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Subject East Bay Community Energy-Local Development Business Plan

East Bay Community Energy
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Dear East Bay Community Energy,

I appreciate 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 should provide 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. I support the comments by the East Bay Clean Power 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
 - g.i. New, permanent jobs, or average number of new jobs in existence per year
 - g.ii. Use of a metric like job-years, clarify if it is average or cumulative over the period in question

g.iii. A metric for labor:

- g.iii.1. Project Labor Agreement (PLA)
- g.iii.2. Community Workforce Agreement (CWA)
- g.iii.3. Family sustaining wage pay

4. An implementation plan of the LDBP

5. Greater emphasis on key community colleges (e.g. Laney College) in Alameda County as clean energy educational/training providers

- a. The current LDBP does mention community colleges as a “push” workforce component, but puts far more emphasis on apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship programs. While the role of such programs is duly recognized, community colleges are essential players in workforce development. As an example, Laney has offered a number of green building and clean energy classes and programs for many years. Moreover, it is the only Bay area community college offering a two-year degree in Building Automation, a vital discipline within the growing industry of smart building technology.
- b. Alameda County can demonstrate its commitment to local WF development by sending facilities and operations staff to community colleges for continuing education and upskilling.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Chang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Larry" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Chang".

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