

ITEM #39 - ATTENTION: PLEASE KEEP CCA ALIVE IN LONG BEACH!

Tuesday, December 7th 2021

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RE: R-39 - "Recommendation to receive and file a report on the feasibility of a Long Beach Community Choice Aggregation." (Citywide)

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Thank you for placing Community Choice Aggregation, Item R-39, on the agenda for your meeting tonight. This item is a receive and file. But action is needed.

MRW clearly has NOT written a "report [that] recommends suspension of any further CCA feasibility efforts until such time that substantial and favorable developments in market and regulatory stability materialize".

Read the MRW Feasibility Study. Both the full study from December of 2019, and the Governance Options update of August 2021. For months, Energy Resources and other staff have known what we all have known since 2019: It is perfectly feasible to have a CCA in Long Beach.

Long before the decision to let Southern California Edison rewrite the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan on January 5th of 2021, the City of Long Beach has known it has to take action on the growing body of LORS (laws, ordinances, regulations, and statutes) that comprise the climate goals of the State of California.

Southern California Edison, which issued another notice of scheduled rate increases this very week, has to prove its case to the City of Long Beach just as much as Clean Power Alliance, Orange County Clean Power, or voices from Long Beach communities who recommend creating a Greater Long Beach Area energy program to move to a 100% clean energy economy in Long Beach.

Southern California Edison simply cannot match the environmental performance, jobs and social program creation, or, ultimately, the market performance of existing CCA programs outside its service territory.

Their business model since privatization in the 1990s fundamentally depends on market inefficiencies and market distortions that are not in the best interests of the State of California within its service territory.

Since the August 25, 2020 decision by the City of Long Beach to delay a decision on a Long Beach CCA, Southern California Edison has operated in bad faith with no less than seven other municipal/county jurisdictions in Southern California considering developing their own control over their energy policies.

Fortunately, the legal EIR review period for the Long Beach Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, due in January, is concurrent with the CPUC implementation schedule and requirements for a CCA in Long Beach, through to April of 2022.

Preserve our choices.

Preserve our ability to make our own choices.

Please keep the possibility of a Community Choice Aggregation program open for the growing number of residents, homeowners, businesses, and subject matter experts who agree a CCA program is in the best interests of the City of Long Beach.

Please direct City Staff to operate in a manner that is verifiably consistent with existing state law and CPUC guidelines concerning CCA program development.

Thanking you,

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