

## **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS PH-2**

**COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY AGREEMENT AND FIRST READING OF AN  
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF A COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

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**From:** Margo Finlayson <margo.ipc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 1:53 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** ATTN Public Comment re: Public Hearing Item 2: CCE

Dear Mayor Foley and Council,

Please vote YES on Approving the JPA agreement, Authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to sign the agreement, Approving the First Reading of the Ordinance, and Appointing a Board Director.

The Community Choice Energy JPA will be an important step, increasing local revenues and bringing more clean energy to Orange County. CCE also has the potential to bring local jobs, energy savings, and access to clean renewable energy and equity for low-income families and small businesses.

Thank you for being leaders for clean energy and sustainability in Orange County.

Sincerely,

Margo Allen Finlayson, MBA  
Co-Chair, The Climate Reality Project: OC Chapter  
[margo.ipc@gmail.com](mailto:margo.ipc@gmail.com)

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**From:** Linda K <lkteamtalk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 1:02 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** ATTN Public Comment re: Public Hearing Item 2: CCE  
**Attachments:** CCA Financial Benefits\_ Updated-10-2020.pdf; EcoNowCommunityChoiceLetter.pdf; Support Letter - Costa Mesa Oct 14, 2020 signed (1).pdf; OCUUC CCE Letter of Support.pdf

Here are some of the business letters of support that I also was sent copies of. I know there are more.

Linda

Linda Kraemer, M.S.  
Costa Mesa  
Chapter Co-Chair  
The Climate Reality Project: Orange County, CA Chapter  
[www.climaterealityoc.com](http://www.climaterealityoc.com)  
Citizen's Climate Lobby - [www.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org)  
OC Clean Power - [www.occleanpower.org](http://www.occleanpower.org)  
[LKTeamTalk@gmail.com](mailto:LKTeamTalk@gmail.com)

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS COMMUNITY CHOICE BENEFITS

### Community Choice Aggregator JPA/Cities Reach High Credit Ratings even during Covid!

Central Coast Community Energy (3CE): Oct 16, 2020: S & P's 'A' Rating. Launched 2018

Marin Clean Energy (MCE), May 2018, August 2020, Fitch BBB+ rating. Up from BBB in 2019.

Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE), July 15, 2020

Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE), May 2019, Peninsula - awarded Fitch BBB+ 2020. Launched 2016  
Cities - San Francisco and San Jose have ratings of AAA and Aa1 respectively.

Utility Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) has a bond rating is below investment grade.

### More Information:

#### Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE):

Moody's Investor Service on July 15 assigned a first time Baa2 issuer rating to **Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE)**, a California community choice aggregator.

Based on SVCE's

- Financial strength over the long term
- The agency's economic stability.

"Additional value consideration was given to SVCE's ability to maintain rate competitiveness relative to PG&E since 2017 by offering rate discounts between 1-6% to PG&E's rates, while growing its cash position to \$120 million".

More on Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE):

<https://cal-cca.org/silicon-valley-clean-energy-receives-moodys-investment-grade-credit-rating/>

<https://www.svcleanenergy.org/>

#### Peninsula Clean Energy (June 2020):

**A 5% savings on electricity on their baseline 50% clean energy rate, and for the average customer it is roughly \$2.00 more per month to select 100% clean energy. That ends up to be a cumulative savings for customers of approximately \$18 million per year.**

Large businesses, including Facebook and Visa, get 100% clean energy as a result.

#### Other Financial Highlights (PCE):

- They expect a **\$186 million dollar net position** at the end of the year, even with the impact of Covid19.

- **200 days of operating cash on hand.**

- **\$7 - \$11 million returned** for community energy programs (re: 6/15/20 CCA webinar, CRPOC).

<https://www.publicpower.org/periodical/article/moodys-assigns-investment-grade-credit-rating-cca>

<https://www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/>

#### Marin County Credit Rating:

<https://www.publicpower.org/periodical/article/marin-clean-energy-earns-new-higher-investment-grade-credit-rating-fitch-ratings>

<https://www.mccleanenergy.org/>

<https://cal-cca.org/marin-clean-energy-earns-new-higher-investment-grade-credit-rating-from-fitch-ratings/>

**Other important information to share regarding CCA benefits/financials:**

**SCE Solar Rate Increase: Avg. 14.4% increase for residential customers for 2021-2024.**

<https://www.solarmaxtech.com/blog/p.200224000/southern-california-edison-sce-plans-144-rate-increase-in-2021/>

**CCA increases opportunities for New Business in Cleantech:**

Cleantech Companies Ride the Sustainable Investing Wave in LA

By [James Cutchin](#)

Monday, July 20, 2020

<https://labusinessjournal.com/news/2020/jul/20/cleantech-companies-sustainable-investing-la/>

“Local government policies and incentives, however, would likely be key in determining where cleantech hubs eventually develop alongside the new investment, according to Hiatt.”

