

# **Model EV Building Codes Toolkit**

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October 5, 2023**



# Outline

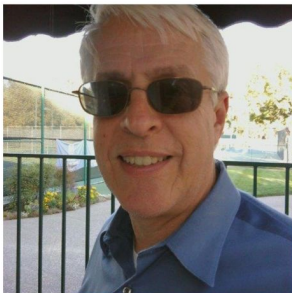
- Welcome/Introduction
- Toolkit contents
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- Why EV building codes?
- Equity Considerations for multi-family housing
- Additional Considerations
- Four Principles of Equitable Multi-Family EV Codes
- Model Code language
- Resources
- Q&A

## **EVCAC's Mission**

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***To ensure equitable, safe, and convenient access to affordable EV charging at home and/or at work, for all residents.***

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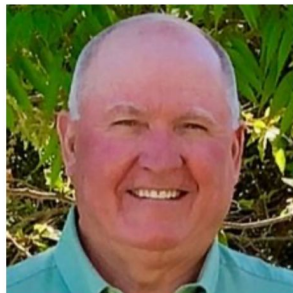
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## Electric Vehicle Building Codes Toolkit

A Guide For Adopting Equitable US Codes

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[pluginamerica.org/policy/ev-charging-for-all/ev-building-codes-toolkit/](https://pluginamerica.org/policy/ev-charging-for-all/ev-building-codes-toolkit/)

# Toolkit Contents

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- What are building codes, and why do they matter?
- Best practices for EV charging at multifamily housing
  - Definitions
  - Equity Considerations
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  - Four Principles
- Model Code Language
  - Proposed Model Codes
  - Existing EV Codes
- Additional Resources
  - Video
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# EV Infrastructure: Definitions

# Definitions: Charging Equipment

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## EV Supply Equipment (EVSE)

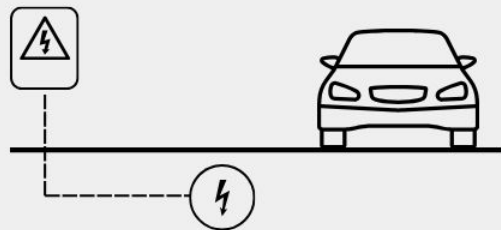
# Definitions: Charging Equipment

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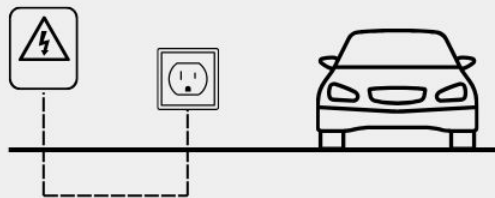


**Portable EVSE Cordset**

# Definitions: EV Readiness



EV Capable



EV Ready



EVSE Installed

# Definitions: Readiness

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**Make-Ready**

# Definitions: Power Delivery

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## Level 1 (L1)

Standard household outlet 20 Amp, 120v AC  
Driving distance added: 3-4 miles/hour



## Low-Power Level 2 (LPL2)

20 Amp, 208/240v AC  
Driving distance added: 10-13 miles/hour



## Full Level 2 (L2)

Similar to a dryer outlet. 40+ Amp, 208/240v AC  
Driving distance added: 25-30 miles/hour



## DC Fast Charging (DCFC)

24-350kW  
Driving distance added: 72-1,200 miles/hour



# Why building codes?





# Building Codes in the US Are a Patchwork

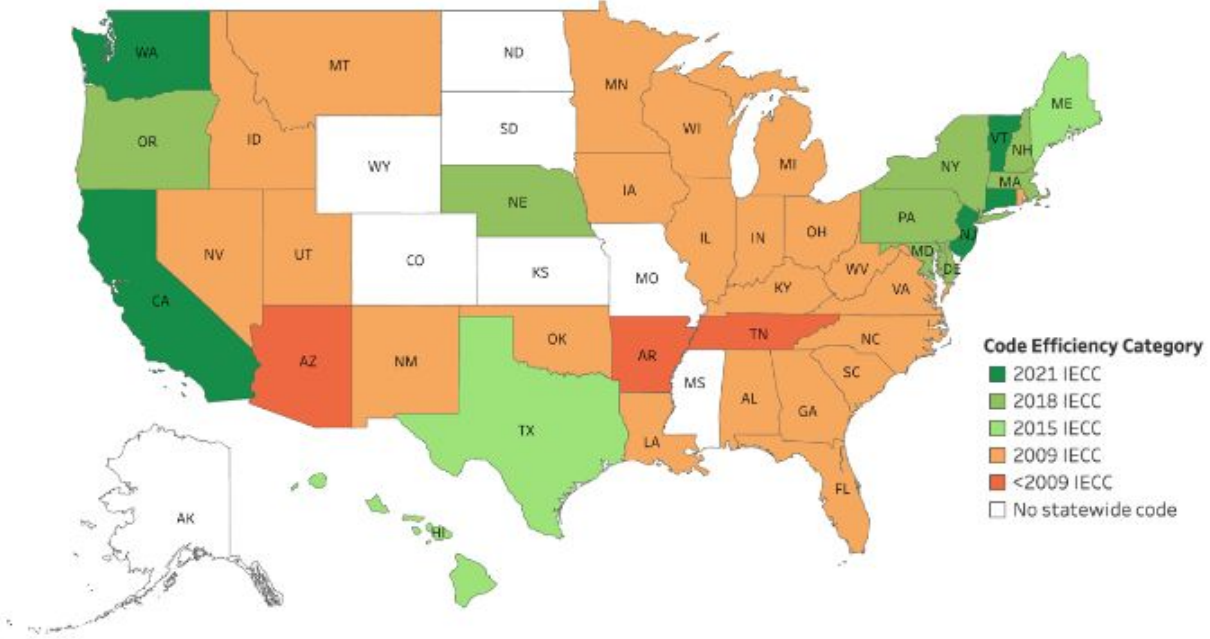
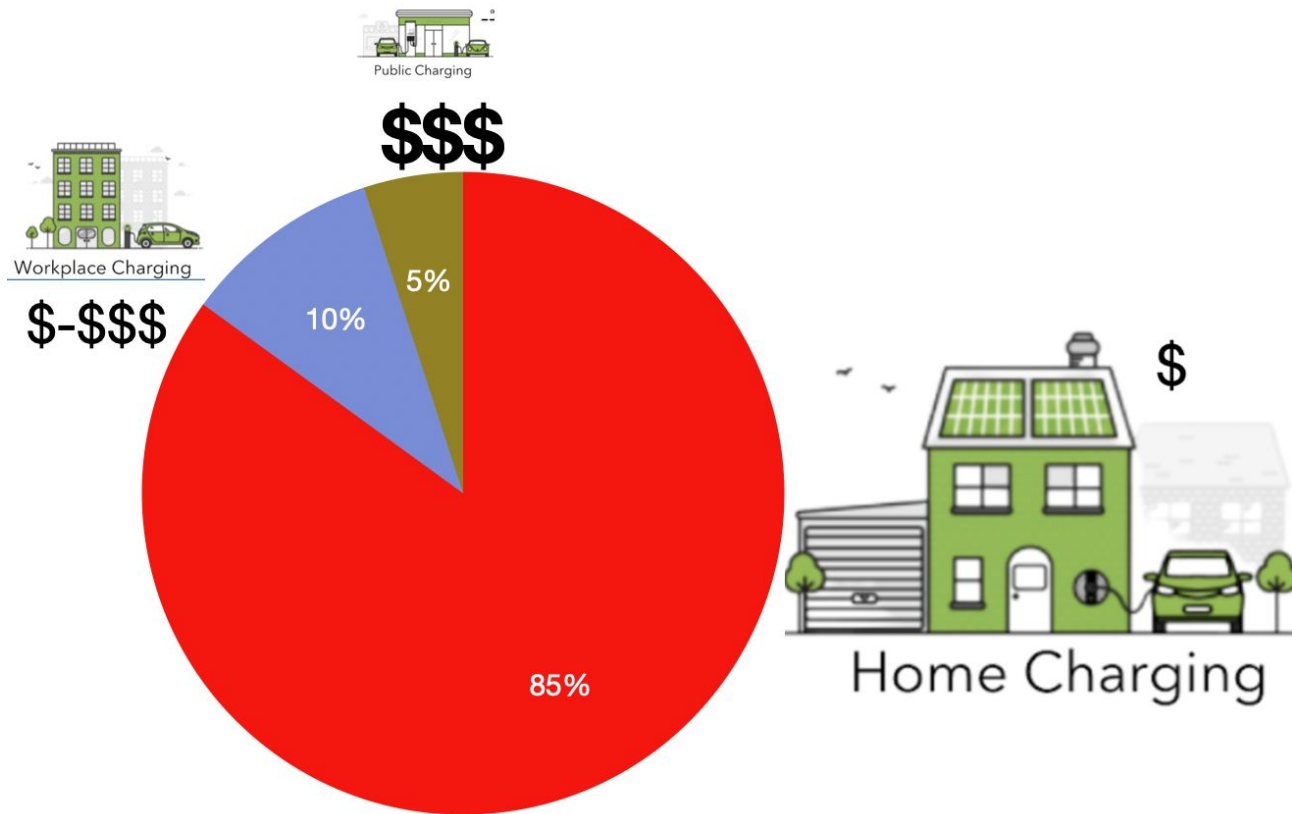


