



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

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Approved

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**SUBJECT: CITY INITIATIVES ROADMAP - CLEAN ENERGY RESILIENCE:  
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION UPDATES AND  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACCELERATION PARTNERSHIP**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Accept the recommendations from the staff memorandum with the following addition:
  - a. Ensure that BlocPower works in collaboration with local IBEW and electrical contractors to develop the workforce that will be required to implement the City of San Jose's electrification plan.

## **BACKGROUND**

While working towards our electrification goals, it is essential that the City utilize our own local workforce to move these projects forward. The current direction for the Master Agreement assigns BlocPower LLC with the responsibility for workforce development, however San Jose is already home to robust and highly regarded workforce development programs for electrical workers through the efforts of the local chapter of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) 332. Therefore, IBEW should be engaged in the process to bring more skilled and diverse individuals into the San Jose electrification workforce. In addition, electrical contractors will start to train apprentices in anticipation of the increased demand.

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