



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

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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

WHEREAS, San Diego Gas and Electric (SDGE) 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 non-profit entity whose primary responsibility is to serve the public interest and stabilize or reduce costs, allow for better incentives for rooftop solar and other innovative energy programs such as electric vehicle rebates, low-income programs and overall energy efficiency

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 on-line

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, San Diego County Democrats for Environmental Action 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 CCE 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.