**Climate Action Campaign summary of Irvine MRW 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Study- Financial Benefits:**

See this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBsZbK6azlM&feature=youtu.be>

.5 – 2% Lower Electricity Rates (Even with Covid)

1.9 – 7.7M in City-Wide Cost Savings

\$8M - \$16 M Annual Revenue

\$10M Annual Economic Output

85 New Jobs

Contact: [Jose@climateactioncampaign.org](mailto:Jose@climateactioncampaign.org)

**CHOICE & COST SAVINGS:** Irvine families want and deserve a choice of energy providers. An Irvine CCE creates competition in the energy marketplace that encourages greater innovation and improved pricing. All CCEs provide a rate savings compared to SCE current rates. The Validation study solidifies that Irvine’s rate savings will range between 0.5-2%. Older CCE programs, such as Marin Clean Energy, now vastly outpace the rates offered by their incumbent utility. Rate savings expected to increase starting 2026-2030 as SCE contracts expire, greater load departure, and changes in wholesale power costs.

**Comparison of CCA/SCE rates, links to MRW study, Irvine report:**

OPINION: IRVINE SEEKS PARTNER CITIES AS IT TAKES ANOTHER STEP TOWARD COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY, (written by Ayn Craciun, OC Clean Power, July 21, 2020).

<https://irvinewatchdog.org/2020/07/21/opinion-irvine-seeks-partner-cities-as-it-takes-another-step-toward-community-choice-energy/?fbclid=IwAR2AKrznn496oDDgzvNGGAQwTN3LenNKEimcNGAYFq4hD-gTUglc-aHbql8>,

**Southern California Energy (SCE):** #1 purpose is to deliver profits to its shareholders

Dividend Growth 15 consecutive years (CAGR) 7.75%

<https://www.facebook.com/occleanpower/posts/2696536260594408>

Update: 10/2020 – LK - [climaterealityoc.com](http://climaterealityoc.com)



**eco**now

2930 Bristol St  
Costa Mesa, California

10/12/2020

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**Dear Mayor Foley and Council,**

Eco Now is Orange County's first Zero Waste Shop and Refill Station offering consumers eco-friendly and sustainable home and lifestyle goods, as alternatives to toxic and harmful products, for the betterment to our community and Earth.

To that end, Eco Now Costa Mesa supports the City joining Irvine to become the first Community Choice Energy JPA in Orange County. From what we understand studying other counties and cities, Community Choice Energy fits in line with our sustainability goal to have a positive social impact wherever we are in the world, putting people first. We are particularly interested in the opportunity for a local community choice program to buy increasing amounts of clean power from local sources, supporting local jobs and local economic development.

Additionally, we are excited to hear how Community Choice Energy providers can design custom local programs to increase reliability and to help businesses decrease energy costs (such as demand charges). We believe Costa Mesa should join California's 175 towns, cities, and counties serving 10 million+ customers in the movement for clean energy, clean jobs, and local choice through Community Choice Energy.

Thank you for taking the lead to bring Community Choice Energy to our region.  
We at Eco Now believe together we can create a more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Thea Merritt  
Founder  
Eco Now



**COLLEGE HOSPITAL**  
**COSTA MESA**

October 14, 2020

RE: Support for Costa Mesa to join Orange County's first Community Choice Energy Joint Powers Agreement.

Dear Mayor Foley and Council,

Since 1987 College Hospital Costa Mesa has been a local provider dedicated to high quality medical, surgical and behavioral health services.

To that end, College Hospital Costa Mesa supports the City joining Irvine and other cities to become the first Community Choice Energy JPA in Orange County.

From what we understand studying other counties and cities, Community Choice Energy fits in line with our sustainability goal to have a positive social impact wherever we are in the world, putting people first.

