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Mayor Dianne Martinez and Members of the City Council  
City of Emeryville  
1333 Park Avenue  
Emeryville, California 94608

**RE: Item 9.5 – Emeryville’s Participation in the East Bay Community Choice Aggregation Program**

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The Sierra Club strongly supports the City of Emeryville in becoming an East Bay Community Energy (“EBCE”) participant, and we appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter.

EBCE is the new non-profit, local power agency that would give residents and businesses within Alameda County an opportunity to decide where their electricity comes from. The program will develop a Business Plan that will work as a roadmap to foster community and economic benefits, such as local renewable energy resources and spurring clean energy jobs. EBCE will not only provide lower and more stable electricity rates than the incumbent utility, but also serve as a crucial tool in facilitating the transition to a clean energy economy and achieving Emeryville’s greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

We applaud the City Council for continuing to demonstrate Emeryville’s climate leadership, and look forward to working with you to implement this important program.

Sincerely,

Luis Amezcua  
Co-Chair, Energy and Climate Committee  
**Sierra Club, San Francisco Bay Chapter**