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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Meeting: March 20, 2018

Subject

SB 100: California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program (De León)

Recommended Action

Support SB 100 (De León) and authorize the Mayor to send letters of support to state legislative leaders along with our state delegation.

Description

SB 100 declares that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, and State Air Resources Board should plan for 100 percent of total retail sales of electricity in California to come from eligible renewable energy resources and zero-carbon resources by December 31, 2045.

Currently, the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program requires the PUC to establish a renewables portfolio standard requiring all retail sellers to procure a minimum quantity of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources so that the total kilowatt hours of those products sold to their retail end-use customers achieve 50% of total retail sales of electricity by December 31, 2030. SB 100 would revise the legislative findings and declarations to state that the goal of the program is to achieve:

- 50% renewable resources target by December 31, 2026, and
- 60% target by December 31, 2030.

SB 100 would require that retail sellers and local publicly owned electric utilities procure a minimum quantity of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources so that the total kilowatt hours of those products sold to their retail end-use customers achieve:

- 44% of retail sales by December 31, 2024
- 52% by December 31, 2027, and
- 60% by December 31, 2030.

The City's 2018 Legislative Platform includes support for environmentally friendly legislation and urban sustainability consistent with our Climate Action Plan (CAP) goals. SB 100 aligns with the City's legislative priorities of supporting legislation that improves environmental standards, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and promotes sustainable energy policies.

The Sustainability Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the City support SB 100 and provided a draft letter of support. Council also heard public comment from residents in support of this legislation at the February 6, 2018 Council meeting.

Discussion

This item was brought to Council on March 6th, 2018. Staff was directed to draft a letter of support with stronger language in support of an accelerated timeline for renewable energy goals and favorable regulations for Community Choice Aggregators like Silicon Valley Clean Energy. Staff has revised the attached letter to include this stronger language.

Staff recommends that the City Council support SB 100 and authorize the Mayor to send this updated letter in support to the author and the City's legislative delegation.

Sustainability Impact

If passed, SB100 would increase the 2030 goal to 60%, and set new policy of 100% carbon free electricity by 2045.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact as a result of supporting SB 100.

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Attachments:

- A. Sample Letter of Support