



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

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DATE: January 21, 2020

TO: Council President Georgette Gómez & Members of the City Council

FROM: Erik Caldwell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Smart & Sustainable Communities

SUBJECT: Request for Expressions of Interest for Gas & Electric Services

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In January 2021, the City of San Diego's 50-year franchise with San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) for gas and electric services will expire, requiring the development of a new franchise fee agreement.

In an effort to gather information from prospective bidders and other interested persons, and engage in "fair and open competition" (Charter Section 103), we are releasing a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) for Gas and Electric Services.

As part of the City's commitment to a transparent and fair process, the responses we receive from the issuance of the RFEI will be published and shared with City Council, and it is our hope the responses we receive will help the City and its expert consultants draft and develop a contemporary and attractive franchise that will secure additional benefits for the City and the residents of San Diego.

Along with several future public outreach events, internal briefings with impacted departments, continued engagement with the Environment committee, and ongoing stakeholder meetings, the information we receive from this RFEI will help strengthen San Diego's eventual franchise agreement.

We have requested all interested parties to respond to the RFEI by February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 so that the City can remain on its current timeline to present a draft franchise agreement to the City Council by Spring 2020 with the intent to go to full Council by end of Summer 2020 with an executable franchise. Updates will continue to be provided via memo and to the Environment committee.

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Attachments: 1. RFEI for Electric & Gas Services

cc: Aimee Faucett, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor

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