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Subject: Clean Power Alliance on Community Choice Aggregation

-EXTERNAL-

Hello,

I am writing to encourage the council to support Long Beach joining the Clean Power Alliance on Community Choice Aggregation. Climate change is a crisis that must be addressed now. Moving to a CCA gives the city options to procure more renewable power earlier than with Southern California Edison.

I also want to encourage the city to go further.

Joining CPA gives us more input into the electric incentive programs. These are typically used to pay for home energy retrofits like LED lights or energy efficient appliances. However, there is an opportunity to tackle another aspect of climate change: our city's reliance on Natural Gas. The city should work with CPA to develop an incentive program to pay for residential electrification upgrades.

Gas appliances are locked into using natural gas and will always have GHG emissions, but electric appliances get cleaner as more renewables are put online. This program can cover stoves, water heaters, clothes dryers, and even electric vehicle chargers.

I worked with SoCal Edison to establish the Clean Energy Optimization Pilot that does just this with two CSU campuses. Working with CPA, the city of Long Beach could jump ahead of SCE to bring a fully formed program for residents across their service area.

Its also important for the city to work to ensure that CPA has an appropriate electrical purchasing strategy set up to protect customers from price spikes. We saw spikes like this month on the electric market during the heatwave and LBER saw in 2018 with their natural gas purchases. Without a purchasing strategy, prices can easily increase four times or more.

I hope that you vote to approve this item and continue to work with CPA to improve their program.

Thank you,
Michael Clemson

From: Padric Gleason Gonzales [mailto:padric.gleason@gmail.com]

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Subject: Public comment for Agenda Item #6 for 8/11 City Council Meeting re: CPA and CCA

-EXTERNAL-

Vote yes to receive and file this presentation, then vote yes to create a CCA or join the CPA. Action on this topic is long overdue and Long Beach deserves alternatives to the SCE monopoly and fossil fuel energy. With pollution-emitting power plants on each end of our city, it's time to turn the page on tweakers and invest in solar, wind, and cleaner alternatives.

Padric Gleason Gonzales

Lead the way. Build it Right. Make it Accountable.

Yes. I know what I did. I am sorry. Truly. It was not fair.

The SERRF facility was the place to start. It took me quite a bit of time to realize this.

I get it. We have been working so hard for so long, why could we not just do it the way it had always been supposed to go? Well, whatever the reason, that simply is not good enough anymore.

Look. Davids do not betray. We find a better way. We all have been seeing what is happening in this country. When they start coming for the mailboxes, that should bring our inner Thomas Paine out.

It does mine.

[For the record: Eric Newkirk, sir! Of course he was a righty! Told ya the left is quicker. You owe me a beer in San Diego – Modern Times, not Ballast Point.]

What do you honestly think of me?

Look, I love my town. This place is very important to me. We have to be more accountable to each other – but first we have to find a way to chill out. I truly do believe in this: Self-management and self-directedness, fairness to facts, accountability to oneself and others, but most of all, to the work.

To paraphrase the words of the great Bill Russell: Each person must draw a line in themselves, across which no person is allowed to cross. My name shall forever be my own, though to say so I may suffer.

I am proud of what work we have accomplished.

We have a good partner in Clean Power Alliance. The Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy believes the best path forward is to continue to partner with them, learn everything about the process possible, and above all else, preserve Local Control. We Love Long Beach. Start with the “L”.

What have I been trying to do if not that?

Yes. Dave Shukla will always preserve the will to believe. The will to believe in oneself, the people around them, their town, how cities function, what is at stake. That we can always turn the tide. Our problems are planetary, sure, but if there was ever any moment to show our true quality, to focus attention, take the heat for others, sweat it out, and let folks make up their own minds, this was that time. My point has been made.

Local Control. That means starting at square one. That means doing it right the first time.

Look, I think if we slow this down to a crawl, have the decency to just be good neighbors, have an accountable process for understanding the stakes and problems involved, we have on our hands one of the cooler optimization problems around. That is all to say at this moment. Maybe we can talk Friday.

Dave Shukla
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