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COUNCIL VOTES TO DELIVER AFFORDABLE, CLEAN, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY TO RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT OUR REGION

SAN DIEGO, CA – Councilmember Chris Ward (District Three) issued the following statement after the authorization of a Joint Powers Authority Agreement (JPA) with the cities of Chula Vista, Encinitas, La Mesa, and other jurisdictions in the San Diego region that choose to join in 2019.

“San Diegans want 100% truly renewable energy, we want to reinvest in our communities, and we want high-quality local jobs that uplift our entire region,” said Councilmember Ward. “The JPA agreement between the City of San Diego and neighboring cities puts us on a path to deliver quality, clean energy to San Diegans by 2021.

“This was a herculean effort by city staff, advocates and working San Diegans concerned for the future of our region. However, the work is far from complete. The first action of the JPA must be to fulfill the priorities laid out by Council in February. We need to ensure that unbundled RECs and nuclear are excluded as sources of energy, and that we are building the green infrastructure we need - by promoting prevailing wage and strong local hire policies - here in San Diego.

“I was proud to move this forward today, and I remain committed to ensuring the JPA meets our community goals. San Diegans want a voice in their energy future and this is the best path to achieve it.”

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Councilmember Chris Ward represents San Diego’s Third Council District including communities of Downtown, Little Italy, Bankers Hill, Mission Hills, Middletown, Hillcrest, University Heights, North Park, Normal Heights, Old Town, South Park, and Golden Hill.

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