June 20, 2018

TO:
East Bay Community Energy
℅ LDBP Comments
1111 Broadway, 3rd Floor
Oakland, CA 94607

RE: East Bay Community Energy-Local Development Business Plan

Dear EBCE Board,

The Berkeley Climate Action Coalition, whose membership includes over 750 residents, community organizations, and educational and religious institutions working to help the City of Berkeley reach its Climate Action goals, writes to support the comments articulated by the East Bay Clean Power Alliance regarding the final Local Development Business Plan document.

We appreciate the East Bay Community Energy board, community advisory committee, staff and the Local Development Business Plan team for all your hard work. The Local Development Business Plan is a roadmap for paving the way for community benefits like clean energy, energy efficiency and other incentives that will create jobs, stimulate our local economy, reduce local pollution; thereby improving our health and safety in the East Bay. We support the comments by the East Bay Clean Power Alliance, including that the following be included and clarified within the final Local Development Business Plan document.

1. Acknowledgement of the values, priorities, and advocacy of the East Bay community as a driving force behind EBCE and the LDBP.

2. Highlight important strategies for addressing community needs.
   a. Community benefit adders
   b. Partnerships with community
   c. Protecting most vulnerable customers and achieving equity

3. Specifying the LDBP performance metrics
   a. metrics specified for assessing increased equity and social justice,
   b. local hires on projects in EBCE territory,
   c. projects installed in disadvantaged communities as defined by CalEnviroScreen,
   d. asset ownership by low-income customers,
   e. percentage hires by EBCE from communities of color,
   f. progressive electricity rate structures
g. The reporting of job creation needs to be clearer
   i. New, permanent jobs, or average number of new jobs in existence per year
   ii. Use of a metric like job-years, clarify if it is average or cumulative over the period in question
   iii. A metric for labor:
       1. Project Labor Agreement (PLA)
       2. Community Workforce Agreement (CWA)
       3. Family sustaining wage pay
       4. An implementation plan of the LDBP

Our coalition has hundreds of members in Alameda County and we work to combat climate change—and a truly local and sustainable community choice energy program is a major part of working towards a more just and safe climate. We urge you to carefully integrate the comments presented by the East Bay Clean Power Alliance.

Thank you,

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