Community Choice Energy aligns with College Hospital Costa Mesa's values: Integrity; Innovation; Compassion; Excellence; Commitment; and Collaboration.

We are particularly interested in the opportunity for a local community choice program to buy increasing amounts of clean power from local sources decreasing impacts of air pollution on our communities.

Additionally, we are excited to hear how Community Choice Energy providers can design custom local programs to increase reliability and to help businesses decrease energy costs (such as demand charges).

We believe Costa Mesa should join California's 175 towns, cities, and counties serving 10 million+ customers in the movement for clean energy, clean jobs, and local choice through Community Choice Energy.

Thank you for taking the lead to bring Community Choice Energy to our region.

We at College Hospital Costa Mesa believe together we can work together in an efficient manner to meet the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Taylor, JD, FACHE  
Chief Executive Officer  
College Hospital Costa Mesa



Seeking Truth  
Building Just Communities  
Caring for One Another

October 16, 2020

Dear Mayor Foley and Costa Mesa City Council Members,

Thank you for considering bringing Community Choice Energy (CCE) to Costa Mesa. We are writing today to encourage you to continue moving forward in implementing CCE and to be one of the groundbreaking cities to make it happen in Orange County.

From what we understand, Community Choice has multiple benefits for cities, including offering competitive electricity rates, choice in electricity provider, and money to increase electrical programs above current programs offered by current utilities. Since CCE's purchase more renewable energy, we can help participate in this key part of addressing the climate crisis as soon as possible.

Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church (OCUUC) has been located in Costa Mesa for 60 years. OCUUC for has been active in supporting environmental programs such as The Wild and Scenic Film Festival. Protecting the environment is reflected in our 7<sup>th</sup> core principle: "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part".

As a faith community, we believe supporting renewable energy initiatives ensures a clean and healthy environment for all.

Climate change will strike hardest against the very people we're told to care for and love, amplifying hunger and poverty, and increasing risks of resource scarcity that can exacerbate political instability, and even create or worsen refugee crises. Climate change will also worsen pollution, biodiversity loss, habitat fragmentation, and species extinction.

These facts demand urgent action. As a faith community, we believe supporting renewable energy initiatives ensures a clean and healthy environment for all.

We know based on Irvine's feasibility study, cities like Costa Mesa can have a huge impact on reducing carbon emissions. Irvine's study found that implementing CCE could reduce Irvine's carbon footprint by 360,000 metric tons per year. That's like taking 78,260 cars off the road annually - almost one for every household in Irvine. We are not aware of any other action the city could take to so drastically affect its carbon footprint.

Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church  
2845 Mesa Verde Drive East, Costa Mesa CA 92626 [www.ocuuc.org](http://www.ocuuc.org)

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We will continue to hope for your wisdom and for the rapid implementation of CCE and other programs that make fiscal sense and will prevent human suffering related to climate. Please let me know if I or our congregation can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra Quam". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Debra" and the last name "Quam" clearly distinguishable.

Debra Quam  
President, Board of Trustees, Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church  
President@ocuuc.org

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**From:** Linda K <lkteamtalk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:59 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** ATTN Public Comment re: Public Hearing Item 2: CCE

The only vote that matters for CCA is THIS YEAR. All of the environmental groups that support this measure didn't make the Dec. 31st deadline rule, but we know its importance.

I thank you all for being good people and working so so hard.

I wish there was more effort earlier on this Critical CCA.

I have reached out to this staff since February of 2018 (Raja), and January of 2019, (LoriAnn), Your Finance Manager about the Finance benefits in July, Your energy manager multiple times (with responses of Thank You and for the most part that she's waiting on staff or Council direction.).

I've reached out and met with all of the Council and Mayor except Sandra Genis, who I'd love to meet with. I've invited you to multiple presentations by other CCA's, (Peninsula Clean Energy, Clean Power Alliance, multiple sessions by Irvine Council Members Farrah Kahn, Mellissa Fox) or trainings by Sustain SoCal, and the Annual Membership Meeting of ALL the CCA's in Redondo Beach in June of 2019, which was an invitation to a free lunch for electeds, and NO STAFF and NO COUNCIL attended.

I'm wondering what it would take to see members of this staff or Council take initiative on the proven revenue builder, if all those invitations have been largely ignored.

I hope you will make the effort to meet with, reach out and negotiate with Irvine this year, so we have a CCA JPA large enough to benefit all cities and Orange County and not wait for them to reach out to you, which they have said is the biggest problem.