Fig. 2: Residential code efficiency varies significantly by state.<sup>2</sup>

# Access: “There’s No Place Like Home”



# ALA: EV Policies Improve Air Quality

The screenshot shows the American Lung Association website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Shop, Blog, LUNG FORCE, Help & Support, and Login. Below this is a search bar and a 'TRANSLATE' button. The main navigation menu includes 'Lung Health & Diseases', 'Quit Smoking', 'Clean Air', 'Research & Reports', 'Policy & Advocacy', and 'Get Involved', with a 'DONATE' button on the right. The 'Clean Air' section is highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Key Findings' and contains the following text: 'By achieving 100 percent zero-emission passenger vehicle sales and non-combustion clean electricity generation by 2035, the national, cumulative health benefits could reach the following levels by 2050:'. Below this text are four dark blue boxes, each with an icon and a statistic: 1. Lungs icon: '\$978 billion in public health benefits'. 2. Person with heart icon: '89,300 fewer premature deaths'. 3. Asthma inhaler icon: '2.2 million fewer asthma attacks'. 4. Calendar with dollar sign icon: '10.7 million fewer lost workdays'.



The transition to zero-emission technologies for transportation and electricity generation is well underway.


Important investments being made at the local, state and federal levels in consumer purchase incentives, manufacturer incentives and fueling infrastructure, along with private investment, are accelerating progress to healthier air.

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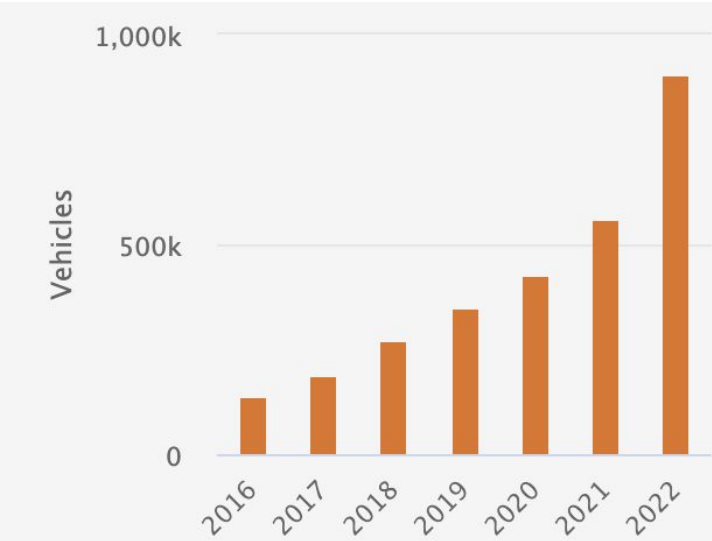
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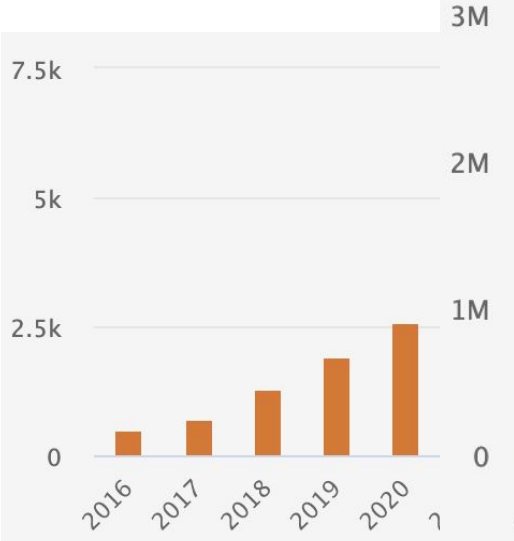
# EVs are on an exponential growth curve

## Electric Vehicle Registrations

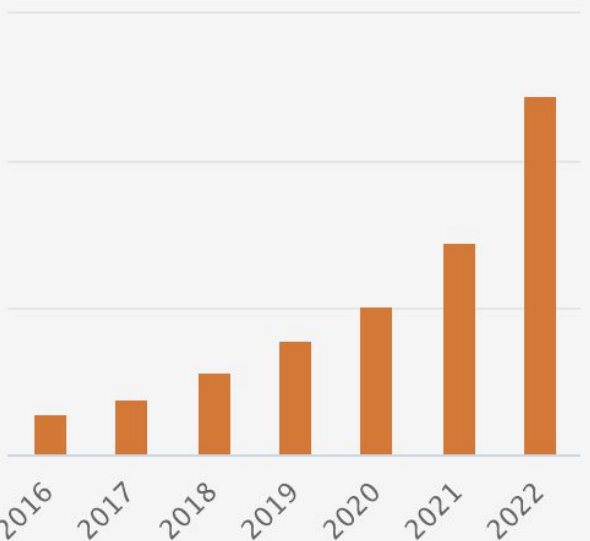
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### New Mexico

