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From: Michael Harrison <harrisonlaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 6:15 PM
To: Alicia Weintraub; David J. Shapiro; James Bozajian - External; Mary Sue Maurer - External; Peter Kraut
Cc: Maricela Hernandez
Subject: Item 7 on the Council Agenda for 1/27/21

Good evening Councilmembers,

Hope you and your families are all doing well.

I'm not able to appear at the January 27 Council meeting because I'm scheduled to be vaccinated, but I did want to share my experience with the Clean Power Alliance Green Power (100% renewable).

As soon as Calabasas entered the Clean Power Alliance, I went online and changed my participation to 100% renewable energy. It took about 2 minutes to make the change.

So if the default rate were higher than it is now, I just wanted to let you know it couldn't be easier to change the rate, either online or by telephone.

In addition, I really haven't noticed any increase in my electrical bills, although I try to be as efficient as possible. If the bills did increase, it wasn't noticeable at all.

I'm in favor of changing the default rate to 100% renewable Green Power. If so many other cities can do it, so can we.

Thanks for raising this issue.

Kind regards,

Michael

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Maricela Hernandez

From: Jody Thomas <jodyhthomas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 9:23 PM
To: Maricela Hernandez
Cc: James Bozajian - External; Mary Sue Maurer - External; Peter Kraut; David Shapiro; Alicia Weintraub
Subject: Agenda item #7 - SUPPORT increasing the CPA default tier to 100%

Dear Mayor Bozajian and Council members,

As President of the Old Topanga Homeowners, I urge your strong support of item #7, raising the city's Clean Power Alliance default tier from 36% to 100%.

It is imperative that Calabasas continue to carry the torch for a cleaner future for the residents of our City. Much like the Smoking Ban, the plastic bag ban and other forward-thinking ordinances, elevating the Clean Power tier is an important element to continuing the legacy of Calabasas.

While climate change is a global issue, we must all do our part to protect the planet. Please assure that Calabasas remains in the forefront of this movement and choose to increase our Clean Power tier to 100% Clean Energy!

Let's join our other planet-conscious neighbors like Malibu, Agoura Hills, Santa Monica and Thousand Oaks in assuring our residents and our children and grandchildren can experience a Calabasas with lower carbon emissions and safer, cleaner future!

Respectfully,

Jody Thomas

President, Old Topanga Homeowners

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Maricela Hernandez

From: Gina Bryant <ginatbryant@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:17 PM
To: Maricela Hernandez
Subject: Clean Energy!

Dear Calabasas City Council members,

I wholeheartedly recommend a yes vote for a Calabasas with clean energy. As a science teacher for the Las Virgenes Unified School District and a citizen of Calabasas since 2001, nothing would make me prouder than to say that we in Calabasas understand the responsibility of moving our city forward and that we truly care about our future citizens who will thank our generation for its wisdom.

Yes to Clean Energy!

Gina Bryant

Maricela Hernandez

From: frances alet <fmalet@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 11:11 PM
To: Maricela Hernandez
Subject: Clean Power Alliance

Hi Mari -

I hope you've been well. Please forward the following comments to the Council for tonight's meeting (if you can. Apologies for the late email.)

Dear Mayor Bozajian and Council members:

I can't attend tonight's Council meeting, but I wanted to send in some brief comments.

I was happy to see that the Clean Power Alliance is on the agenda for 1/27/21. I've been thinking about this issue lately because I've been personally wanting to confirm that our household is signed up for 100% clean energy. I feel strongly that the City of Calabasas, through the Clean Power Alliance, should have a default of 100% clean power.

I think (hope) that everyone on the Council can agree that climate change is real and it's an existential crisis that we all need to address — immediately. As it has on other issues, the City of Calabasas can take a leading position on this important issue. I hope that you'll vote to provide 100% clean energy.

Best regards,
Frances Alet
Calabasas

Maricela Hernandez

From: Monica Benson <monica@bokmusic.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 6:47 AM
To: Maricela Hernandez
Subject: Clean Power Alliance

We have read the support letter and would like to voice our support.