Please try to make it work this year.

Thank you!

Linda Kraemer, M.S.  
Costa Mesa  
Chapter Co-Chair  
OC Clean Power - [www.occleanpower.org](http://www.occleanpower.org)  
[LKTeamTalk@gmail.com](mailto:LKTeamTalk@gmail.com)

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**From:** Danett Abbott <danettabbott2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:47 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Please say YES to CCE!

Please vote YES for CCE tonight!

**Danett M. Abbott-Wicker**  
Progressive Democrats of America  
Candidate for Orange, CA City Council, District 3

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*“Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.”*

John Lewis  
February 21, 1940 - July 17, 2020

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**From:** Suvan GEER <suvangeer@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:30 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** ATTN Public Comment re: Public Hearing Item 2: CCE

Dear Mayor Foley and Council,

I encourage you to vote YES on approving the JPA agreement. Please authorize the Mayor & City Clerk to sign the agreement and join Irvine and Fullerton in getting low cost energy in Costa Mesa for every household, not just those who can afford solar. But they get to be part of it too. Win, win. This means jobs and money here. It gives Costa Mesa something to be proud of to offer residents.

Suvan Geer  
714 532-5519

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**From:** Roadrunner <borgestrada@ca.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:01 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Vote yes

Please vote YES on Approving the JPA agreement, Authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to sign the agreement, Approving the First Reading of the Ordinance, and Appointing a Board Director.

If this helps with combatting climate change, count us in. We are owners of two Tesla's and are currently getting discounts. Will that continue as well?

Thanks,  
Mary and Oscar Estrada  
499 Flower St.  
Costa Mesa, 92627

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Gabriel Amaro <gabeme2002@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 3:23 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** ATTN Public Comment re: Public Hearing Item 2: CCE

**MESSAGE:** Dear Mayor Foley and Council,

Please vote YES on Approving the JPA agreement, Authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to sign the agreement, Approving the First Reading of the Ordinance, and Appointing a Board Director. We are 100% for this plan for clean energy, potential use of renewable energy and more local control.

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**From:** Emily Nguyen <eemilyn22@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 4:08 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** ATTN Public Comment re: Public Hearing Item 2: CCE

Dear Mayor Foley and Council,

As a high-school student incredibly invested with environmental issues, I am very concerned with the state of our future. I firmly believe that taking action as a collective, specifically joining this CCE JPA, will be the most effective at bringing solutions towards the issue of greenhouse gas emissions.

Please vote YES on Approving the JPA agreement, Authorizing the mayor & City Clerk to sign the agreement, Approving the First Reading of the Ordinance, and Appointing a Board Director.

Thank you for your time.

— —  
Emily Nguyen  
Student  
Portola High School

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**From:** Adam Chung <adamwchung@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 4:42 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** ATTN Public Comment re: Public Hearing Item 2: CCE

Dear Mayor Foley and Council,

Please vote YES on Approving the JPA agreement, Authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to sign the agreement, Approving the First Reading of the Ordinance, and Appointing a Board Director.

Thank you,  
Adam Chung

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**From:** Jamie Perlman <jamieperlman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** ATTN Public Comment re: Public Hearing Item 2: CCE

Dear Mayor Foley and Council,

Please vote YES on Approving the JPA agreement, Authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to sign the agreement, Approving the First Reading of the Ordinance, and Appointing a Board Director.

Sincerely,  
Jamie Perlman

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**From:** Fachko Denise <dfachko@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:05 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Cc:** Denise Fachko  
**Subject:** ATTN: Public Comment RE: Public Hearing - November 17th for Item 2: Community Choice Energy

Dear Mayor Foley and City Council,

Please vote YES on approving the JPA agreement, authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to sign the agreement, approving the first reading of the ordinance, and appointing a Board Director.

By joining Irvine & Fullerton in founding Orange County's first Community Choice Energy JPA, you will be on the leading edge of clean energy for the county, while also saving money for your constituents.

Thank you!

D. Fachko  
Orange County resident

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**From:** Susan Eaton <seaton727@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 5:18 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Attn: Public Comment re: Public Hearing Item 2: CCE

Dear Mayor Foley and Council,

My daughter and her husband and also one of my granddaughters and her husband have chosen Costa Mesa as their family homes. They are doing everything personally in their power to conserve energy like lowering the thermostats on cold days, walking when possible, ride sharing when possible and changing out their light bulbs - even before it became required as have I and my daughter and her husband drive 2 Teslas. Besides conserving energy, it has lowered our utility bills.

