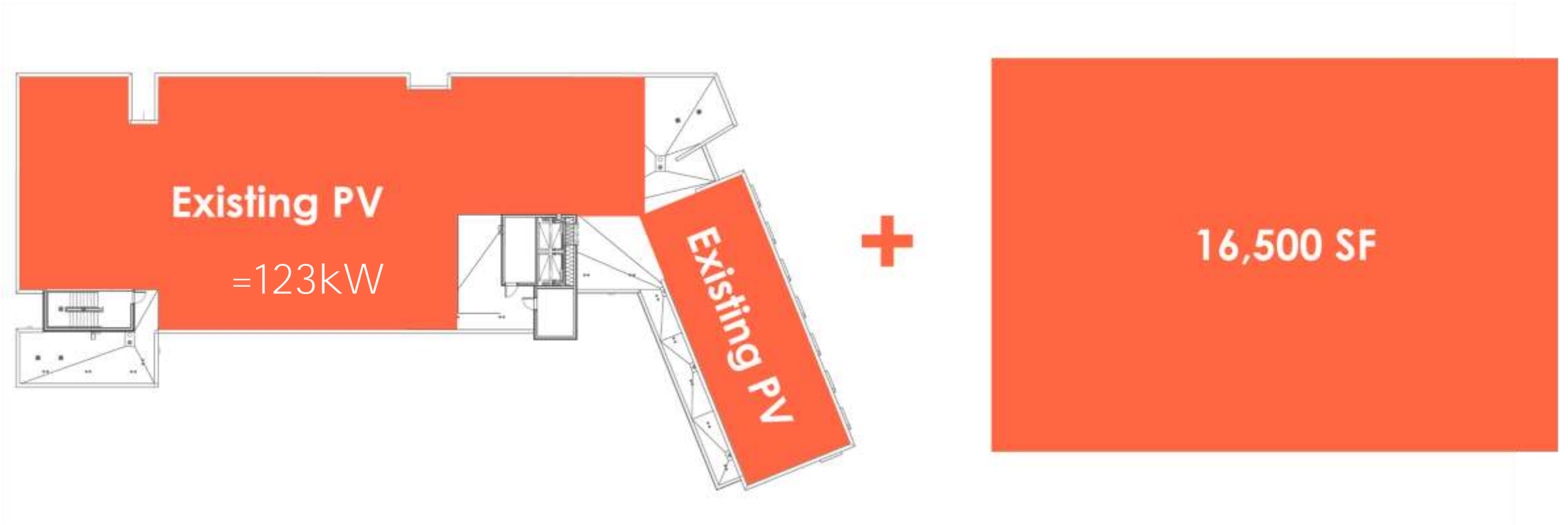
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