Building Owner Playbook for Retrofits

Retrofitting buildings is an opportunity to lock in a reliable source of cost savings, increase the comfort and well-being of occupants, future-proof by meeting current technological demand, and, in some cases, preserve the historical and cultural significance of the urban landscape.

- **Rooftop Solar**
  
  Installing solar can lower operating costs, enhance marketability, and, paired with batteries, provide tenants with a continuous source of back-up power.

- **HVAC Retrofit**
  
  Upgrading these systems can address one of the biggest uses of energy, improve indoor air quality, and enhance thermal comfort for your tenants.

- **California Landscaping**
  
  Replacing lawns, particularly in business parks and campuses, with landscapes appropriate to our California climate can lower operating costs and enhance a property’s curb appeal.

- **Thermal Retrofits**
  
  Upgrading your building’s thermal envelope can dramatically improve energy performance, thermal comfort, and sound mitigation.
Lighting

Switching to LED lights and fixtures provides quick paybacks due to their lower energy consumption, low maintenance costs, and high quality of light.

Retrocommissioning

An often overlooked and inexpensive source of value, retrocommissioning is a “tune-up” of a building’s complex systems to ensure they are running optimally.

Energy and Water Reporting and Disclosure

The State (AB 802) and many California cities encourage, and even require, the reporting of energy and water use to enable benchmarking. Many landlords already voluntarily submit reports to track and compare their building’s performance.