I have been studying CCE through the environmental committee of my church, St. Mark Presbyterian, since before Covid19 hit. I have also watched the October City Council presentations in Costa Mesa, Irvine and Fullerton and feel it is a win-win-win for these and other reasons. I heard the staff worry that it might cut into their other duties, but I have seen it repeated at all of the council meetings that the JPA staff will handle the bulk of that work - as they have done in securing the load data and other answers to your questions between your October meeting and now.

Please vote "yes" on Approving the JPA agreement, Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement, Approving the First Reading of the Ordinance and Appointing a Board Director Tuesday night, November 17th. This will enable the application to meet the December 31 deadline so the preliminary work can begin in 2021 and the City and its residents can begin reaping the benefits.

Stay safe,  
 Susan Eaton  
3350 Park Newport Apt. 104  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

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**From:** Sarah Burgess <sburgess7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 7:29 AM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** ATTN Public comment on public hearing item 2: CCE

Dear Mayor Foley and Council,

Please vote YES on Approving the JPA agreement, Authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to sign the agreement, Approving the First Reading of the Ordinance, and Appointing a Board Director.

Costa mesa families want and deserve a choice in energy providers, and we need competitive rates and improved pricing. Clean energy choices make us have a healthier community, and prepare for the every present threat of climate change.

The more cities that join JPA, the more CCE, a not for profit public agency will be able to what is best for our community. Inclusion and access to clean energy is vital.

Again, I urge you to vote YES on approving the JPA agreement and continue with our fellow cities in southern California to lead the way in energy choice.

Best,  
Sarah Burgess  
resident of Costa Mesa, CA

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**From:** Flo Martin <flomama@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:13 AM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** CCE program on Nov 17 council agenda

Dear City Council,

As a 53-year Costa Mesa resident, homeowner and taxpayer, I applaud the City's effort to introduce a Community Choice Energy program as an option for effective and environment-friendly energy service.

I suggest that Staff continue to negotiate with the City of Irvine.  
I suggest that Staff conduct additional community outreach.  
I suggest that Staff continue to study and evaluate the City's financial exposure in all regards.

Please vote to give Staff more time.

Flo Martin  
2442 Andover Place  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
949.933.3699

"It is when we are alone that we are the least alone." St. Augustine

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**From:** Peter Zahn <peterezahn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:16 AM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** City Council 11/17/20 - Agenda Item #2: CCE/JPA Agreement

Hello Honorable Mayor Foley and Councilmembers:

A you know, we are in a climate crisis. CCE's/CCA's are proven approaches to reducing fossil fuel usage, providing economic benefits and local control and access to residents and businesses.

Please join the millions of Californians - including those in my hometown of Solana Beach, that have received the benefits of CCE. Solana Beach has 92% of our electric meters enrolled in its CCE program, and last year ran on 100% renewable energy. Our ratepayers do not pay more than SDG&E charges, yet use only renewable electricity.

I urge you approve the JPA agreement and related ordinance, and appoint a board director.

Best,  
Peter Zahn  
Vice Chair, Solana Beach Climate Action Commission

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**From:** svanderlip@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 8:40 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Community Choice Energy

**TO:** [cityclerk@costamesaca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@costamesaca.gov)

**SUBJ:** ATTN Public Comment re: Public Hearing Item 2: CCE

**MESSAGE:** Dear Mayor Foley and Council,

Please vote YES on Approving the JPA agreement, Authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to sign the agreement, Approving the First Reading of the Ordinance, and Appointing a Board Director  
Community Choice Energy is critical now as Orange County, as is all of California, experiencing the impacts of global warming as much or more than any other state in the US. Our heat bombs this summer, taking temperatures higher than ever before will continue and become more frequent, hotter, and longer. Drought will return to the OC. Please help mitigate global warming by committing to CCE in Costa Mesa.

Thank you,  
Linda Susan Vanderlip

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**From:** Dana F. Barraclough <dfbarraclough@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 7:37 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Community Choice Energy Program

Mayor Foley and City Council Members

I am writing to ask that you give serious consideration to adopting the JPA for Community Choice Energy program. This program has a strong likelihood of reducing energy costs for all users, as well as mitigating the effects of climate change that challenge our region.