Thanks!



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Maricela Hernandez

From: Laurel Ford <laurelford7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:37 AM
To: Maricela Hernandez
Subject: Clean Energy

Dear Calabasas City Council,

I support providing Clean Energy to all homes and businesses in Calabasas through the Clean Power Alliance. I hope you will agree with the Sierra Club recommendation that this is best for our community and best for our world.

Thank you,
Laurel Ford

Maricela Hernandez

From: Julie Elginer <jaelginer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:47 AM
To: James Bozajian - External; Mary Sue Maurer - External; Alicia Weintraub; David Shapiro; Peter Kraut
Cc: david@cohans.com; Maricela Hernandez; Alex Farassati
Subject: Item #7 - Clean Power Alliance default power rate - Support for 100%

Dear Mayor Bozajian, Mayor Pro Tem Maurer and Councilmembers Weintraub, Shapiro and Kraut,

Thank you for your leadership at such a difficult time in our history. The twin health crisis and financial crisis caused by COVID-19 could not make for a more challenging time to lead our city. As two longtime residents committed to civic engagement, we see this time as one of opportunity. As President Biden's focus has already shown in a very short timeframe, one way out of the COVID crisis is through aggressive action on climate change. The way back to a healthy economy and putting people to work is by taking the action on clean energy and infrastructure that we need to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions in time to keep the planet habitable.

We write in partnership as two former members of the Calabasas Environmental Commission (EC) in strong support of moving the city's default power rate to 100%.

After years of serving on the EC together, we were proud when Calabasas became the very first city to join the Clean Power Alliance and blazed the trail for the other cities around the region to follow. Now we have sadly fallen behind our neighbors. Malibu voted last year to move to 100% renewable energy and Agoura Hills did so last month in the midst of myriad crises. Both cities are also working on climate action plans as a way to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and to thereby help prevent making climate conditions worse and reduce the threat of another Woolsey Fire. On Monday, Mayor Garcetti introduced the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office a new endeavor dedicated entirely to this issue, a clear commitment amidst competing challenges.

You are hearing this item at a time when many people are struggling both with their health and financially due to the COVID-19 crisis. It is politically difficult to ever hear an item proposing to raise power rates, much less now. We applaud your leadership in bringing this forward. We would consider a reframing of the cost issue: to get the same amount of greenhouse gas reduction benefit, the City would have to spend millions of dollars and years of planning to, for instance, build out protected bike paths and get people to use them. In essence, this is an investment. This one vote can immediately reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions and bring us in ahead of the state's goals, the Paris Accord goals, and put Calabasas back in an influential leadership position where we belong.

We have both written letters of support as the City secured external grants for our creek cleanup and restoration efforts. At your direction, we spent hours evaluating the effects of anticoagulant rodenticides, conducting a community assessment of our electric vehicle charging stations and redesigning the City's Arbor Day events to be more inclusive and impactful throughout Calabasas. This one vote on the Clean Power Alliance has the ability to leave a lasting impact more so than any of these events combined, one our future residents will look back on fondly.

Like we have learned from the COVID crisis, the longer we wait to act, the worse things can get. It is important to act today so that Calabasas becomes nearly greenhouse gas emissions free by October 2021. Waiting any longer will put it off another two years from now and the opportunity to remove those emissions from the atmosphere in advance will be lost.

We remain committed to serving as environmental stewards and strong supporters of our City. Join us in supporting the Clean Power Alliance and vote YES to become a 100% renewable energy city with your vote.

With tremendous respect and appreciation,

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Tuesday, January 26, 2021

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Maurer and Council Members
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**Re: Item 7 – Discussion and direction to staff regarding the Default
Rate Energy change 2021 – Clean Power Alliance (CPA)**

Dear Mayor James R. Bozajian, Mayor Pro Tem Mary Sue Maurer and
Councilmembers Peter Kraut, David J. Shapiro, and Alicia Weintraub:

The Sierra Club writes in strong support for Item 7, which would increase the
default for residential and commercial power accounts to 100% renewable
energy.