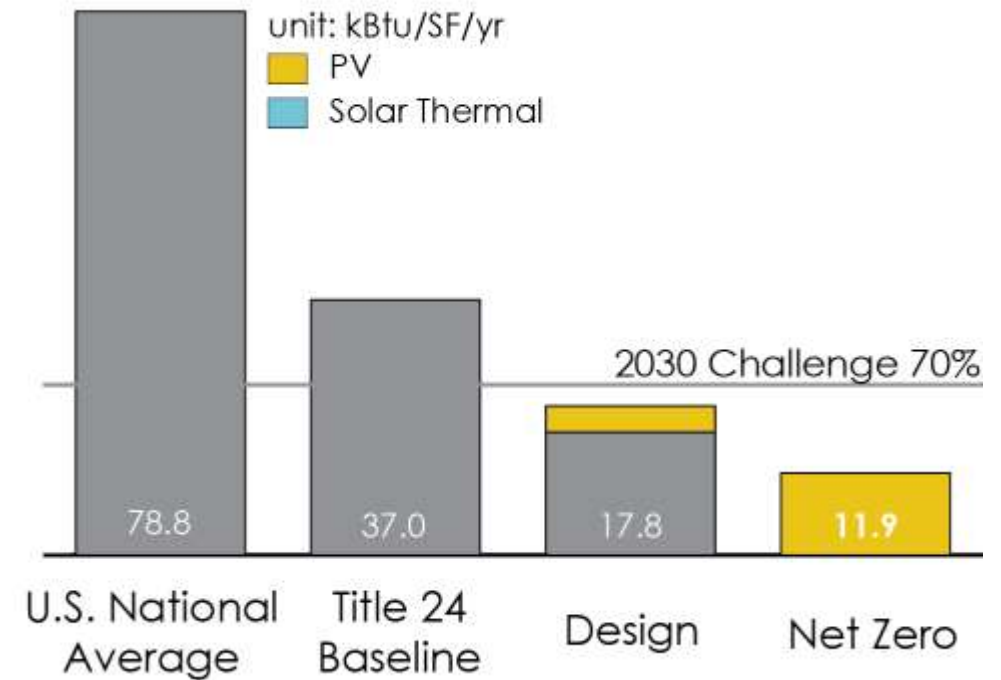
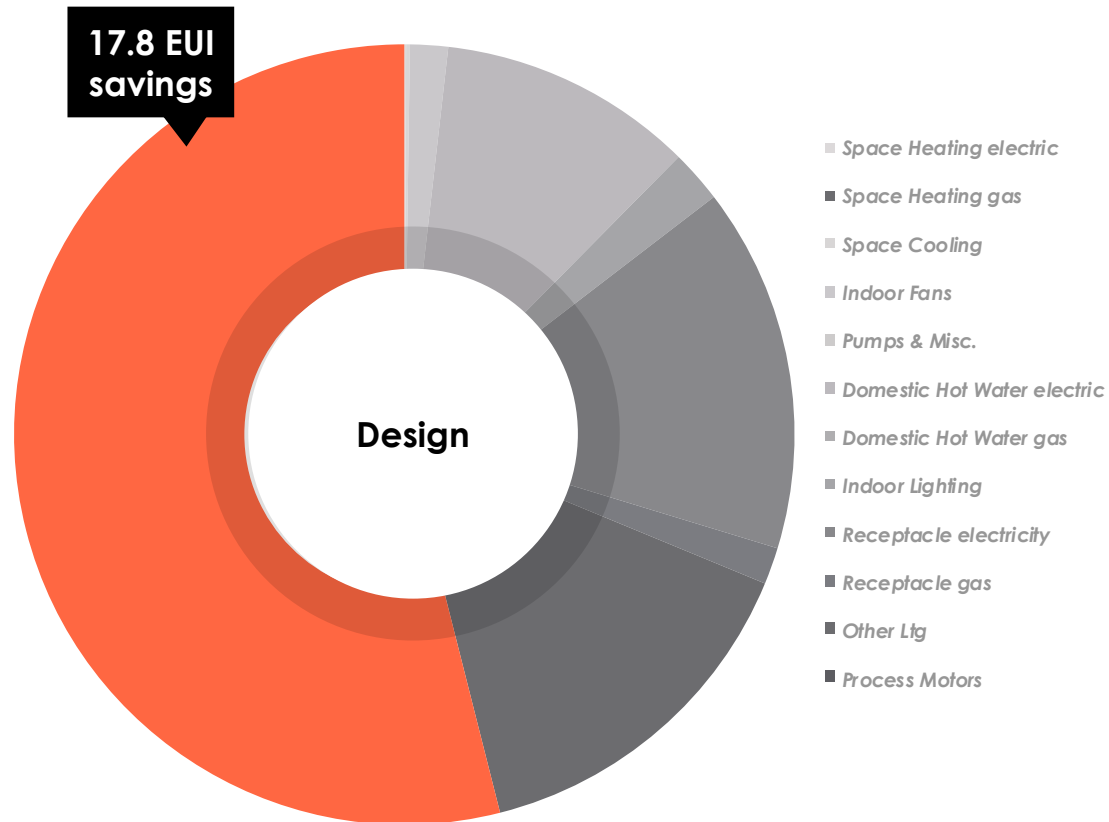
# PV area required for NZE—