I live in Laguna Woods, a city that is much smaller than Costa Mesa and other neighboring cities. Our City Council would very much like to move forward but cannot do so without partnerships with our larger neighbors. Like so much of what happens in Orange County, we all do better when we work together. For that reason, although I'm not a Costa Mesa resident, I believe that your decision will have a big effect on me and my neighbors.

Thank you very much for your time and thoughtfulness.

Dana Barraclough  
3115A Via Serena South  
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

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**From:** Alixandra Rachman <arachman@csumb.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 2:28 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** JPA Agreement

To whom it may concern,

I support and encourage a YES on Approving the JPA agreement, Authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to sign the agreement, Approving the First Reading of the Ordinance, and Appointing a Board Director. CCE is revenue-positive, reduces emissions, creates jobs, and increase energy savings.

Thank you,  
Alixandra Rachman

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Alixandra Rachman  
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**From:** Bryan Sualog <bsualog@families-forward.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 3:34 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Nov 17 City Council Meeting - New Business Item 1 Written Comment  
**Attachments:** Written Comments.pdf

Hello,

Attached is the Families Forward written comment for New Business Item 1 of the Nov. 17 City Council Meeting.

Please let me know if you need anything else. Thank you for your assistance!

Best regards,

**Bryan J.C. Sualog**  
Grant Coordinator  
8 Thomas, Irvine, CA 92618  
T: (949) 716-2727  
F: (949) 552-2731  
[www.families-forward.org](http://www.families-forward.org)

## FAMILIES FORWARD

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Dear Honorable Mayor Foley, Mayor Pro Tempore Stephens, and Councilmembers Chavez, Genis, Mansoor, Marr, and Reynolds,

On behalf of Families Forward, thank you to the City of Costa Mesa for your incredible support, especially during this ongoing crisis. Since March 16, we have received more than 900 requests for emergency assistance due to either job loss or decrease of wages. Families come to us every day with a different set of challenges that have turned their lives upside down and this pandemic has intensified the demand for services. Many families are living day to day wondering if they will lose their job, their home, or if they will have enough to eat. We are here to help, and we have continued services without interruption - your support makes this a continued reality for Costa Mesa families! Since March, we have served more than 100 Costa Mesa families through food assistance, career coaching and eviction prevention services along with rental and housing assistance.

One of the fastest growing segments of the homeless population is working families with children. According to the 26th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County, 10% of children in Costa Mesa are receiving CalFresh and 0.7% of students enrolled in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District report having insecure housing. Additionally, that same report cited 144 homeless children in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District in 2018/2019.

We have seen an alarming increase in requests for assistance since social distancing measures went into effect on March 16 due to the COVID-19 outbreak, with a greater than ten-fold increase in requests for food assistance alone. As of November 12, Families Forward has provided food assistance to 11,935 families for a total of 53,711 children and adults. On average, Families Forward has been providing food assistance to 346 families or 1,535 individuals a week. To put this number into perspective, for the entire month of February, Families Forward provided food assistance to a total of 241 families. With a dramatic rise in requests for housing and additional supportive services already underway, we are facing a need for increased funding to sustain a consistently high level of service and build capacity to respond to this crisis.

Thank you for your continued support of New Business item 1 and for your consideration of HOME funds to implement a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for families in need in the City of Costa Mesa. These grant funds will allow Families Forward to continue serving Costa Mesa families and respond to the increasing need for housing and supportive services for families at-risk for and experiencing homelessness.

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**From:** Tristan Miller-Mansey <tristan@edgecitynetworks.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 6:25 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Public Comment re: Public Hearing Item 2: CCE

Dear Mayor Foley and Council,

I support and encourage a YES on Approving the JPA agreement, Authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to sign the agreement, Approving the First Reading of the Ordinance, and Appointing a Board Director. CCE is revenue-positive, reduces emissions, creates jobs, and increase energy savings.

CCE has the potential to bring local jobs, energy savings, and access to clean renewable energy & equity for low-income families and small businesses. It's the fastest way to get to 100% clean renewable energy and transition to a Zero Carbon economy to save our city and the climate.