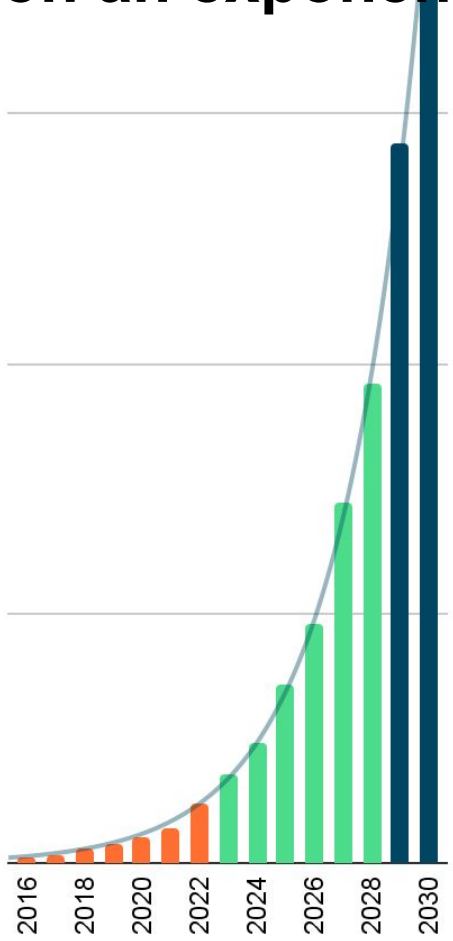


### All States

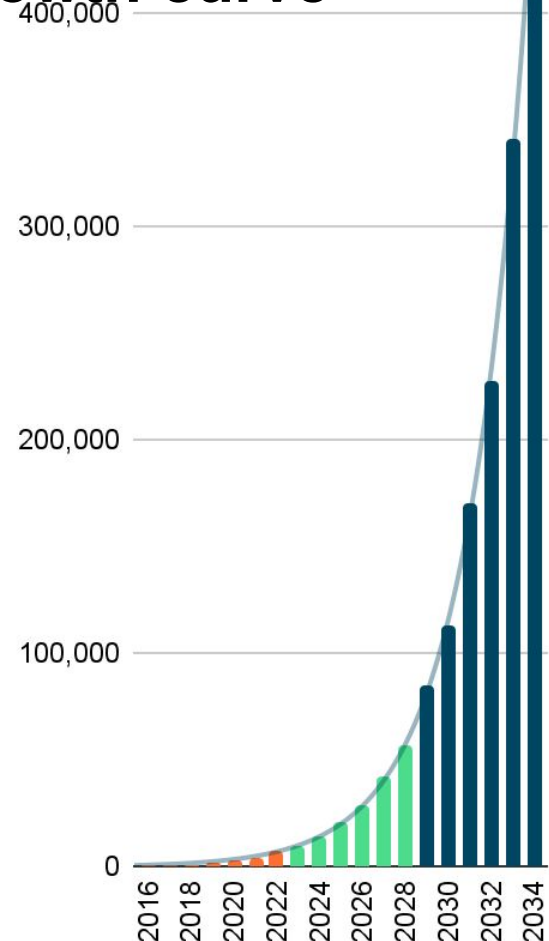


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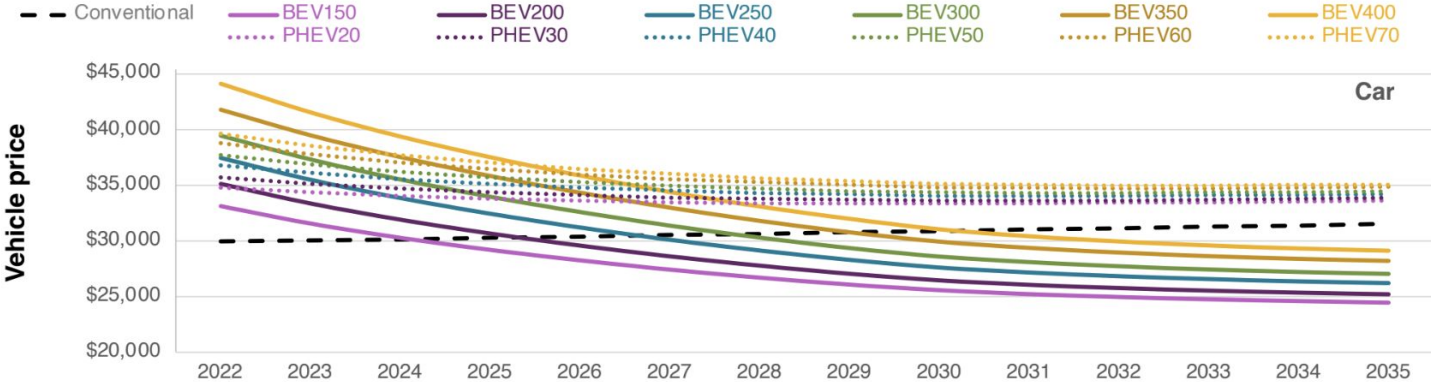
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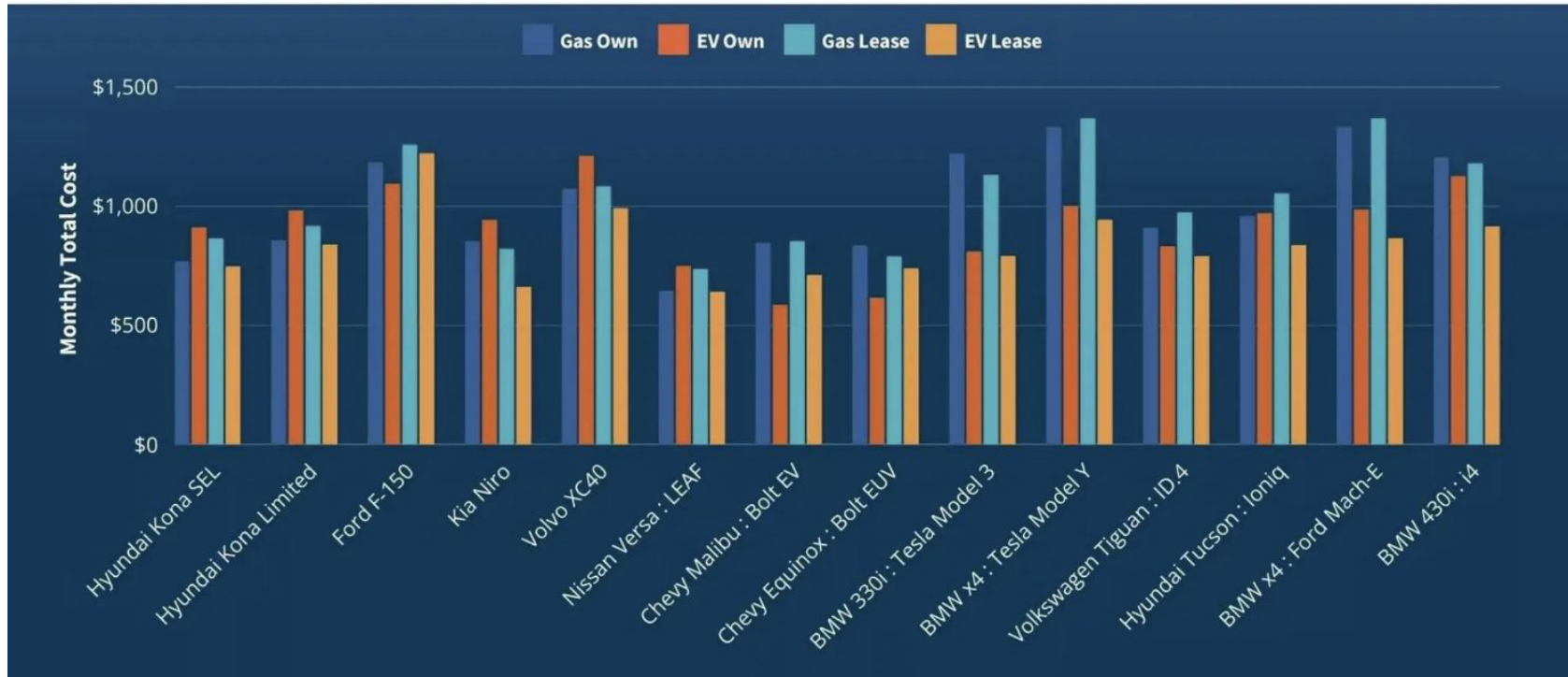


# EVs - Least-Cost Option by 2025



# ... or actually, make that 2023

Leasing an electric vehicle is the **cheapest option** for new car buyers





# Massive Federal Investments

Forbes

FORBES > BUSINESS > ENERGY

## Inflation Reduction Act Benefits: Electric Vehicle Tax Incentives For Consumers And U.S. Automakers



The New York Times

## Energy Dept. Announces \$12 Billion to Help Factories Convert to Electric Cars

The grants and loans, provided under the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act, are meant to keep autoworkers' jobs in their communities.