As the staff report succinctly describes, “cities are on the front lines when it
comes to climate change. Cities are also leading the world in reducing carbon
emissions through aggressive policies and adoption of clean technologies”.
Increasing its default renewable energy rate to 100% is one of the most impactful
steps the City of Calabasas can take to reduce its carbon footprint at a time when
California is experiencing unprecedented climate impacts, including sea level
rise, fires, and drought. Urgent action is needed now more than ever to reduce
greenhouse gas emissions and create increased demand for renewable energy as
being part of the largest Community Choice agency in the state.

One of the impacts of climate change is an increase risk and extent of wildfires.
On November 11, 2018, the Woolsey Fire forced City Manager Gary Lysik
placed the entire City of Calabasas to be placed under mandatory evacuation
orders. The Woolsey Fire eventually burned almost 100,000 acres, destroyed
1,643 structures, killed three people, and prompted the evacuation of 295,000
people. According to Gary Lysik’s November 28, 2018 report to the Calabasas
City Council, the damage costs of the Woolsey Fire in Calabasas alone were over
\$12 million. Increasing the default renewable energy rate to 100% is a small
price to pay compared to impacts of climate change.

California’s 2020 wildfire season was the worst in recorded history, involving
4% of California land and more than 30 fatalities, according to the California
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.ⁱ We can expect more of this, more
extreme weather events, droughts and fires due to an unnaturally rapid rate of
global warming. The United Nations IPCC has released a shocking report that
says we need to transition off of fossil fuels as soon as possible or face a global
and catastrophic climate crisis by 2040.ⁱⁱ

At a time when the world needs leadership, you are in a unique position to send a message of hope and commitment by setting a **100% renewable energy default** for Calabasas. This is what the majority of your constituents want. The Public Policy Institute of California recently surveyed Californians and reported, “Majorities support action on climate change **even if it brings increased costs.**”ⁱⁱⁱ

People are willing to pay more to avert a climate crisis. The good news is that in this case those costs are minimal, just 8-11% for the 100% rate tier. This is an increase of only \$8 - \$11 for a residential customer with an average \$100 monthly bill. You can take the step of setting a 100% tier default **without foisting higher costs on anyone who doesn't want that tier or can't afford it.** Everyone will be offered multiple opportunities to choose a 50% or 36% renewable energy plan at the outset and can opt down any time. You have time to do extensive education about this option to make sure everyone is informed as any change in the CPA default energy tier change is October 2021, nearly a year away.

What's more, for those communities with a 100% default, CARE and other low-income customers will have the plan benefit at no additional cost. Clean Power Alliance created a \$1 million COVID-19 Relief Program that provides bill credits to help impacted customers manage their electricity payments. From a social and environmental justice perspective, this is ideal. The most financially vulnerable customers will be protected but still enjoy the benefits of using clean, renewable energy. And those communities most afflicted by pollution associated with fossil fuel power production will breathe easier because of the choice you made to direct more investment in renewable energy instead. It will also be a driver of jobs. Renewable energy is creating jobs 12 times faster than the rest of the economy^{iv} and employs more people in the U.S. than fossil fuels.^v

A 100% default would be good for Calabasas' image as a great place to live, work, and visit. It would inspire other cities and counties. Almost 200 cities across the country have joined Sierra Club's "Ready for 100" campaign by committing to 100% renewable energy. Within the Clean Power Alliance, to date Ventura County and the cities of Agoura Hills, Culver City, Malibu, Manhattan Beach, Ojai, Oxnard, Piedmont, Portola Valley, Rolling Hills Estates, Santa Monica, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Thousand Oaks, Ventura, and West Hollywood have all decided to go with 100% renewable energy defaults.

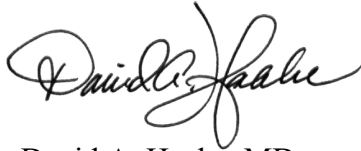
California currently targets 100% clean energy by 2045. The 100% default gives us an opportunity to achieve that goal 25 years ahead of schedule. Simply by setting the default at 100%, our communities will be powered by close to 100% renewable, a huge improvement from the roughly 33% renewable mix that is standard today.