Here are some reasons to consider:

- Ratepayer dollars stay in Costa Mesa
- Jobs & economic benefits stay in Costa Mesa
- Strengthen relationship with Building Trades and Colleges for workforce development
- Programs and incentives targeted at communities in need and businesses
- Governance structure provides a voice
- Focus on Zero Carbon grid with microgrids.

Irvine City Council unanimously voted to create and fund an Orange County Energy Authority Joint Powers Authority after discussing the results of two feasibility studies pre-COVID and during-COVID, which found that in addition to bringing the city \$10.6 million in annual net revenue and \$7.7 million in annual savings for Irvine consumers, CCE will bring \$120,000 in annual municipal electricity savings and achieve 100% clean energy by 2035 at no additional cost to customers.

Thank you for your leadership and leading the way for CCE that will benefit all of Costa Mesa's citizens!

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**From:** Steven C. Shepherd, Architect <steve@shepherdarchitects.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 1:50 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Public Hearing Item #2 - CCE for Costa Mesa

Hello City Council -  
I strongly support the City of Costa Mesa moving forward with Community Choice Energy and joining the City of Irvine's JPA.

Thank you.

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Regards,  
Steven C. Shepherd, Architect

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**From:** keith linker <keithlinker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 7:45 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Support of Item 2 (CCE)

Dear Mayor Foley and Council,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you vote YES on all 4 actions in Item 2 of tonight's agenda; Approving the CCE JPA agreement, Authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to sign the agreement, Introduction and approval of the First Reading of the Ordinance, and Appointment of a Board Director and Alternate.

Implementation of Community Choice Energy not only puts the control of power procurement in the hands of the City and its citizens, but saves ratepayers money in reduced rates, and is one of the fastest ways to reduce the CO2 footprint of a City as a whole. I challenge anyone to find reasonable arguments of drawbacks that even come close to balancing out the positive impacts of a CCE. Joining the JPA would be a Win for the City and a Win for the citizens of Costa Mesa!

I appreciate the opportunity to submit comment and look forward to your support of CCE! Sincerest regards,  
Keith Linker

Dear City Council Members,

**We recently completed construction of our ADU that based on your proposed ordinance would now NOT be approved - and that is cause for concern.**

Questions:

1. Why would you eliminate the possibility for an ADU to be built over any garage that does not have a 40' driveway setback? And yet allow a garage to be converted to an ADU? Does Costa Mesa really want to eliminate residential parking garages?
2. Why are you proposing a 40' front setback for an attached ADU over a garage while the garage itself only requires a 20' front setback? Shouldn't it be allowed when not exceeding the garage footprint?
3. Why the window restriction of 25' from a neighboring dwelling again, if you are building over a garage? It is paramount for a small ADU to have light and ventilation from all four sides. We built higher transom windows on the neighbors side of our ADU which still allows for privacy.
4. Per the California Department of Housing and Community Development,

Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs) are allowed to be created within the walls of a proposed or existing single-family residence and shall contain no more than 500 square feet. JADUs offer additional housing options. They may share central systems, contain a basic kitchen utilizing small plug-in appliances, may share a bathroom with the primary dwelling, all to reduce development costs. JADUs present no additional stress on utility services or infrastructure because they simply repurpose existing space within the residence and do not expand the dwellings planned occupancy.

California does not allow any impact fees for an ADU under 750 square feet. Therefore, since a JADU cannot exceed 500 square feet and is located within the walls of an existing structure, JADUs should also NOT be charged any Impact or Park fees.

A little background:

Our lot size is over 8000 square feet

We are on the Westside.

Our ADU is 399 square feet over an attached garage.

The height is under 27'

We started the process in 2015, pulled the permit in 2019 and received our CFO several months ago.

This ordinance does not account for different shape lots; wide and shallow vs. narrow and deep. Our lot is rectangular and is on a corner. Our address, front door and mailbox are on the wide side. However, *Residential Development Standards* state that by definition the "front" side of a corner lot is considered the narrowest frontage. Therefore our garage and ADU are

