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Honorable City Council and Mayor Kevin Faulconer
City of San Diego c/o: Ms. Elizabeth Maland, San Diego City Clerk
202 C Street, Second Floor
San Diego, California 92101

RE: Submission of Ballot Proposals for the November 8, 2016 Ballot - Public Benefit Utility Advancing Renewables

Dear Honorable Council and Mayor,

The **California Local Energy - Advancing Renewables, Inc.**, through its, below, designated representatives, submits a ballot proposal for the November 8, 2016 ballot. The proposal, in summary, establishes a municipal policy and initiative to fully implement public utility systems for the public benefit.

Our proposal is: The City shall establish a public utility that provides for alternative renewable energy, to insure attainment of the City's plan for one hundred percent (100%) clean energy by the year 2035 and open access to communications within the World Wide Web internet. Such public utility shall procure and manage city utility demands; develop City renewable energy systems and resources; and the conversion of City facilities and lands to sustainable energy production. The Council, Mayor, and its officers shall take all reasonable and necessary actions to promote a public benefit utility through legislation, including but not limited to, changes to ordinances, the municipal code, permitting and franchising processes, and related so as to promote and extend a public benefit utility for the use of the City and its inhabitants and others, within the extent of the municipal jurisdiction, City government shall hereafter be focused on the provision of utilities for the public benefit rather than the receipt of franchise fees or benefits to any private corporation or its shareholders.

The San Diego City Charter currently provides that "... may own and operate public utility systems, including the joint or sole operation and ownership of utilities for the purchase, development, and supply of water and electrical power for the use of the City and its inhabitants and others; and generally shall have all municipal powers, functions, rights, privileges and immunities of every name and nature whatsoever now or hereafter authorized to be granted to municipal corporations by the Constitution and laws of the State of California." [ARTICLE I CORPORATE POWERS Section 1: Incorporation and Corporate Powers]. Further, the City Charter provides that public services are required: "It shall be the obligation and responsibility of The City of San Diego to provide public works services, water services, building inspection services, public health services, park and recreation services, library services, and such other services and programs as may be desired, under such terms and conditions as may be authorized by the Council by ordinance." [ARTICLE V, EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE, Section 26.1].

The City Council has recently adopted a specific, measurable and enforceable Climate Action Plan. The Climate Action Plan will require changes to the way the City does business, issues permits, and franchises utilities. The City has begun conversion of public buildings and facilities to sustainable and renewable sources. This ballot proposal extends these initiatives to include its inhabitants and others. Past citizen's ballot initiatives have amended the Charter to include a "Prohibition on Construction, Operation or Maintenance of Facilities Related to Offshore Drilling" [ARTICLE I CORPORATE POWERS, Section 2.1]. Our ballot proposal directs the Mayor and Council to take affirmative actions to implement public benefit utility(s) for advancing sustainable renewable energy and open access communications through the internet, within the City's municipal jurisdiction.

We request the opportunity to be noticed and heard concerning this ballot proposal. Thank you for providing the public with this opportunity to participate in formation of its government, we will accept those reasonable and necessary technical amendments, recommended by the committee and Council.

Respectfully,
California Local Energy - Advancing Renewables, Inc.
John Stump, Chair 

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