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Dear Supervisors,

Please vote tomorrow to keep County electricity accounts at 100% clean and renewable electricity through Santa Barbara Clean Energy. This is an easy step to help the County meet its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030.

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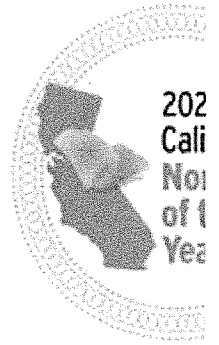
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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Agenda Item 1: Santa Barbara Clean Energy Service Offerings for Municipal Electric Accounts

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Community Environmental Council (CEC) is an environmental nonprofit that has developed environmental solutions across the Central Coast for over 50 years. Our current programs build on-the-ground momentum to reverse the threat of the climate crisis. **CEC strongly supports the County to stay at a 100% clean electricity rate through Santa Barbara Clean Energy.**

The County staying at the default of 100% clean electricity from Santa Barbara Clean Energy is one of the easiest ways to reduce greenhouse emissions and be consistent with the County's and State's greenhouse gas reduction targets. It will also help the County meet its goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030. Furthermore, the County will be able to power all the new electric vehicle charging stations with 100% clean and renewable electricity.

As the second largest customer of SBCE, the County opting down to the Green Start Default could impact the region's ability to start offering local programs and incentives that will increase local economic development and build local generation. In addition, the small increase in cost for staying defaulted to 100% clean electricity is minimal, considering the very large costs associated with the impacts of climate change.

Community Environmental Council urges the County to keep the 100% clean and renewable generated electricity default powered by Santa Barbara Clean Energy. It is an easy and important step towards reducing emissions and leading the way toward meeting California's carbon neutrality goals by 2045.

Sincerely,



Michael Chiacos
Director of Climate Policy