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## MISSION:

To accelerate clean technology innovation and adoption of sustainable business practices for the benefit of the economy and the environment

The Honorable Joe Mosca Chair, San Diego Community Power Board of Directors

Via Email

Re: Agenda Item 4: Approval of 2020 Request for Proposals for Long-Term Renewable Energy and Provide Direction on Joint Procurement

Dear Chairman Mosca and Members of the Board,

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego and our members, we applaud your efforts to ensure that San Diego Community Power (SDCP) is able to deliver renewable energy resources to your customers. We encourage SDCP to take a diverse, proactive approach to procurement and leverage the rich renewable sources at its disposal to ensure long-term, low-cost, renewable and reliable electricity for its customers.

As you commence with your renewable energy procurement efforts, should you elect to do so with Clean Energy Alliance, we ask that you not restrict the types of renewable energy projects you will consider. Restrictions would limit the amount of responses received and would thus impact your ability to deliver energy to your customers in a timely and cost-efficient manner.

As you well know, renewable energy resources are widely available in San Diego and Imperial Counties. While distributed energy resources are available through solar and storage, Imperial County and the eastern portion of San Diego County are each home to utility-scale wind and solar resources. Imperial County also features an abundant amount of geothermal resources. As you develop your renewable energy procurement strategy, we encourage you to remember and to strongly consider all of these resources. Further, when the timing is right during future solicitations, developers focused on small commercial and residential and affordable multifamily projects that benefit the community through resiliency, bill savings, and development in communities of concern, will be ready to participate and we encourage you to take those opportunities into consideration.

Cleantech San Diego supports the proposed evaluation criteria and appreciates your consideration of each as you evaluate responses to your RFPs. As you enter into the market, we highly encourage you to prioritize those responses which include developments that are either permitted, in construction or ready to deliver power. SDCP has already created local-demand and we encourage you to take advantage of those projects that can deliver power quickly. In addition to project readiness, we also encourage SDCP to prioritize projects that benefit communities of concern and create employment opportunities for all.

We also request that you encourage the County of San Diego to streamline its permitting process for renewable energy projects to ensure the region has the much-needed local renewable energy supply to meet an increasing demand. The current process is cumbersome and not favorable to local renewable energy developments, resulting in high energy costs that are ultimately passed onto customers.

Thank you again for your commitment to these issues. Cleantech San Diego and our members look forward to continuing to work with you to advance the goals of San Diego Community Power.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson President and CEO

cc: Cody Hooven, Interim Executive Officer, San Diego Community Power Eddie Price, Chair, San Diego Community Power Community Advisory

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Dear Chairman Mosca and Members of the Board,

Hello, and good evening, my name is Allen Cadreau the CEO of Indian Energy. Our firm, supported by a consortium of tribal and indigenous communities, would again like to congratulate SDCP for their hard-fought battles and for your perseverance seemingly uninterrupted by the world around us.

We would like to specifically thank Miss Hooven for her tireless drive towards achieving the impressive goals of this organization. Your leadership has been great and is recognized.

Our local San Diego program is focused on renewables that are firm, resilient, cost effective and oriented such that they provide an avenue for a more socially equitable energy mix for the region, and most importantly, they are timely.

We support an open procurement process with no restrictions as to allow for the most value, sort of a, "RISE TO THE TOP" mentality for all San Diego communities. We also support rapid execution as we strongly feel the time is now, right now, timing we believe is of the essence.

We encourage SDCP to press on with procurement and we respectfully ask you open your minds and your doors to discussions with local community groups like ours that are poised and ready to bring project execution, skilled labor, local job creation and economic empowerment along with the energy services and products you will soon be in the need of.

We desire a triple bottom line and we are here with outstretched arms and capable hands to achieve it.

Thank you once again for your continued drive and we look forward to finding a simple and direct way to engage with your team.

Thank You Again,

Allen G Cadreau, Founder and CEO

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