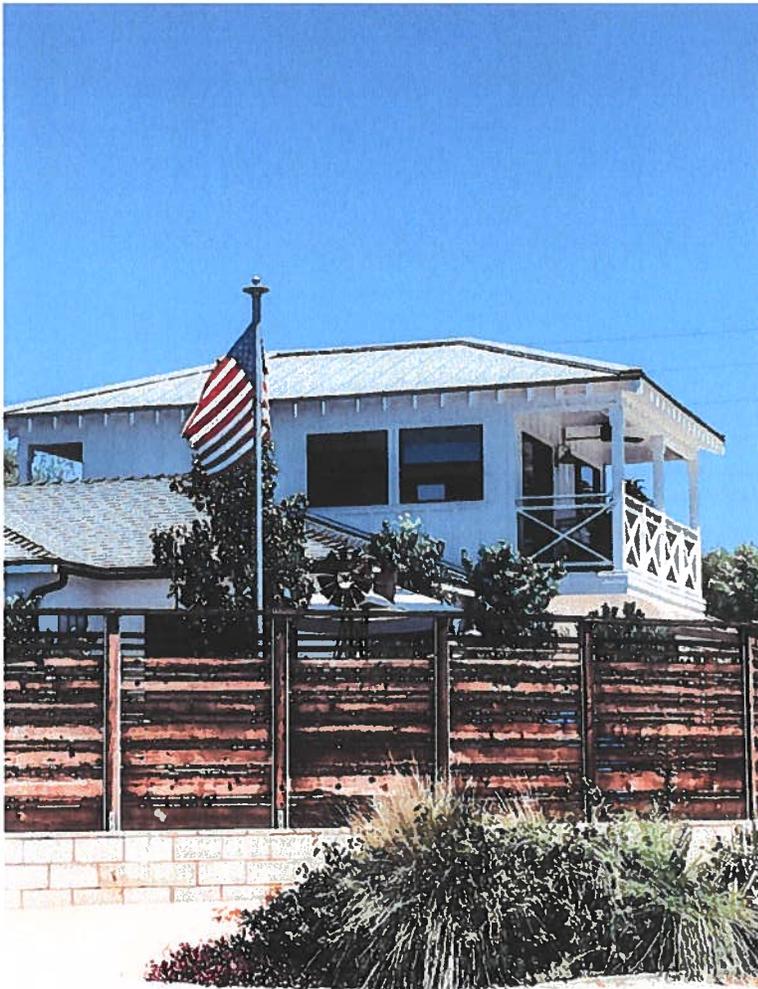
considered by that definition as facing the “front” and therefore would now require a 40’ setback which we simply do not have.

To provide open space and compact structures, wouldn’t it be prudent to encourage ADUs over the garage? I would hope that you consider carving out an exception for ADUs over garages.

Our ADU turned out beautifully and we have had MANY people contact us for information on the process. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you,  
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<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/policy-research/docs/adu-ta-handbook-final.pdf>  
<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/policy-research/accessorydwellingunits.shtml#adu>



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**From:** Brenda McIntyre <bsmphd@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 15, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Vote YES

Please vote YES on the JPA agreement.

Thank you  
Brenda McIntyre

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** v\_bernal@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:26 AM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** Yes on Costa Mesa joining the CCE JPA

To the Costa Mesa City Council,

It is important that you vote to join Irvine in their Community Choice Energy Joint Powers Agreement, for the sake of Costa Mesa's economic, social, and environmental benefit. I am a resident of Santa Ana and I am asking my city's city council to adopt this important action as well. The more cities join the effort, the greater benefit to our county. No doubt many have already enumerated these benefits to you. I add my voices to theirs. Please do what is right for our futures.

Virginia Bernal  
[Citizens Climate Lobby](#)  
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*Solving the climate crisis must be a huge part of our recovery from this pandemic – climate change is ongoing, real, and more devastating. With both crises, the more we delay the greater the damage.*

*Pricing carbon is the best accelerator of the many needed solutions to climate change, and carbon fee and dividend is the most efficient and socially just way to price carbon. We support the bipartisan [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R. 763](#).*

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**From:** Craig Preston <craigp4444@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 2:36 PM  
**To:** CITY CLERK  
**Subject:** 11/17/20 Public Comment re: Public Hearing Item 2: CCE

**MESSAGE:** Dear Mayor Foley and Council,

I support Approving the JPA agreement, Authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to sign the agreement, Approving the First Reading of the Ordinance, and Appointing a Board Director.

I appreciate staff being cautious but actions to reduce costs and lower emissions are needed now, not later. Irvine and Fullerton are being wise and heroic to step out. Let's join them.

As of January 2020 there were 21 operational CCEs in California serving over 10 million customers, but NONE in Orange County.

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