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SPY	427.67	▼ 0.2%	QQQ	358.64	▲ 0.18%	SPIKE	17.35	▼ 0.46%	BTC/USD	26920.32	▼ 0.6666%	DIA	335.03	▼ 0.47%	GLD	171.51	▼ 0.99%	TLT	88.25	▼ 0.49%
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## Report: U.S. Electric Vehicle Investments Experiencing Rapid Increase






















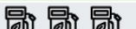


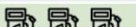

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# DOE: Light Duty vehicles will be Battery Electric

## Technology solutions for travel modes to reach a net-zero economy in 2050

	 <b>BATTERY/ELECTRIC</b>	 <b>HYDROGEN</b>	 <b>SUSTAINABLE LIQUID FUELS</b>
1 icon represents limited long-term opportunity  2 icons represents large long-term opportunity  3 icons represents greatest long-term opportunity 			
Light Duty Vehicles (49%)*		—	TBD
Medium, Short-Haul Heavy Trucks & Buses (~14%)			
Long-Haul Heavy Trucks (~7%)			
Off-road (10%)			
Rail (2%)			
Maritime (3%)		 †	
Aviation (11%)			
Pipelines (4%)		TBD	TBD
<b>Additional Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stationary battery use</li> <li>• Grid support (managed EV charging)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heavy industries</li> <li>• Grid support</li> <li>• Feedstock for chemicals and fuels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decarbonize plastics/chemicals</li> <li>• Bio-products</li> </ul>
<b>RD&amp;D Priorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National battery strategy</li> <li>• Charging infrastructure</li> <li>• Grid integration</li> <li>• Battery recycling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrolyzer costs</li> <li>• Fuel cell durability and cost</li> <li>• Clean hydrogen infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple cost-effective drop-in sustainable fuels</li> <li>• Reduce ethanol carbon intensity</li> <li>• Bioenergy scale-up</li> </ul>

