

April 10, 2014

The Honorable Kevin Faulconer
Mayor, City of San Diego
202 C Street, MS 11A
San Diego, California 92101

RE: FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION FEASIBILITY STUDY IN FY 2015 BUDGET

Dear Mayor Faulconer,

Congratulations on your election as San Diego's Mayor. As you may know, the Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) is a City Board created to advise the City Council through the Mayor on energy policy. It is responsible for recommending future energy guidelines including the best and most cost-effective method to implement City goals for renewable energy, options for financing renewable energy resources, and other activities around energy efficiency and renewable energy. SEAB consists of eleven members; seven designated members, two at-large members, and two alternate members, who serve on staggered two-year terms. All members are appointed by the Mayor.

As Chair of the SEAB, I am writing on behalf of the Board to respectfully request you include adequate resources in your proposed FY 2014-2015 City Budget for the Environmental Services Department for the development of a feasibility study for Community Choice Aggregation (CCA).

Community Choice Aggregation is a method in which the City of San Diego, in partnership with other jurisdictions or alone, can aggregate the purchasing power of their constituents to acquire electricity generation. The City Natural Resources and Culture Committee forwarded the issue of CCAs to the SEAB for stakeholder input and community feedback and requested that the Mayor's office investigate potential funding for a CCA feasibility study. CCAs have shown great promise to lower energy costs, increase community infrastructure and local workforce investment and lower carbon emissions. As a first step in the process, we are requesting adequate funding be earmarked to complete the feasibility study in the 2015 Fiscal Year Budget. It should be noted that the County of San Diego is also performing a feasibility study on CCAs. Where necessary, collaboration between the two jurisdictions on a feasibility study should be considered.

Should you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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