As Debra Roberts, Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group II says about their report that was written and edited by 91 scientists from 40 countries who analyzed more than 6,000 scientific studies, “The decisions we make today are critical in ensuring a safe and sustainable world for everyone, both now and in the future.” This report gives policymakers and practitioners the information they need to

make decisions that tackle climate change while considering local context and people's needs.

The next few years are probably the most important in our history.” We urge you to act on behalf of City of Calabasas, to consider the local context, the decision you are empowered to make, and choose to be on the right side of history with a 100% renewable energy default.

With best regards,



David A. Haake, MD
Chair, Clean Break Team, Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club
Chair, Clean Power Alliance Community Advisory Committee

ⁱ CalFire website (<https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2020/>)

ⁱⁱ “Global Warming of 1.5 °C,” Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, October 2018 (<http://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/>)

ⁱⁱⁱ Californians’ Views on Climate Change, Public Policy Institute of California, September 2018 (<http://www.ppic.org/publication/californians-views-on-climate-change/>)

^{iv} “Renewable Energy Is Creating Jobs 12 Times Faster Than the Rest of the Economy,” Fortune, 2017 (<http://fortune.com/2017/01/27/solar-wind-renewable-jobs/>)

^v “U.S. Clean Energy Jobs Surpass Fossil Fuel Employment,” NRDC summary of a Department of Energy Report, February 2017 (<https://www.nrdc.org/experts/lara-ettenson/us-clean-energy-jobs-surpass-fossil-fuel-employment>)

Maricela Hernandez

From: Bruce Henkin <cynthiahollos12@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 3:05 PM
To: Maricela Hernandez
Subject: Clean energy

This is to let you know that although I am unable to attend the zoom meeting Jan 27, I am in favor of the clean energy initiative for Calabasas.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Hollos Henkin
Calabasas resident

Maricela Hernandez

From: Karon Nott Skidmore <skidmore.karon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:05 PM
To: Maricela Hernandez
Cc: Mary Sue Maurer - External; James Bozajian - External
Subject: Item 7: Clean Power Alliance - Calabasas City Council meeting January 27

Maricela Hernandez: Please forward to all councilmembers, thank you.

Dear Mayor James Bozajian, Mayor Pro Tem Mary Sue Maurer, and Council Members Peter Kraut, David Shapiro, and Alicia Weintraub,

As a resident of Calabasas over 25 years, I write in strong support for Item 7, which would default residential and commercial power accounts in Calabasas to 100% renewable energy. I urge you to vote in favor of providing 100% clean energy to all homes and businesses in Calabasas through the Clean Power Alliance.

Let's do the right thing for our planet and our future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karon Skidmore

Maricela Hernandez

From: Ian Mercer <mercerib@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:17 PM
To: James Bozajian - External; Mary Sue Maurer - External; Peter Kraut; David Shapiro; Alicia Weintraub; Maricela Hernandez
Cc: Errina Mercer
Subject: Calabasas Residents for Clean Power Alliance

As a Calabasas resident of the last 9 years, and a home-owner within the city, I'm writing to you in support of the Clean Power Alliance, advocating for the switch to 100% renewable energy. As a family of six, with four children of various ages, I cannot stress enough the need to support environmental action to our fullest ability.

I am aware of the likely increase in charges to my household utility bills, and embrace the increase enthusiastically if it contributes to reducing the environmental impact of the City of Calabasas. Indeed, I support many such actions and believe that Calabasas should be a thought leader in environmentally friendly, sustainable, and ecologically sophisticated approaches.

I am completely available for further consultation and personal representation of my views. If you wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to let me know.

I would very much appreciate an official response on my correspondence, and on record recognition of my position.

Best Regards,

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Maricela Hernandez

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Subject: Clean Energy

My Husband and I who have been long time residents of Calabasas support this clean energy alliance and believe Calabasas has always been in the forefront of fighting to make our planet a better place. We support this initiative.

Regards,
Lisa Howard