\* All emissions shares are for 2019

† Includes hydrogen for ammonia and methanol

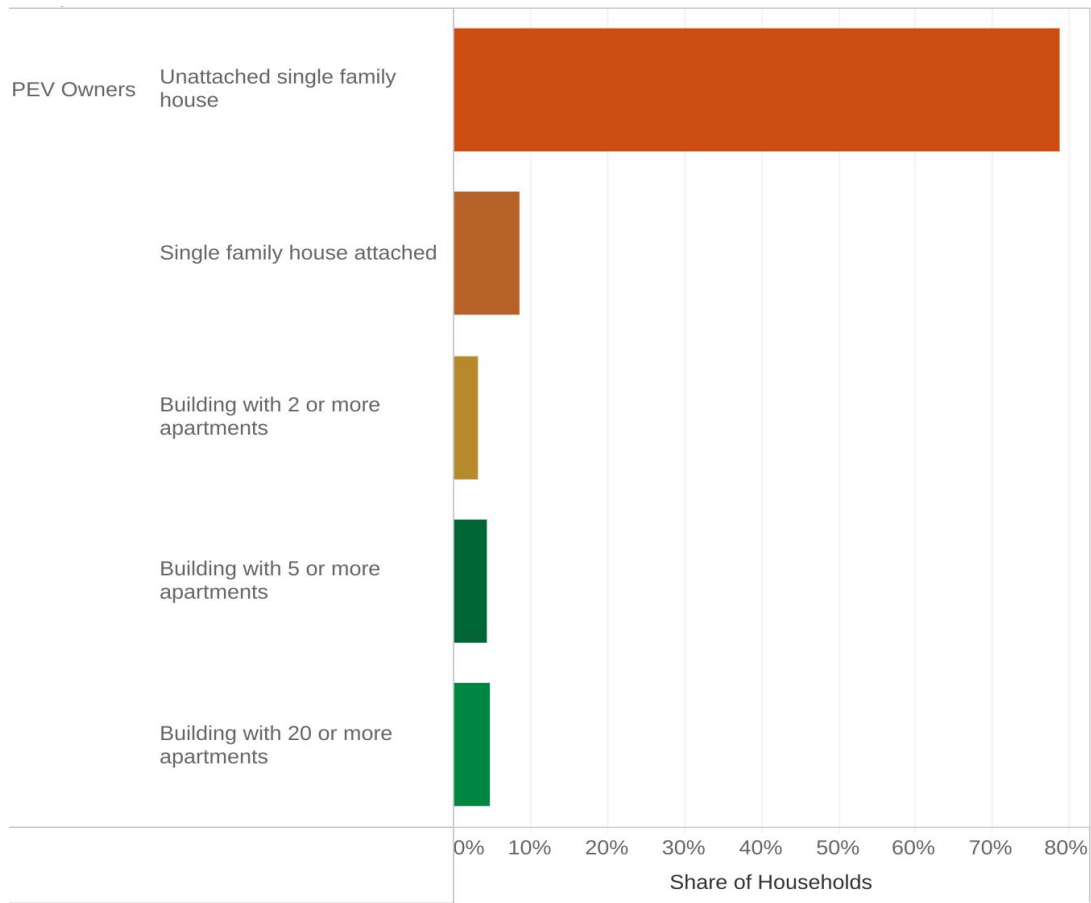
# Used EV Prices Are Dropping



## Record High Used EV Prices Fall 17% from Peak Monthly Percentage Change in Recurrent Price Index

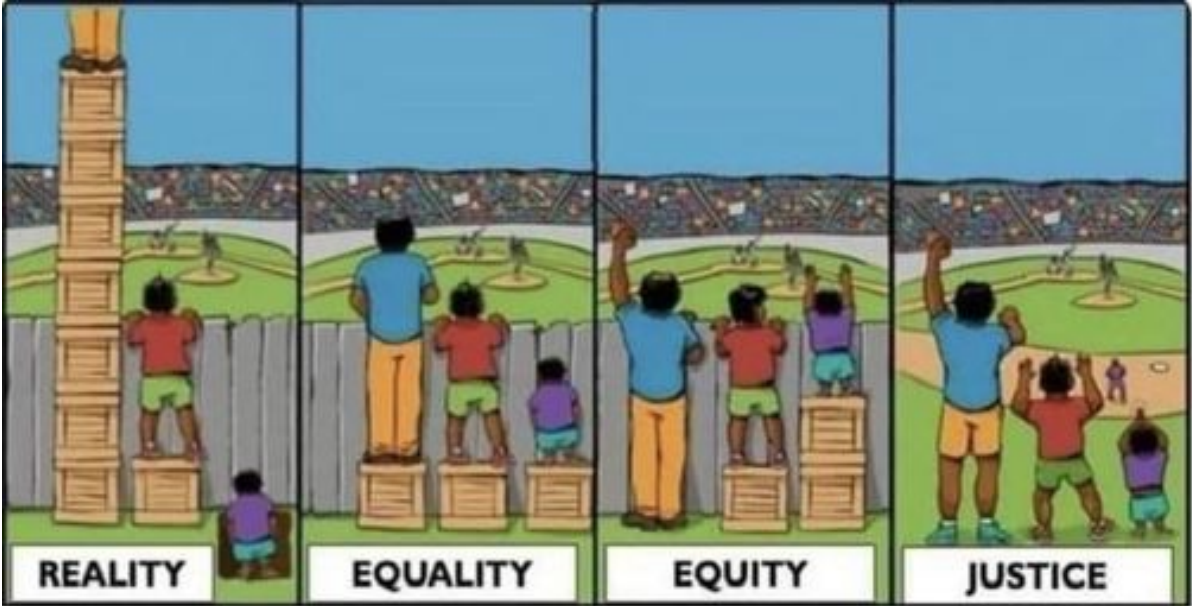


# California PEV Owners by Housing Type



# Equity Considerations For Multi-Family Housing

# Equity and Environmental Justice



**REALITY**  
One gets more than is needed, while the other gets less than is needed. Thus, a huge disparity is created.

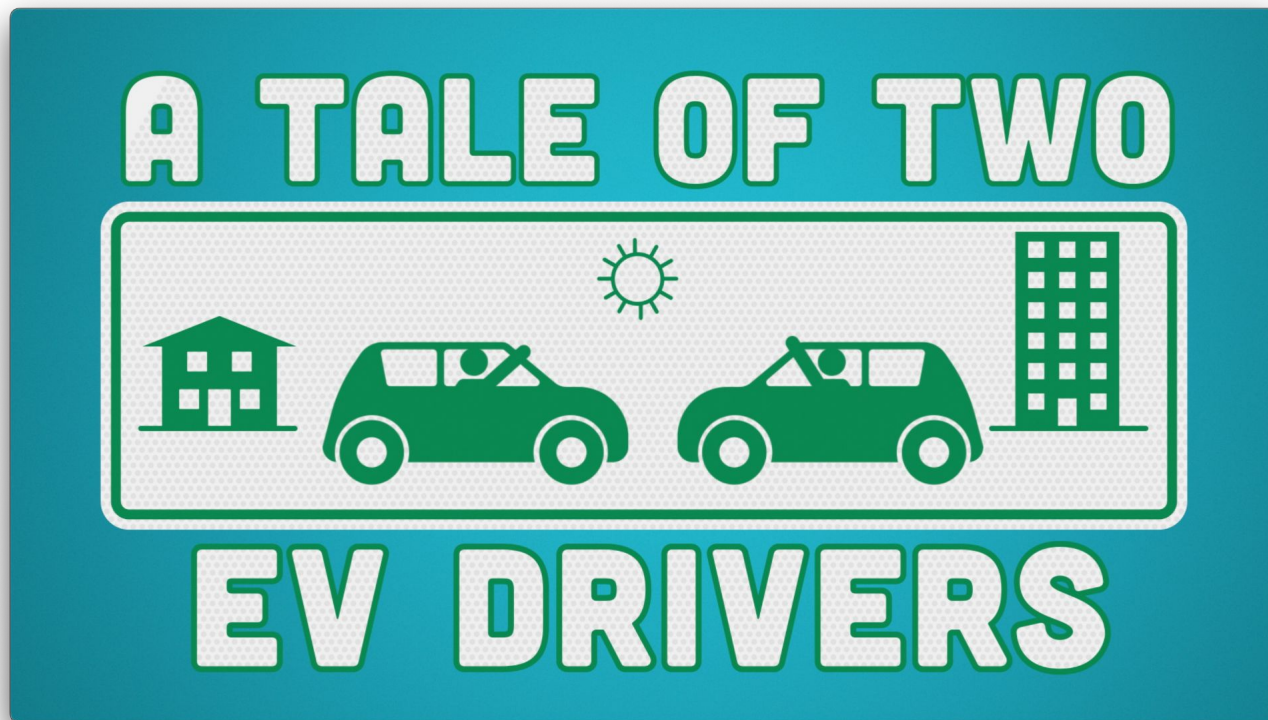
**EQUALITY**  
The assumption is that everyone benefits from the same supports. This is considered to be equal treatment.

**EQUITY**  
Everyone gets the support they need, which produces equity.

**JUSTICE**  
All 3 can see the game without supports or accommodations because the cause(s) of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.

# Equity and Environmental Justice

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How California Is Keeping Electric Vehicles Out ...

POLITICS 05/27/2021 05:45 am ET | Updated May 31, 2021

# How California Is Keeping Electric Vehicles Out Of Reach For Apartment-Dwellers

Even in the nation's most EV-friendly state, inertia and business interests are delaying the energy transition and leaving the working class behind.

By Alexander C. Kaufman



The Washington Post  
Democracy Dies in Darkness

BUSINESS

# Without access to charging stations, Black and Hispanic communities may be left behind in the era of electric vehicles

By Will England  
December 9, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. EST



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# How charging in buildings can power up the electric-vehicle industry

January 5, 2021 | Article

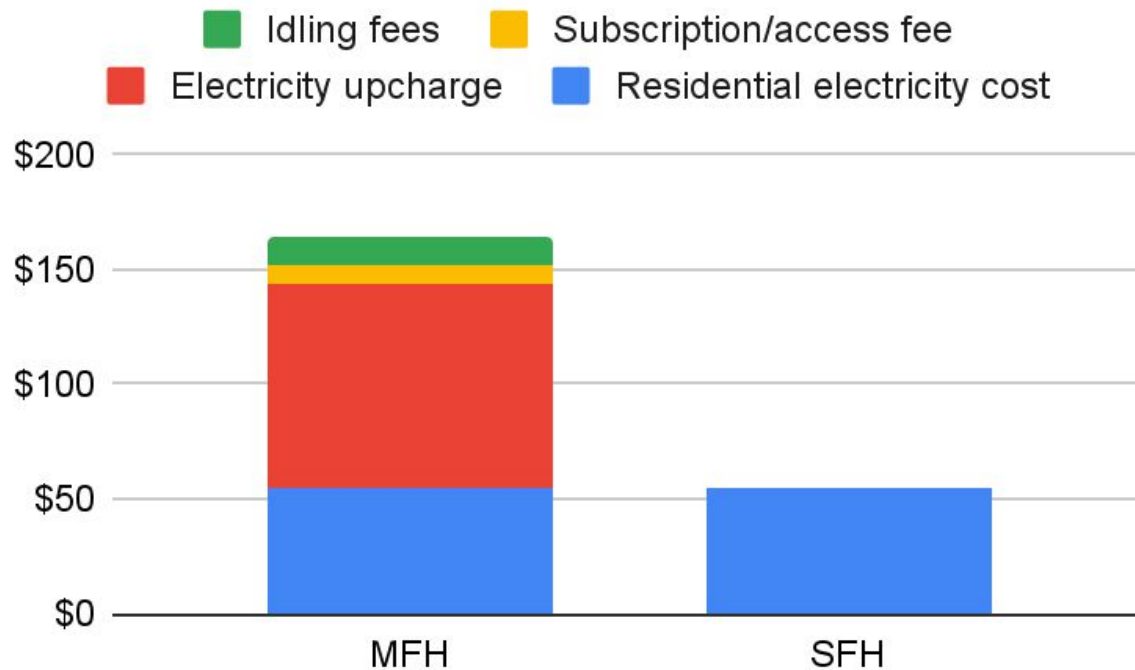


## There's No Place Like Home: Residential Parking, Electrical Access, and Implications for the Future of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Yanbo Ge, Christina Simeone, Andrew Duvall,  
and Eric Wood

