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### **COUNCIL AUTHORIZES ACTION TO PURSUE A REGIONAL COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY PROGRAM WITH NEIGHBORING CITIES AND JURISDICTIONS**

SAN DIEGO, CA – San Diego Councilmember Chris Ward (District Three) issued the following statement after council approval of a resolution authorizing the City of San Diego to negotiate with neighboring local governments on the formation of a Joint Powers Authority to implement a regional Community Choice Aggregation program.

**“San Diego is a leader in identifying forward-thinking solutions and opportunities to fight climate change, and today’s action continues this legacy. The crisis of global warming demands that we immediately act to fulfil our climate goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035.**

**“The City of San Diego now has authorization to negotiate with regional cities and jurisdictions to create a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that will deliver affordable, clean, and renewable energy to consumers. We have heard overwhelmingly from community stakeholders that this major investment in clean energy infrastructure should also be an investment in high-quality local jobs that lift up our entire region, and I’m excited for San Diego to rise to this once-in-a-generation opportunity.”**

For more information or to interview Councilmember Ward, contact Ansermio Jake Estrada at (619) 227-0421 or [EstradaAJ@sandiego.gov](mailto:EstradaAJ@sandiego.gov)

***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; while also serving as Chair of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless.***

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