

June 15, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O St., Ste. 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phil Ting
Chair, Assembly Committee on Budget
1021 O St., Ste. 8230
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Toni Atkins
President pro Tem, State Senate
1021 O St., Ste. 8518
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Ben Hueso
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy,
Utilities & Communications
1021 O Street, Room 3350
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker, State Assembly
1021 O St., Ste. 8330
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
Chair, Assembly Committee on Energy
& Utilities
LOB, Room 408
Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Budget
1020 N Street, Room 502
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support May Revision Proposal of \$1.2 Billion to Help Energy Utility Customers

Dear Governor Newsom, Pro tem Atkins, Speaker Rendon, Budget Chairs Skinner and Ting, Senator Hueso, and Assemblymember Garcia,

On behalf of San Diego Community Power, I write this letter in strong support for the \$1.2 billion funding proposal for the California Arrearage Payment Plan (CAPP).

SDCP is a Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) that will provide renewable electricity service to over 960,000 customer accounts in the in the cities of Chula Vista, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, and San Diego starting in 2022, with the unincorporated communities of the County of San Diego and the City of National City served in 2023. Upon full enrollment, we will be the second largest CCA. Our member agencies have banded together to provide cleaner electricity at competitive rates, offering a choice in electricity service providers for the first time in the region. SDCP offers a default energy product that consists of 50% renewable and 5% greenhouse-gas free (GHG) free power.

The CAPP program has proved to be very successful since its installment, helping nearly 1.5 million households pay their bills who were otherwise unable due to economic hardship brought on by the COVID Pandemic. We've seen the significant

impact of the program so far in the communities we serve and are pleased to see the additional funding as it will continue to help utility ratepayers in need.

While we fully support the \$1.2 billion proposal put forward by the Governor, we estimate the statewide need may be much greater. A recent [San Jose Mercury](#) article pointed out that many rental relief applicants have not been processed. Previously in 2021, CAPP was funded with a share of California's \$27 billion federal COVID Fiscal Recovery Funds and SB 115 (Skinner) allows the Department of Finance to transfer over \$11.2 billion of those funds to the General Fund, a portion of which could be redirected to CAPP. We would encourage a similar transfer of any remaining balances that could be used to meet the tremendous outstanding need and does not increase state spending to ensure the overall goal of helping offset financial hardship for Californians is provided expeditiously.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to further help utility customers and your constituents. If you have questions, or wish to discuss our position, please do not hesitate to contact Sebastian Sarria at ssarria@sdcommunitypower.org or (619) 657-0415.

Sincerely,



Karin Burns
Chief Executive Officer
San Diego Community Power

CC: The Honorable Toni Atkins
The Honorable Tasha Boerner Horvath
The Honorable Brian Maienschein
The Honorable Chris Ward
The Honorable Dr. Akilah Weber
The Honorable Senator Bates
The Honorable Brian Jones