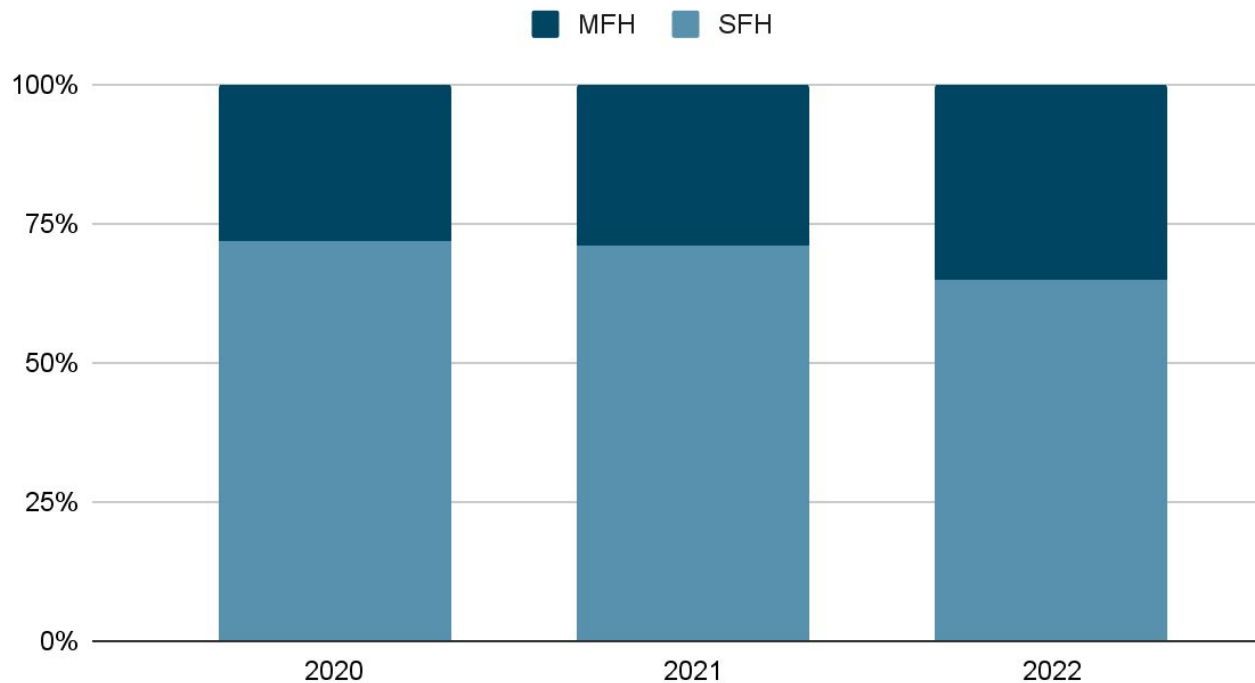
National Renewable Energy Laboratory

# A Tale of Two EV Drivers



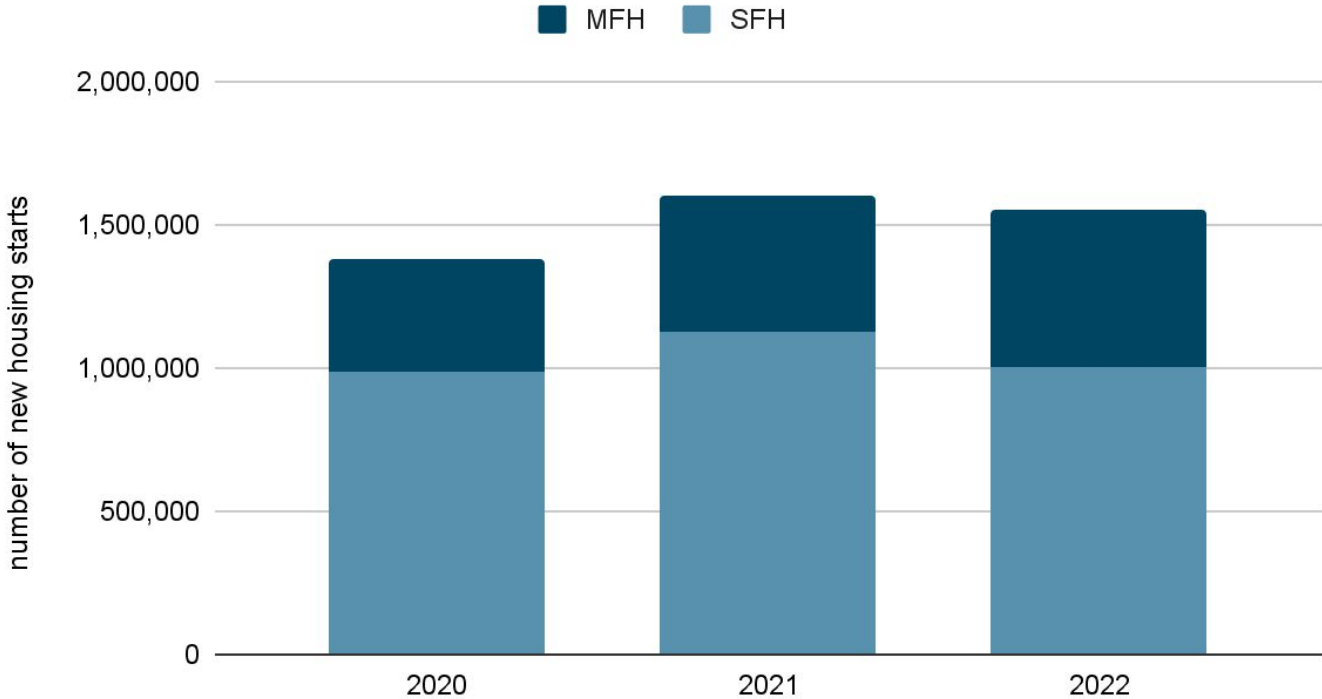
# More Multi-Family Housing...

