RESOLUTION NO. 2018-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING EAST BAY
COMMUNITY ENERGY ENROLL ALL CITY OF ALBANY RESIDENTIAL
ACCOUNTS IN BRILLIANT 100 (100% CARBON FREE) AS THE DEFAULT
ELECTRICITY PRODUCT

WHEREAS, the City of Albany has been a leader in the fight against climate change, having adopted a Climate Action Plan in 2010, which aims to reduce the City's carbon emissions to 25% below 2004 baseline emission levels by 2020 and the City's General Plan includes even more ambitious goals of 60% GHG reductions by 2035 and net zero emissions by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Albany's Climate Action Plan identifies Community Choice Aggregation, or CCA, which allows public agencies to procure a greater percentage of electrical power from renewable sources on behalf of electricity customers, as a key strategy to meet local clean energy goals and greenhouse gas reduction targets; and

WHEREAS, City staff and the Sustainability Committee have been evaluating joining a CCA program since 2012 in an effort to meet the City's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals, and the Albany City Council joined the East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) CCA through Resolution 2016-84 on November 21, 2016 and subsequently appointed representatives to its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Community Energy Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreement commits to providing an electricity product with rates equal or lower than PG&E that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and increases renewable energy content; and

WHEREAS, the East Bay Community Energy Board set two initial products at their meeting on February 7th, 2018: an 85% carbon free product called Bright Choice and an 100% carbon free product called Brilliant 100; and

WHEREAS, enrolling in the Brilliant 100 carbon free electricity option is the most costeffective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Albany, and would not have an impact on local business because the product is the same price as PG&E; and

WHEREAS, other CCA programs have been successful at offering 100% carbon free or 100% renewable default products to all customers; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2018, the Albany City Council adopted Resolution 2018-27 and Resolution 2018-28 to enroll all commercial and municipal accounts in the Brilliant 100 product; and

WHEREAS, residential customers in the City of Albany enrolled in the Brilliant 100 product would have the option to Opt Down to an electrical power portfolio with a lower percentage of carbon free electricity offered at rates at a slight discount to PG&E or Opt Out to continue with PG&E's current rate offering for electrical power; and

WHEREAS, establishing a carbon-free default electricity product would allow Albany to showcase its environmental leadership and demonstrate efforts to create a sustainable community in line with the larger goals of the Council Strategic Plan, General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Economic Development Strategic Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby request that East Bay Community Energy enroll all residential accounts within the City of Albany in the Brilliant 100 (100% carbon free) as the default electricity product, with the option to Opt Down to the Bright Choice option or Opt Out to stay with PG&E's current offering.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby encourage those making energy choices to consider Opting Up to East Bay Community Energy's 100% Renewable product, as available.

PEGGY MCQUAID, MAYOR



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 21st day of May, 2018, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Maass, Nason, Pilch and Mayor McQuaid

NOES: None

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: Council Members Barnes

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

22nd day of May, 2018.

Eileen Harrington

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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