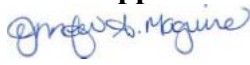


CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Department(s): Community Energy	CEQA Not a Project, File No. PP17-004, Government Funding Mechanism or Fiscal Activity with no commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.	Coordination: CAO, CMO – Budget Office	Dept. Approval: /s/ Lori Mitchell
Council District(s): Citywide			CMO Approval:  4/16/2020

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CHOICE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of the Community Energy Department to continue the City’s annual membership with the California Community Choice Association (“CalCCA”) for fiscal year 2019-2020 at a cost of \$500,000.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

California Community Choice Association, also referred to as “CalCCA” represents the interests of California’s community choice electricity providers in legislature and with relevant regulatory agencies. This includes: the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); California Energy Commission; and California Air Resources Board. Community choice programs are administered by local governments with a mission to provide competitive alternatives to investor-owned utility sources. CalCCA’s voting members are the operating community choice programs in California.

In December 2017, the City Manager appointed Lori Mitchell to the CalCCA Board of Directors to represent San José Clean Energy, the community choice energy program operated by the Community Energy Department. The Community Energy Department has continually maintained its membership with CalCCA since that time.

On June 13, 2019, the CalCCA Board unanimously approved updated fiscal year 2019-2020 dues methodology allowing operational membership dues to be combined in one single sum. Previously, dues were split into two separate categories: 1) supporting operations and 2) regulatory matters. Based on the new methodology, CalCCA’s annual membership will not exceed \$500,000 for 2019-2020.

In July 2019, the Community Energy Department received confirmation regarding an updated methodology for calculating 2019-2020 CalCCA membership dues. While the Department has always recognized the value and benefit of our ongoing membership in CalCCA, SJCE did not seek immediate Council approval to renew the Cal CCA membership for 2019-2020 as department staff were fully engaged in exploring energy resiliency strategies and supporting San Jose Clean Energy customers during the multiple Public Safety Power Shutoffs initiated by PG&E that impacted the entire region as well as other high priority operational needs as SJCE started its first year of full operations.

SJCE recommends continued membership to continue the support of legislation and regulatory policies, which protect and foster CCAs in California, including San José Clean Energy.

Climate Smart San José: The recommended actions support Climate Smart San José (action 1.1 Transition to a Renewable Energy Future) and the Envision San José 2040 General Plan (Goal MS-2 and Appendix 8: GHG Reduction Strategy).

Commission Recommendation/Input: There is no commission recommendation or input associated with this action.

COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:
The 2019-2020 membership cost is \$500,000. Funding will come from the Community Energy Department's Non-Personal/Equipment appropriation (0782) in the San José Clean Energy Fund (501).
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