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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 82693 C.M.S.



City of Oakland

Resolution Opposing Proposition 16, Which Would Amend the California Constitution to Require a Two-Thirds Voter Majority for a Local Government or Public Utility to Use Public Funds to Start Up or Expand Electricity Service, or to Create a Community Choice Aggregator

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the California Constitution would require a two-thirds voter majority before public utilities or local governments may use public funds to start up or expand service, or create a community choice aggregator; and

WHEREAS, requiring two-thirds voter majority in a local election is undemocratic and if passed, would set a dangerous precedent for local governments; and

WHEREAS, the primary sponsor for the proposition is Pacific Gas and Electric, an Investor Owned Utility; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative, if passed, could bring economic uncertainties to existing public utilities throughout the State of California, jeopardizing many cost effective, reliable, and environmentally responsible utilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed restrictions on existing public utilities and additional barriers for the creation of new public electricity providers could reduce future market competition and result in electricity rate hikes; and

WHEREAS, many residents and small businesses in Oakland are particularly vulnerable to increasing electricity rates and PG&E rates are already higher than most California utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative if passed, could eliminate Oakland's ability to choose an electricity supply strategy that could dramatically reduce its greenhouse gas emissions while creating local green jobs; and now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council supports maintaining the right of public, not-for-profit utilities to continue to exist and grow, providing clean choices and fair rates to customers, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council strongly opposes a "New Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Local Public Electricity Providers" because it would

be against the interest of California's electricity ratepayers, against the public interest, and a potential setback for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and local job creation.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, APR 20 2010, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: ~~Brooks~~, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT BRUNNER - 7

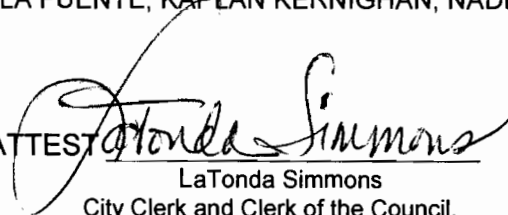
NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

Excused- Brooks- 1

ATTEST



LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council,
City of Oakland, California



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International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers (IBEW), Local 1245

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