**Electric Vehicle Association of San Diego**

***San Diego Chapter of Electric Auto Association***

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Honorable Mayor Kevin Faulconer

Honorable Councilmembers of the City of San Diego

**RE: Support for Community Choice Energy (CCE)**

Dear Mayor Faulconer and Council,

Thank you for taking a leading role in helping San Diego become a place where electric vehicles are widespread. You spoke words of support at our Drive Electric Day at Qualcomm. We very much appreciate your support.

The Electric Vehicle Association of San Diego (EVAOSD) is a non-profit chapter of Electric Auto Association (EAA).

We educate and advocate for the rapid adoption of electric vehicles, as well as support the community of EV drivers, in San Diego. We are 26,000 EVs on the road in San Diego and growing.

**EVAOSD is the voice for those 26,000 drivers and I write to you now on their behalf.**

You are likely aware of the American Lung Association report, State of the Air 2017, rates our great city as the **7th most polluted city in our country**. Not a distinction we wish to persist. Negative effects include asthma, lung diseases and premature death. Over 50% of the ill effects of these health problems, are caused by toxic emissions from internal combustion engines (ICEs). \*

The good news is that this public health danger is something we can fix! **Electric vehicles emit zero toxins into our air, nor the carbon emissions that cause climate change.**

Adopting CCE is an action that will move our city toward a 100% clean energy future, as well as give better opportunities to promote rapid EV adoption. As you know, **SDGE’s sources of energy are 57% dirty.** With a well run CCE, we can be a model for other cities in reaching our goal of 100% clean energy, and I would add, a goal of at least 150,000 EVs by 2025 (to coincide with Gov. Brown’s goal of 1.5M EVs in our state by 2025).

Our current rate of EV adoption is not healthy enough to hit this goal. We need effective San Diego based programs to help accelerate the growth of EVs. A non-profit CCE is the best place to accomplish this. **We need your help. We need it with urgency.**

We sincerely hope that you and the council members will not succumb to the delaying tactics and misinformation we hear coming from the monopoly utility. This is a **local public health danger**, as well as a global climate crisis.

We believe our city should join California’s 70+ cities and nine counties in the movement for clean energy, clean air, clean jobs, and local choice through community choice energy.

Our membership urges you to vote for CCE without delay, because it is our best chance to achieve 100% clean energy generation, as well as to improve promotion of zero emission vehicles in order to clean up our air, avoid lung diseases and most importantly, save lives in San Diego.

Sincerely,

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\*Attachment: “What Comes Out of a Tailpipe Anyway?”

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