## **Green Party of Alameda County**



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Subject: East Bay Community Energy-Local Development Business Plan

East Bay Community Energy % LDBP Comments 1111 Broadway, 3rd Floor Oakland, CA 94607

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Dear East Bay Community Energy,

The Green Party of Alameda County has for over 10 years supported the creation of Commuity Energy authorities. Now that Alameda County has formed its own energy authority, we want to express our appreciation of the East Bay Community Energy board, community advisory committee, staff and the Local Development Business Plan team for all your hard work.

The Local Development Business Plan is a roadmap for paving the way for community benefits like clean energy, energy efficiency and other incentives that will create jobs, stimulate our local economy, reduce local pollution; thereby improving our health and safety in the East Bay. As members of the East Bay Clean Power Alliance, we support the comments by the Alliance and also demand the following be included and clarified within the final Local Development Business Plan document.

- 1. Acknowledgement of the values, priorities, and advocacy of the East Bay community as a driving force behind EBCE and the LDBP.
- 2. Highlight important strategies for addressing community needs.
  - a. Community benefit adders
  - b. Partnerships with community
  - c. Protecting most vulnerable customers and achieving equity
- 3. Specifying the LDBP performance metrics
  - a. metrics specified for assessing increased equity and social justice,
  - b. local hires on projects in EBCE territory,
  - c. projects installed in disadvantaged communities as defined by CalEnviroScreen,
  - d. asset ownership by low-income customers,
  - e. percentage hires by EBCE from communities of color,
  - f. progressive electricity rate structures
  - g. The reporting of job creation needs to be clearer
    - New, permanent jobs, or average number of new jobs in existence per year

- ii. Use of a metric like job-years, clarify if it is average or cumulative over the period in question
- iii. A metric for labor:
  - 1. Project Labor Agreement (PLA)
  - 2. Community Workforce Agreement (CWA)
  - 3. Family sustaining wage pay

## 4. An implementation plan of the LDBP

Our organization has over 5,500 members and several elected officials in Alameda County. We work politically for economic and social justice as well as toward environmental sustainability.

Best regards,

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Robert Marsh

Treasurer, Green Party of Alameda County, on behalf of its elected County Council members