

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 316829

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 18 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA SENATE BILLS 905, 1098, 943, 1138, 1359, AND 913 AND ASSEMBLY BILLS 2463, 1761, 2516, AND 2493 RELATING TO UTILITY AFFORDABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE 2025-2026 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION.

RECITALS

The Council of the City of San Diego (Council) adopts this Resolution based on the following:

A. Rising utility rates in California continue to increase the cost of living for millions of residents. Between 2020 and 2025, residential rates for the three largest investor-owned utilities increased at a rapid pace, far exceeding inflation. Pacific Gas and Electric Company rates increased by an average of 13.3% annually, Southern California Edison by 12.3%, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) by 9.1%. In December 2024, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) authorized an additional 18% revenue requirement increase for SDG&E. San Diego County currently maintains the highest electricity rates in the nation, with costs reaching \$0.45/kWh, approximately 2.5 times above the national average, and an average monthly residential bill of \$313. According to 2024 and 2025 CPUC reports, SDG&E maintains the highest electricity rates in the state, and utility debt in the region has increased by over \$200 million since 2021, with nearly 30% of customers now qualifying for bill assistance programs.

B. The following proposed legislation, currently pending in the 2025-2026 California Legislature Regular Session in both the Senate and Assembly (collectively, Utility Affordability and Accountability Legislative Package), aim to lower utility costs and hold investor-owned utility companies accountable:

1. Senate Bill 905, as amended June 1, 2026, seeks to reduce utility profits on wildfire investments, expand options for low-cost public financing of capital projects, tie executive pay to reducing rate increases, and improve grid capacity.

2. Senate Bill 1098, as amended March 24, 2026, limits the use of balancing and memorandum accounts to bring more spending decisions into General Rate Cases, reducing unlimited corporate overspending.

3. Senate Bill 943, as amended March 23, 2026, directs the CPUC to develop a more equitable methodology for calculating high-voltage transmission charges and authorizes rate adjustments for industrial customers who switch to clean electricity.

4. Senate Bill 1138, as amended April 9, 2026, gives load-serving entities flexibility to meet up to 25% of resource adequacy obligations through short-term transactions, reducing unnecessary procurement costs passed to ratepayers.

5. Senate Bill 1359, as amended May 14, 2026, directs the CPUC to rigorously review gas infrastructure investments over \$10,000,000 to ensure non-gas pipeline alternatives are prioritized, and forces developers instead of ratepayers to pay all upfront costs for new natural gas line extensions starting in 2030.

6. Senate Bill 913, as amended May 14, 2026, proposes several policy changes to authorize and expand the use of aggregated distributed energy resources to satisfy resource adequacy requirements.

7. Assembly Bill 2463, as amended April 13, 2026, requires the CPUC to conduct a comprehensive, systemwide review of methodologies used to determine the cost of capital and authorized return on equity for electrical and gas corporations to bring greater consistency and ratepayer protection.

8. Assembly Bill 1761, as amended March 19, 2026, requires the CPUC and investor-owned utilities to publicly disclose all data and methodologies used to calculate the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment to identify billing errors.

9. Assembly Bill 2516, as amended April 13, 2026, establishes the California Grid Manufacturing Initiative to aggregate demand, coordinate procurement of critical grid components, and incentivize in-state manufacturing.

10. Assembly Bill 2493, as amended April 13, 2026, helps prevent utility overspending by increasing independent oversight of transmission projects and enabling lower-cost alternatives instead of expensive infrastructure build outs.

C. Collectively, passage of the Utility Affordability and Accountability Legislative Package will help lower costs, ensure fair electricity pricing, and advance equitable and affordable energy for residents across the state.

D. The City of San Diego's (City) support for the Utility Affordability and Accountability Legislative Package is consistent with previous actions by the Council to ensure accountability by investor-owned utilities and reduce rates for San Diegans. For example, in November 2023, the Council adopted San Diego Resolution R-315214 (Nov. 14, 2023) calling on the CPUC to implement improvements to oversight of gas and electric rates.

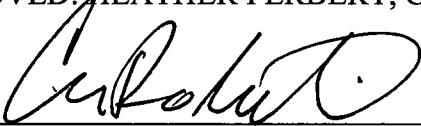
E. The Office of the City Attorney prepared this Resolution based on the information provided by City staff, including information provided by affected third parties and verified by City staff, with the understanding that this information is complete and accurate.

ACTION ITEMS

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of San Diego:

1. The Council declares its full support for the Utility Affordability and Accountability Legislative Package, as referenced in Recital B.
2. The Council requests the City’s Government Affairs Department staff transmit this Resolution to the City’s state lobbyists and other appropriate individuals to ensure this Resolution is received by state representatives and made part of the official record of support for the Utility Affordability and Accountability Legislative Package, as referenced in Recital B.

APPROVED: HEATHER FERBERT, City Attorney

By 
 Alma Robbins
 Deputy City Attorney

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 April 23, 2026
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I certify that the Council of the City of San Diego adopted this Resolution at a meeting held on
JUN 16 2026.

DIANA J.S. FUENTES
 City Clerk

By 
 Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6/18/26
 (date)


 TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
 (date)

 TODD GLORIA, Mayor

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Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on _____, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry L. Foster III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage **JUN 1 8 2026** .

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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DIANA J.S. FUENTES
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By *Wbz* , Deputy

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