

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 18-

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REQUEST THAT EAST BAY COMMUNITY ENERGY (EBCE) SET BRILLIANT 100 AS THE DEFAULT PRODUCT FOR ALL HAYWARD RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS SERVED BY EBCE

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2016, the City of Hayward City Council adopted Ordinance 16-21 authorizing Hayward's participation in Alameda County's Community Choice Energy program known as East Bay Community Energy (EBCE); and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2018, the EBCE Board of Directors decided to offer customers a default product called Bright Choice that will be sourced from 38% renewable and 47% hydro for a total of 85% GHG free or carbon free electricity. Bright Choice will be offered at rates that are less than PG&E rates. The Board decided that the second product, called Brilliant 100, will be 40% renewable and 60% hydro for a total of 100% GHG free electricity and it will be offered at the same price as PG&E rates; and

WHEREAS, the energy mix offered by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) in 2018 is not yet available and it is possible that EBCE's Bright Choice will have a higher GHG intensity than electricity from PG&E; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2018, Council voted to designate Brilliant 100 as the default product for all non-residential customers in Hayward and Brilliant 100 for all municipal facilities; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2018, the EBCE Board of Directors approved Hayward's request to enroll all non-residential customers into Brilliant 100; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2018, the Council Sustainability Committee voted to recommend that Council adopt a resolution selecting Brilliant 100 as the default product for residential customers and that all Hayward income-qualified customers enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE), Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA), and Medical Baseline programs will be enrolled in Bright Choice; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward General Plan includes policy NR-2.4 (Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction), which states, "The City shall work with the community to reduce community-based GHG emissions by 20% below 2005 baseline levels by 2020 and strive to reduce community emissions by 61.7% and 82.5% by 2040 and 2050, respectively."; and

WHEREAS, the enrollment of Hayward customers in Brilliant 100 electricity will be a significant step toward meeting Hayward's GHG reduction goal for 2020; and

