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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS DAN KALB and DESLEY BROOKS, and
VICE MAYOR REBECCA KAPLAN

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY PROGRAM IN ORDER TO BENEFIT OAKLAND COMMUNITIES, WORKERS AND ENVIRONMENT, AND PROPOSING REQUIREMENTS AND GOALS FOR THE PROGRAM AND A CITY SEAT ON THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY CHOICE STEERING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Oakland City Council, in Resolution No. 79325 C.M.S. notifying the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) of Oakland's intent to become a Community Choice aggregator, cited the "...numerous potential benefits for cities that aggregate including, but not limited to: (1) More stable and reliable power supplies, (2) Opportunity for general fund revenue, (3) Greater use of renewable energy resources compared to those planned by PG&E, and (4) Ratepayer access to a democratically elected governing body...;"¹ and

WHEREAS, there are two Community Choice energy programs operating in Northern California, and dozens of other jurisdictions throughout California considering the establishment of Community Choice energy programs; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors has voted unanimously to begin the process of studying a Community Choice energy program for the purpose of establishing such a program that could serve the residents throughout Alameda County, including Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the high desire and demand for clean, renewable energy is creating opportunities for work in the development of new renewable power generation through the building of local and in-state renewable energy in which the Oakland City Council and organized labor are united in providing as much of this work under Project Labor Agreements; and

WHEREAS, a Community Choice energy program can accelerate the transition to renewable energy resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the electricity

¹ Oakland City Council Resolution No. 79325 C.M.S., May 12, 2005

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sector, helping to achieve the goals of Oakland's Energy and Climate Action Plan (ECAP); and

WHEREAS, a Community Choice energy program that prioritizes the development of local renewable resources will likely create wealth within the community, boost Oakland's economy, and foster local business development; and

WHEREAS, a Community Choice energy program that prioritizes the development of local renewable resources can create family-sustaining clean energy jobs prioritizing training through union-sponsored apprenticeship programs, hiring of local residents, and expanding the number of unionized and similarly paid and benefitted jobs in the electricity sector thereby helping to address Oakland's high unemployment rate, provide for stable and reasonable wages and working conditions and electricity rates, including rates competitive with PG&E, and incentivize energy efficiency at the local level; and

WHEREAS, a Community Choice energy program can democratize energy by giving the community control and effective ownership of the energy supply and providing residents and businesses with access to a local, public energy agency; and

WHEREAS, a Community Choice energy program can target different categories of electricity customers to incentivize demand reduction and renewable energy installations and include programs to promote ownership of renewable energy assets for low and moderate income residents and communities of color, as well as those who do not own buildings and are often shut out of participation in the clean energy economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council supports a robust study of Community Choice Energy in Alameda County and the eventual development of an Alameda County Community Choice energy program based, in large part, on the goals established by the East Bay Clean Power Alliance² (see attached), along with a priority goal to create fair-wage, clean energy jobs such as unionized and similarly paid and benefitted jobs as part of the growing green economy in the East Bay; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That Oakland City Council urges that Oakland be well-represented on the Alameda County Community Choice Steering Committee to advocate for a program that provides substantial and equitable economic benefits to Oakland's residents, ratepayers, workers, businesses, and communities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is directed to forward a copy of this enacted Resolution to each member of the Alameda County Board of

² The East Bay Clean Power Alliance advocates for Community Choice energy programs in the East Bay that serve to spur equitable economic development and unionized, family-sustaining clean energy jobs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, stabilize or lower the cost of electricity, improve community health and social equity, and provide other community benefits. We see the development of local renewable energy resources (including reduced consumption) as key to securing these benefits. We also see engagement of the East Bay community, broadly and equitably, as central to achieving such goals, both in establishing the Community Choice program and in the governance structure of the program once it is set up.

Supervisors and the appropriate staff within the County administration working on the Alameda County Community Choice energy program and to the lobbyist for the City of Oakland to advocate for the implementation of this program in a manner that prioritizes the development of local clean energy projects and the use of power purchase agreements from unionized and other generating companies/agencies that pay fair wages and provide good benefits, and inclusive Project Labor Agreements / community benefits agreements that promote local hire and local construction, disadvantaged workers and disadvantaged businesses, as well as clean air and climate benefits for Oakland residents and communities.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

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LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
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East Bay Clean Power Alliance Proposed Goals for an Alameda County Community Choice Program

We need bold action to address escalating climate destabilization and increasing economic hardship and inequality in our communities.

An Alameda County Community Choice Energy program that prioritizes and invests in the development of local renewable energy resources can be a powerful tool to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, speed up the switch to 100% renewable sources of energy, and address equitable economic development. Investing in local clean energy development builds wealth in our communities and helps create family-sustaining jobs. County-managed development projects can increase union participation in the renewable energy sector and offer opportunities to disadvantaged job seekers in Alameda County.

We seek to establish a Community Choice program that serves the residents and businesses of Alameda County in the following ways (not in priority order):

1. Provides competitively priced electricity to customers, at more stable and lower rates than Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E).
2. Prioritizes the development of local renewable resources, including reduced energy consumption and renewable electrical generation, with goals of at least 18% reduction in electricity demand through conservation and energy efficiency, and at least 50% of renewable energy being locally generated, all within 10 years of the start of the program.³
3. Achieves Alameda County's Climate Action Plan Greenhouse Gas reduction goals and comparable goals of all participating jurisdictions, while also exceeding the California renewable portfolio standard (RPS) and the renewable portfolio of PG&E.
4. Generates family-sustaining, high-quality, clean energy jobs through local renewable resource development that prioritizes union jobs, spurs local workforce development, overcomes barriers to employment in historically disadvantaged communities, and includes local small businesses, diverse business enterprises,⁴ and cooperative enterprises.

³ Targets taken from scenario in, *East Bay Community Choice Energy: From Concept to Implementation*.

⁴ Includes minority-owned, women-owned, and disabled veteran-owned businesses, and other such enterprises

5. Promotes local and community ownership and control of renewable resources, spurring equitable economic development and increased resilience, especially in low income communities and communities of color, which are most impacted by climate change.
6. Improves community health and safety by reducing pollution from fossil fuel power generation and by electrifying vehicle transportation.
7. Includes community stakeholders in the decision-making process of the Community Choice program and ensures inclusive representation.

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