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San Diego Community Power Expands Board of Directors to Include San Diego County and National City

County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer and National City Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis join California's second largest Community Choice Energy provider

SAN DIEGO, Calif. – Dec. 17, 2021 – San Diego Community Power (SDCP) welcomed two new Board Members at yesterday's Board of Directors meeting. San Diego County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer and National City Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis joined to represent the residents and businesses of the unincorporated areas of San Diego County and National City in the not-for-profit, community choice aggregation program to provide clean, renewable energy at competitive rates.

"This is an exciting time as we continue to grow and prepare to launch service to residential customers beginning in February," said SDCP Board Chair and Encinitas Councilmember Joe Mosca. "We are pleased to welcome these two experienced leaders to our team as we continue to deliver clean energy and community reinvestment options to families and businesses in our region."

SDCP's Board includes elected representatives from each member city or jurisdiction. The founding member cities include San Diego, Chula Vista, Encinitas, La Mesa, and Imperial Beach. The Board conducts open, public meetings, sets rates and governs the operations of the organization, and is accountable to all SDCP customers.

Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer represents District 3 on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. A third-generation San Diegan, Lawson-Remer is an economist, attorney, and public policy expert, who served as a Senior Advisor in the Obama Administration. A passionate environmentalist, she also helped the World Bank create its Climate Finance program, which funds billions of dollars of clean energy projects worldwide, and worked to develop policies to cut pollution from oil drilling and mining.

"Now that the County is a member of San Diego Community Power, we can say our region is truly working together to provide the clean energy necessary to move us away from fossil fuels," said Supervisor Lawson-Remer. "Residents and businesses in unincorporated areas will soon join other local cities in being able to choose green energy to power their daily lives, which is a significant part of our strategy to fight climate change."

Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis represents National City. A third-generation National City resident, she is the first Latina Mayor of National City and serves on the boards of SANDAG, Sweetwater Authority, and the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System. Her consulting company, La Pluma Strategies, focuses on non-profit advocacy and grant writing.

"I look forward to National City helping to shape policies to bring more renewable energy resources and jobs to our region," said Mayor Sotelo-Solis. "As a community-based non-profit, SDCP reinvests in our region, and I look forward to having a hand in developing programs that will equitably serve our communities and reduce our carbon footprint."



The San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted to join SDCP in August, and the National City City Council voted to join in November. Because the California Public Utilities Commission requires a one-year implementation period, municipal, commercial, and residential customers in the newly added areas will begin receiving service in 2023.

SDCP currently serves municipal, commercial, and industrial customers in its five founding member cities with residential service set to launch early next year. Service tiers include PowerOn, offering 50 percent renewable energy, and Power100, offering 100 percent renewable energy. Per California law, customers are automatically enrolled with SDCP when service begins in their region. Customers can change tiers or opt out of the service at any time. San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) will continue to deliver power, manage monthly billing and customer service, and provide ongoing system maintenance.

SDCP is the first Community Choice Aggregator to codify in its founding documents the goal of reaching 100 percent renewable energy by 2035 or sooner.

About SDCP

San Diego Community Power (SDCP) is a Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) committed to providing municipalities, businesses, and residents in the six-member cities and unincorporated San Diego County with clean, renewable energy at competitive rates and investing in innovative programs that benefit the environment and the economy in our communities. Learn more at www.sdcommunitypower.org.

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