Approximate area required to achieve source NZE with design EUI of 17.8





# Net Zero House Loads—

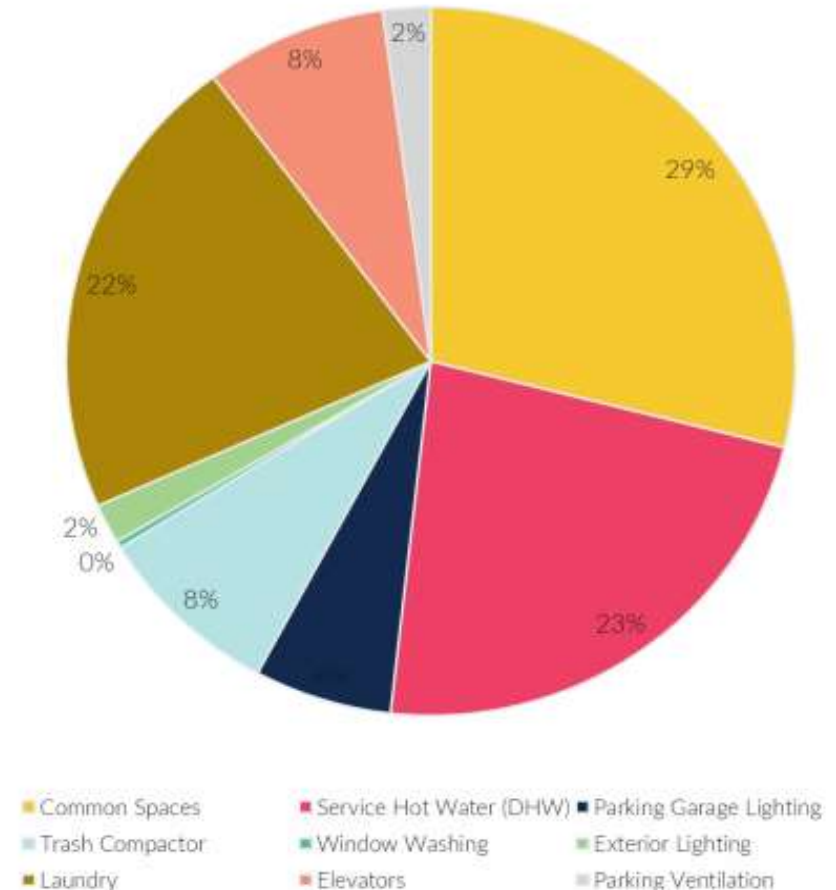




# Net Zero House Loads—

A benefit of the all-electric design is that the PV system can be directly linked to the biggest common area electric loads.

- HPS Bldg 54 has ~155,300kWh/year common area electricity consumption.
- If *premium* efficiency panels are installed on the maximum available roof area, the PV system should be able to offset 97% of the estimated electricity demand (~150,700 kWh/yr)
- If *standard* efficiency panels are installed on the maximum available roof area, the PV system should be able to offset 76% of the estimated electricity demand (~117,700 kWh/yr)





# Conclusions—





- ZNE-ready Affordable Housing is not only possible, but is being designed and built
- Construction is Cost-Neutral at a minimum, with potential for Lower Utility Bills
- Co-Benefits are Plentiful (and potentially Beautiful)
- **It's really about Zero Net Carbon (not Energy)**



# Keys to Success—

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## What *Not* to Do:

*Switch to all-electric late in design*

*Evaluate Systems in Isolation*

*Solicit Minimal Bids*

## What to Do:

Bring in Innovative Consultants

Select Innovative GC and Subs

Both Compliance & Performance  
Energy Models

Set Clear Goals and get Buy In from All

Evaluate On Site Renewables Options

Commissioning – do it



# Decision Making Drivers—

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## Cost: First and Operational

- Consensus is that it can be cost-neutral or cost-saving to go all-electric for this building type in CA market.
- Natural Gas \$/therm is still heavily subsidized and cheaper than Electricity (depending on Tier Rate), but our study and others demonstrate that

## ROI

- Master-metered vs tenant meters; sizing on site renewable (PV) **appropriately to cover owner's house loads but not** over-produce
- Solar PV as “Insurance” for Operating Budgets



# Decision Making Drivers—

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## Simplification of Building Systems

- During Construction: Reduced construction and connection coordination, saves time and money
- During Operations: One less bill to pay, PV tied to HPHW has no moving parts

## Property Management and O&M

- Building Management sees benefit in elimination of the natural gas utility
- Need to build Familiarity with Training for new systems
- Can avoid proprietary maintenance contracts or sophisticated technical expertise



# Decision Making Drivers—

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## Resilience & Future-Proofing

- Mitigate impacts to building occupants and emergency workers during Seismic Disaster events
- Potentially Vulnerable during Rolling Grid Blackouts and Public Safety Power Shutoffs
- Avoid future costly retrofits to remove natural gas systems (\$850,000+/- for this building type)
- **“Net Zero Ready” and “Fossil-Fuel-Free Ready” building**
- Ability to expand Battery Systems for TOU and future smart grid technology



# Next Steps + Studies—

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CEC Title 24

Ability to accurately model HPWH  
Adding an All-Electric Baseline

On-Site Renewables:

Solar Thermal vs PV with heat pump technology

Benchmarking:

ROI and Operational Energy will be key to track in coming years—both aggregated resident meters and common area house loads from building owners

Density and Land Use:

Building Decarbonization needs to expand scope to include land use patterns, density, transit implications

Battery Storage & EV Charging:

Optimizing Battery Storage for various uses: TOU, Peak Shaving, Resiliency / Off-Grid Islanding

Critical discussion about EV Charging requirements, future EV infrastructure capacity



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