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San Diego Community Power and San Diego Padres Celebrate Local Businesses Committing to 100% Clean Energy

Small businesses represent a growing list of Power100 Champions, leading the region to a sustainable future

SAN DIEGO (Aug. 31, 2023) — In a celebration at the first Major League Ballpark in the National League to be powered by 100% clean energy, San Diego Community Power, the Padres, and San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce gathered today to honor small business "Power100 Champions" who have opted to use renewable electricity and called on others to follow their lead.

Power100 Champions are businesses in the San Diego region that opt-up to San Diego Community Power's premium service level, which is 100% carbon-free and comes from renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power.

"San Diego Community Power is committed to working with the community to create a cleaner and greener future," said San Diego City Councilmember and San Diego Community Power Chair Joe LaCava. "The sustainable choice, San Diego Community Power, enables businesses and residents to take charge of their energy future — and we commend the small businesses who are choosing 100% clean energy."

The event was hosted in partnership with the Padres, who became a Power100 Champion in 2022. Their home ballpark, Petco Park, continually ranks as the best ballpark in Major League Baseball and is one of a handful of professional sports stadiums in the United States to be powered by 100% clean energy.

"The Padres are proud to be a leader in sustainability within professional sports and in our community," said Padres Chief Executive Officer Erik Greupner. "We aim to inspire organizations of all sizes to utilize clean, renewable energy by partnering with San Diego Community Power."

San Diego Community Power, who also sponsored the Performance Snapback Hat Giveaway during the Padres Aug. 31 game, announced enhancements to their existing Power100 Champions program to better support small businesses who opt-up.

"Small businesses can't always afford to make the sustainable choice, but Power100 makes the sustainable choice the easy choice," said Lara Worm, Founder of San Diego's Bivouac



Ciderworks in North Park. "Like the Padres, we can find ways to make an affordable and positive impact on the environment and we're excited to partner with San Diego Community Power to achieve those goals."

Businesses interested in new ways to offset their carbon footprint or network with like-minded businesses should consider opting up to Power100.

"As the voice for business across our region, the San Diego Regional Chamber is focused on promoting an affordable, clean, and diverse energy supply for our region, while also helping businesses better manage costs," said Jerry Sanders, President and Chief Executive Officer of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. "San Diego Community Power supports local businesses who want to take the next step towards cleaner, greener energy."

Businesses that joined San Diego Community Power and the Padres included associations like the North San Diego Business Chamber and several local businesses, including James Gang Printing, Tranquility Property Management & Real Estate Services and LT Construction. Organizations interested in learning more should visit San Diego Community Power's website at sdcommunitypower.org/your-choice/power100-champions/ or email info@sdcommunitypower.org.

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