Multifamily vs. Single Family as % of New US Construction



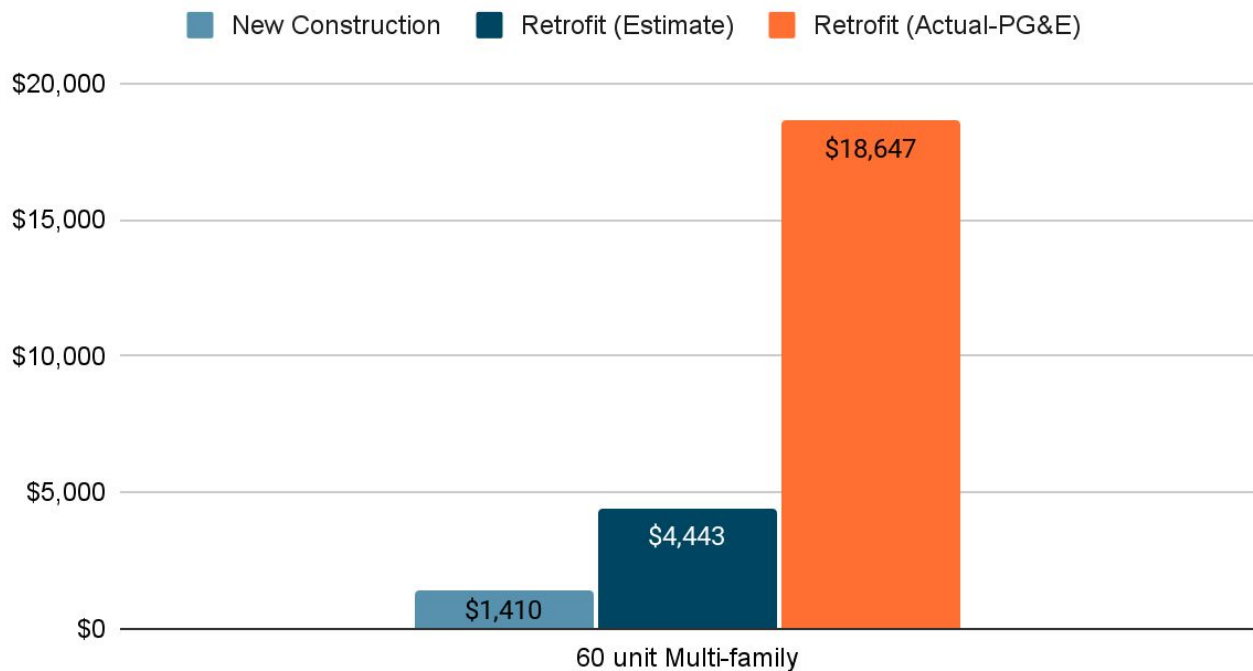
# ... Means More Parking

## Multifamily vs. Single Family US New Housing Starts



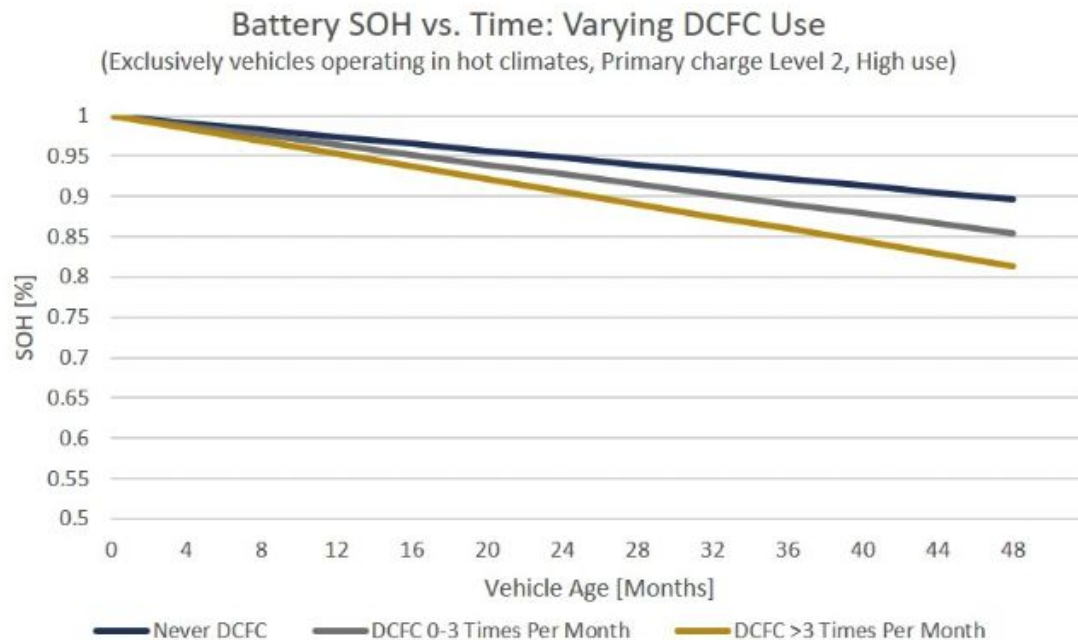
# New Construction Is Least Cost Option

Make-Ready Cost per Parking Space: New Construction vs. Retrofit



# Additional considerations

# Battery Life



*Figure 8: Battery degradation appears to be strongly correlated with DCFC use for vehicles in seasonal or hot climates.*

# Dwell Time

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# Electric Grid Constraints

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## EV's are actually good for the grid!

- Represent a tiny % of overall electricity demand
- Can easily charge during times of peak supply and low demand (load shifting)
- Can supply backup power (Vehicle-to-Grid or V2X)



# Resilience

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Exclusives Autos ▾ Alt. Transport ▾ Autonomy ▾ Energy ▾ Tesla Shop

FORD F-150 LIGHTNING BIDIRECTIONAL CHARGING

## How electric vehicles help keep the lights on with bidirectional charging during extreme weather events

 Peter Johnson | Nov 8 2022 - 11:03 am PT |  0 Comments



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OPINION

## Keep pushing on EV two-way charging

The feature enables massive batteries to power homes during blackouts, heat waves and other periods of high energy demand.

By the Editorial Board of the Los Angeles Times | AUGUST 20, 2023 — 6:00 PM



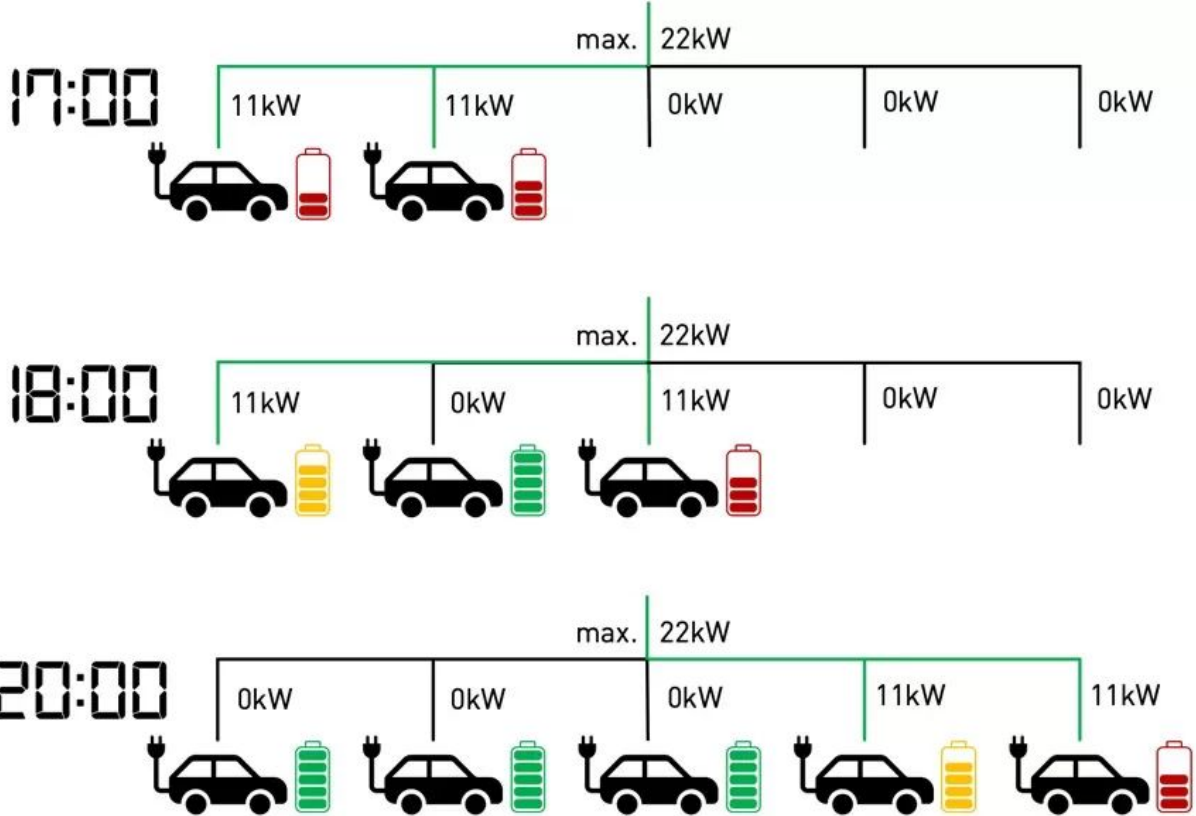
 LIPO CHING, TNS

Two Teslas charge in a public garage in Palo Alto, Calif.

Efforts to give the nation's growing fleet of electric vehicles a second job as backup power sources got a significant boost this month.

General Motors announced Aug. 8 that all of its electric vehicles will have two-way charging capability by model year 2026, with some available by 2024. The feature, known as vehicle-to-home, enables their massive batteries to power homes during blackouts, heat waves and other periods of high

# Load Management



# Four Principles of Equitable Multi-Family EV Codes

# The Four Principles of Equity-Centered MFH Code

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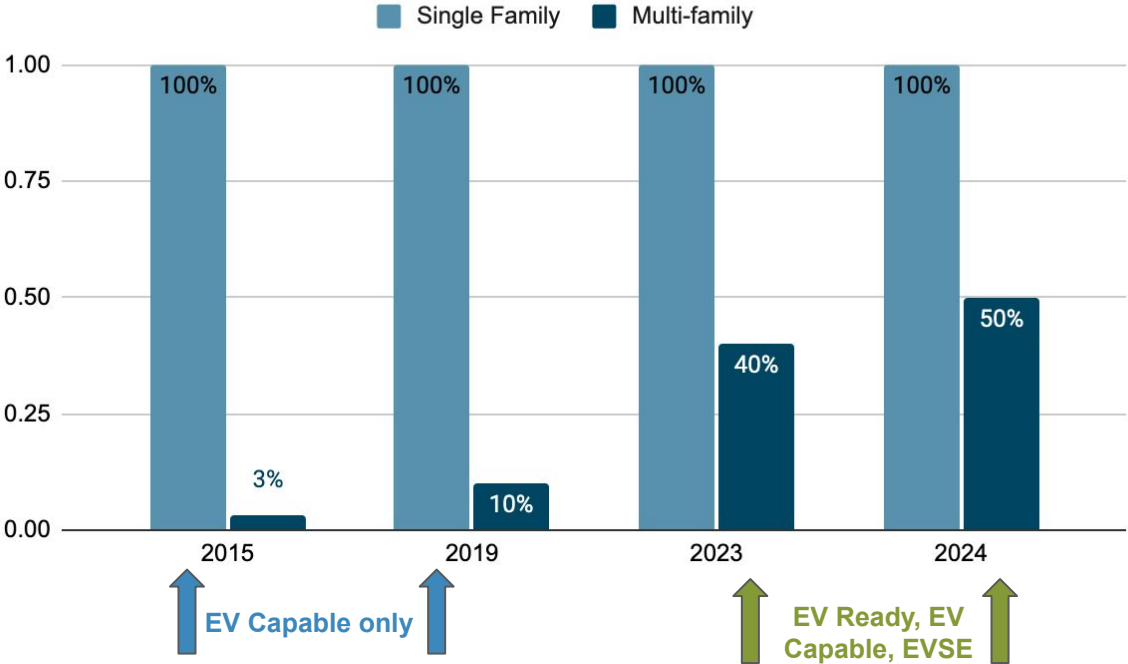
- 1) Provide each household unit that has parking with at least one EV Ready space
- 2) Require at least Low-Power Level 2 & Receptacles, not necessarily EVSE
- 3) Wire receptacle/EVSE directly to corresponding unit's panel or meter
- 4) Install prominent signage at each EV Ready space

