

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-\_\_\_\_\_**

**Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Requesting That East Bay Community Energy Enroll All City Of Emeryville Municipal Electric Accounts In Renewable 100 (100% Local, Renewable, And Greenhouse Gas-Free) Service; CEQA Determination: Exempt Pursuant To CEQA Guideline 15061(b)(3)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Emeryville has been a leader in the fight against climate change, having adopted its first Climate Action Plan in 2008 with a goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 25% below 2004 baseline emission levels by 2020 and updating its Climate Action Plan in 2016 with goals of reducing GHG emissions 40% by 2030 and 80% by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, Emeryville's municipal GHG emissions were reduced by approximately 35% over baseline levels as of 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Emeryville's Climate Action Plan identifies participation in a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program, which allows public agencies to procure a greater percentage of electrical power from renewable and greenhouse gas-free sources on behalf of electricity customers, as a key strategy to meet GHG reduction targets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emeryville City Council voted to join the East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) CCA on November 1, 2016 and subsequently appointed representatives to its Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the EBCE Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreement commits to providing an electricity product with rates equal or lower than PG&E that reduces GHG emissions and increases renewable energy content; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, Emeryville enrolled its municipal accounts in the Brilliant 100 GHG-free electricity option at the same price as PG&E; and

**WHEREAS**, EBCE will no longer offer the Brilliant 100 product beginning in 2022, but, along with its original Bright Choice product, is offering a 100% GHG-free product that provides exclusively local, renewable electricity, called Renewable 100; and

**WHEREAS**, if municipal accounts were on Bright Choice service, Emeryville's municipal GHG emissions would increase by 7% and costs would decrease by just under 1%, while with Renewable 100, municipal emissions would not increase from current levels, and costs would increase by approximately 13%; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining a GHG-free default electricity product would allow Emeryville to showcase its environmental leadership and demonstrate efforts to create a sustainable community in line with the goals of the General Plan and Climate Action Plan; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that this action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Guideline 15061(b)(3), as it will have no foreseeable negative impact on the environment; and be it further

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**RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the City of Emeryville hereby requests that East Bay Community Energy enroll all municipal accounts within the City of Emeryville in Renewable 100 (100% local, renewable, GHG-free) as the default electricity product.

**ADOPTED**, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, October 19, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY CLERK

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INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY