



November 14, 2017

TO: San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer and Members of the City Council
CC: Cody Hooven, Sustainability Manager, City of San Diego
FROM: Jessica Hayes, Chair, San Diego County Democratic Party
RE: Support for Community Choice Energy

Dear Mayor Faulconer and City Councilmembers:

On behalf of the San Diego County Democratic Party (SDCDP), I applaud your efforts to address climate change and move the City of San Diego toward a 100% clean energy future.

As expressed in the attached resolution, the SDCDP strongly supports the City's decision to move forward with Community Choice Energy (CCE).

CCE is essential for achieving our Climate Action Plan goals. Community Choice gives San Diegans local control over our energy future, helps stabilize or reduce our rates, and provides us with the freedom to choose the source of our electricity.

We call on the City to pursue CCE while ensuring that all energy generation, distribution, and storage facilities are built and operated in a manner that creates good quality union jobs – whether or not the work is performed by a Community Choice Aggregator or an outsourced contractor.

We believe the city should join California's nine counties and 65 cities in the movement for clean energy, clean jobs, and local choice through CEE.

Thank you for supporting the freedom of energy choice for San Diego. We look forward to partnering with you on creating a stronger, more resilient clean energy future.

Sincerely,

Jessica Hayes
Chair, San Diego County Democratic Party

Resolution Calling for Support of Community Choice Energy for the City of San Diego

SAN DIEGO COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Democratic Party adopted a resolution on Sept. 8, 2015, in support of the city of San Diego's legally-binding Climate Action Plan, of which a key component calls for local control and the build-out of a citywide clean energy Community Choice Energy (CCE) program in order to reach the Climate Action Plan's goals of 100 percent renewable energy by 2035 with the understanding that those goals cannot be met without the implementation of CCE; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) has some of the highest rates in California with no incentive to keep costs low due to a virtual monopoly, CCE is structured as a nonprofit entity whose primary responsibility is to serve the public interest, stabilize or reduce costs, and allow for better incentives for rooftop solar and other innovative energy programs such as electric vehicle rebates, low-income programs and overall energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, adopting CCE enables local control and the freedom to choose sources of electricity, helps stabilize rates, increases the use of clean energy sources, supports local jobs and economic development, is a public-private partnership in which the incumbent utility is made whole financially and retains control over the electrical grid in which they receive guaranteed rate of returns from the state, results in cleaner air, and is already being utilized by 65 cities and nine counties throughout California with Los Angeles County and the Inland Empire about to come online;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the San Diego County Democratic Party supports the city of San Diego in pursuing Community Choice Energy in a manner that ensures all energy generation, distribution, and storage facilities are built and operated in a manner that creates good quality union jobs. This responsibility for union representation must be maintained whether or not the work is performed by the CCA or an outsourced contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be distributed to all members of the San Diego County Democratic Party Central Committee, all members of the San Diego City Council and the Mayor of San Diego.

Approved September 19, 2017, by the San Diego County Democratic Central Committee