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Mayor Kevin Faulkner
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Dear Mayor Kevin Faulkner,

I am so please to hear that San Diego officials are having discussions around "Community Choice" for our energy provision. As a single mother, born and raised in Southeast San Diego, I was appalled to hear that local clergy and organizations representing our "community" were advocating AGAINST the Public Choice option when it comes to our power supply in San Diego. I have had solar for over one year, thanks to California State grant funded programs like GRID ALTERNATIVES, who provide FREE solar systems for low income families like mine (woohoo!! Best. Thing. Ever.). I have helped my neighbors and elders in Skyline Hills, Emerald Hills, and Bay Vista also get free solar from GRID and regularly share the blessing with our local neighborhood councils and libraries.

In 2016, I attended two local hearings held by the California Public Utilities Commission to solicit community input on SDGE proposed structural rate increases. There, too, were these so-called "community representatives" and heads of local organizations who were in support of SDGE rate increases, and base fees for everyone, regardless of usage. Like, WTF?!! I addressed these men directly at the meeting after I spoke publicly on behalf of low income homeowners, and asked to meet with these gentlemen one on one, so we could better understand each other's position. I was refused.

After attending St. Rita's Catholic School (located on the so-called "Four Corners of Death"; my mom graduated from Our Lady of Peace & my dad from Morse High School), I went on to earn my Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 1994, and a Master's degree in Public Policy in 2006, from UCLA. In my analysis, the only logical reason people from MY community would argue AGAINST community choice is because SDGE funds their organizations and probably purchases tables at their annual fundraisers. I humbly request that your staff to investigate this, and determine how many of these organizations giving SDGE their "vote", and not Community Choice, are also funded by SDGE. If so, they clearly have a conflict of interest.

I have been WAITING for a Community Choice Option in San Diego since I moved back home in 2009!! Kudos to you, Mayor Faulkner, for engaging in the discussion. And how dare so-called "community leaders" side with corporate interests, and not with the people! I'm disgusted, angry, concerned, and ready to lend my energy and talents to support my neighbors. Why should SDGE investors continue to squeeze profits from San Diegans, instead of OUR CITY benefitting directly?!! Surely we use the revenue, right? And certainly if a single mom like me can get in the business of becoming an "energy producer", it's time for the city of San Diego to get in!! We could easily work with local tribes for land and installation to

build clean, green, solar farms for the City of San Diego. And we can reinvest the profits in local parks and libraries. The sky is the limit…Literally!

Please let me know HOW I can get involved, and advocate on behalf of REAL families in Southeast San Diego, as our elected officials and so-called representatives clearly are not.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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