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Subject: East Bay Community Energy-Local Development Business Plan

East Bay Community Energy  
% LDBP Comments  
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Dear East Bay Community Energy,

We 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 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. We 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
    - i. 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:



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

#### **4. An implementation plan of the LDBP**

Planting Justice is made up of over 30 staff who work to cultivate food sovereignty in Alameda County (with half of our staff formerly experiencing incarceration in CA). We have built over 400 gardens at homes, schools, transitional centers, prison/jail/juvenile facilities, places of worship, and with other community-based organizations, over 2,000 people who donate to our organization on a monthly basis, and tens of thousands of people who we reach each year through our grassroots organizing efforts and at our 5-acre farm and 2-acre nursery site. The mission of Planting Justice is to empower people impacted by mass incarceration and other social inequalities with the skills and resources to cultivate food sovereignty, economic justice, and community healing, which is very much in line with the dedicated work of East Bay Community Energy.

Thank you,  
Haleh Zandi  
Co-Founder and Director of the Education program  
Planting Justice