# Model Codes

# EV Readiness in California

## CALGreen Building Code

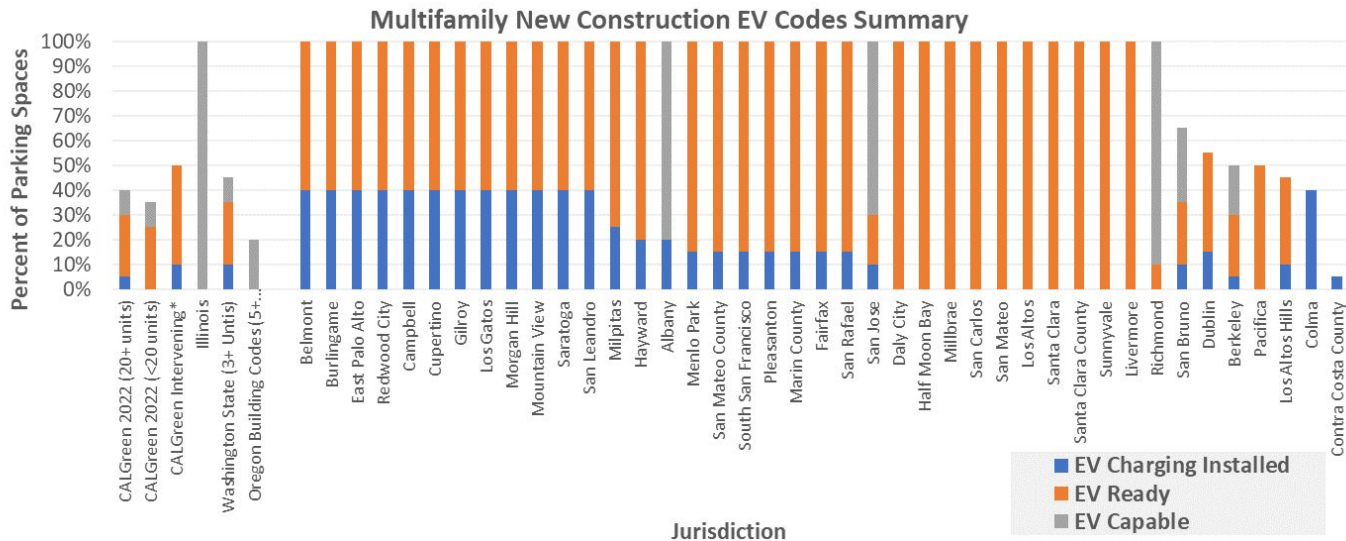
Percentage of EV Access Required in New Construction



# Multifamily Residential Buildings

State codes in **California, Washington, Illinois, and Oregon** target **20% to 55%** of total spaces.

Many jurisdictions adopting EV Reach Codes in **Northern California** require **100%** of parking spaces to be either **EV Capable, EV Ready, or EVSE** installed.



\*CALGreen Intervening Cycle codes, *if approved*, would go into effect July 2024.

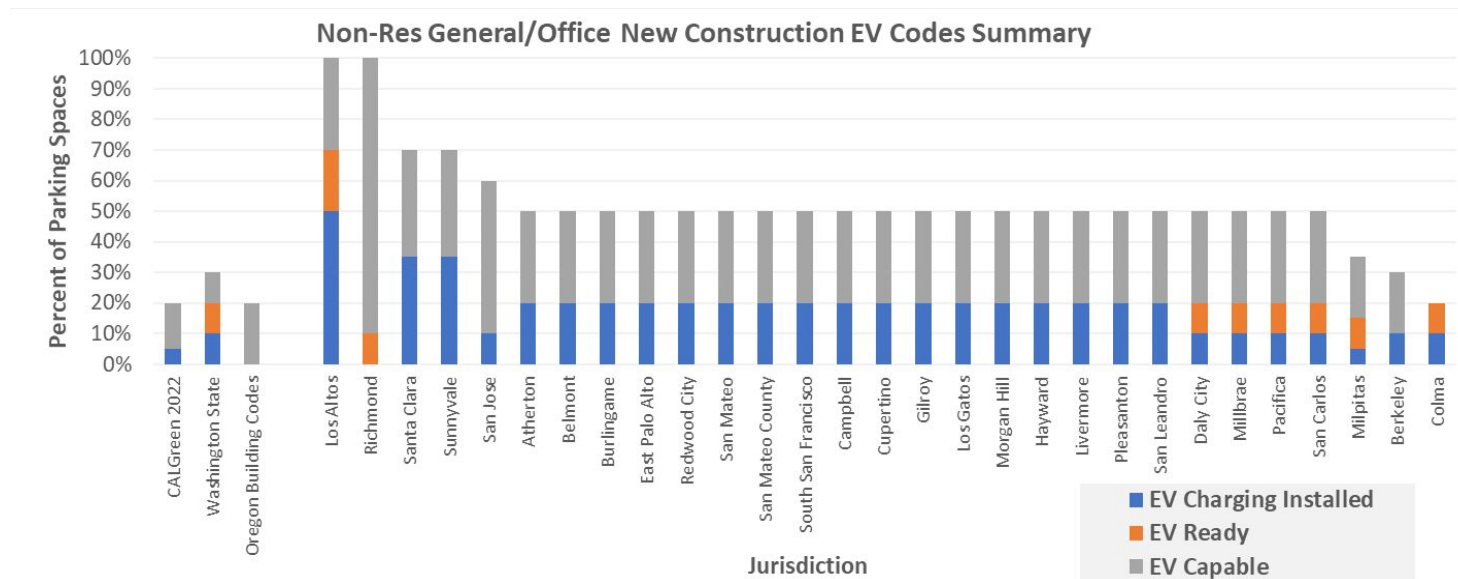


# Commercial/Non-Residential buildings:

State codes in **CA, OR, WA** range from **20% to 30%** of total spaces.

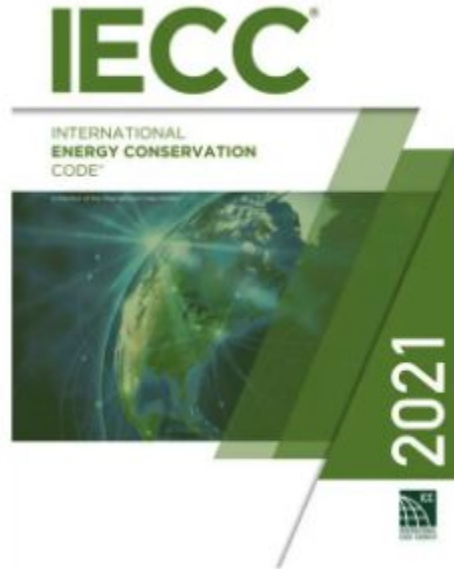
The majority of **Northern California** local jurisdictions with EV Reach codes require **50% of parking spaces to be either EV Capable, EV Ready, or have EVSE installed** for non-residential/office buildings.

Of those, many set their code to be **20% EVSE and 30% EV Capable**.



# IECC Amendments

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# Additional Resources



# Thank you!

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