



City of Albany

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June 11, 2012

John A. Coleman, President
East Bay Municipal Utility District
375 11th Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: The City of Albany Requests Inclusion in EBMUD Feasibility Study on
Community Choice Aggregation

Dear Mr. Coleman:

The City of Albany is pleased to provide this letter of interest regarding the research being conducted on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). The City would like to encourage EBMUD to continue research on the feasibility of CCA as a method of purchasing renewable energy and request that Albany be included in this study. Furthermore, we would like to discuss a potential collaboration regarding the formation of a CCA.

The City of Albany's density is one of the highest in the region with over 18,000 residents in just over 1.5 square miles. The City is mostly residential in composition, and includes a small commercial area consisting of retail stores, restaurants and professional services. In recent years there has been a growing trend within the community to "green" Albany, including projects conducted by the City, and development of a number of local organizations including Albany Strollers & Rollers, Carbon Neutral Albany, and Transition Albany – all with missions to improve Albany's resiliency.

We are excited by the potential collaboration with the District, as CCA has the potential to provide significant greenhouse gas emissions reductions. In 2010, the City adopted a Climate Action Plan (CAP), with an aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goal of 25% below 2004 levels by the year 2020. The City has a Sustainability Committee tasked with CAP implementation. In order to reach the greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals stated in the CAP, the Sustainability Committee has been researching the feasibility of CCA for the acquisition of alternative energy. In April, a presentation was made to the Sustainability Committee by LEAN Energy, an organization that promotes the expansion of CCAs across the US. Both the Sustainability Committee and the City Council have expressed interest in conducting further research on the feasibility of CCA.

The City of Albany is dedicated to maintaining its small town ambience, responding to the needs of a diverse community, and providing a safe, healthy and sustainable environment.



Energy consumption in Albany's residential, commercial, and industrial buildings generates almost two-thirds of the City's GHG emissions. Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) is Albany's energy utility, providing both natural gas and electricity for residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal uses. PG&E's current energy portfolio provides approximately 55% GHG-free energy. Purchasing a higher percentage of clean energy (60-100%) through a CCA would better enable Albany to achieve its GHG reduction goals.

Thank you in advance for consideration of this letter of interest. I sincerely hope you select Albany to be included in your feasibility study, as it will help us address our critical climate and energy challenges. City staff and Sustainability Committee members will provide support for the District's research. We hope to schedule a meeting in the near future and look forward to the potential collaboration. Please contact the City's Sustainability & Transportation Coordinator Claire Griffing at (510) 528-5754 or cgriffing@albanyca.org for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Farid Javandel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Farid Javandel
Mayor

Cc: Alexander R. Coate, General Manager
Andy Katz, Vice President