

ORDINANCE NO. 16-__

AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN ALAMEDA COUNTY'S COMMUNITY CHOICE
AGGREGATION PROGRAMSECTION I.

WHEREAS, the County of Alameda ("County") has been actively investigating options to provide electricity supply services to constituents within the County with the intent of achieving greater local involvement over the provision of electricity supply services, competitive electric rates, the development of local renewable energy projects, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and the wider implementation of energy conservation and efficiency projects and programs.

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 117, codified as Public Utilities Code Section 366.2 (the "Act"), authorizes any California city or county whose governing body so elects, to combine the electricity load of its residents and businesses in a community wide electricity aggregation program known as Community Choice Aggregation ("CCA").

WHEREAS, the Act allows a CCA program to be carried out under a joint powers agreement entered into by entities that each have capacity to implement a CCA program individually. The joint power agreement structure reduces the risks of implementing a CCA program by immunizing the financial assets of participants. To this end, since 2014, the County has been evaluating a potential CCA program for the County and the cities within Alameda County.

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously in June of 2014 to allocate funding to explore the creation of a CCA Program and directed County staff to undertake the steps necessary to evaluate its feasibility. To assist in the evaluation of the CCA program within Alameda County, the County established a Steering Committee, in 2015, that has met monthly, advising the Board of Supervisors on the possibility of creating a CCA Program.

WHEREAS, the Technical Feasibility Study completed in June of 2016 shows that implementing a Community Choice Aggregation program would likely provide multiple benefits to the citizens of Alameda County, including the following:

1. Providing customers a choice of power providers;
2. Increasing local control over energy rates and other energy-related matters;
3. Providing electric rates that are competitive with those provided by the incumbent utility;
4. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions arising from electricity use;
5. Increasing local and regional renewable generation capacity;

6. Increasing energy conservation and efficiency projects and programs;
7. Increasing regional energy self-sufficiency; and
8. Encouraging local economic and employment benefits through energy conservation and efficiency projects.

WHEREAS, representatives from the County and Alameda County cities have developed the East Bay Community Energy Authority Joint Powers Agreement (“Joint Powers Agreement”) (attached hereto as Exhibit A). The Joint Powers Agreement creates the East Bay Community Energy Authority (“Authority”), which will govern and operate the CCA program. The County and the Alameda County cities that elect to participate in the CCA Program shall do so by approving the execution of the Joint Powers Agreement and adopting an ordinance electing to implement a CCA Program, as required by Public Utilities Code Section 366.2(c)(12).

WHEREAS, the Authority will enter into agreements with electric power suppliers and other service providers and, based upon those agreements, the Authority plans to provide electrical power to residents and businesses at rates that are competitive with those of the incumbent utility. Upon the California Public Utilities Commission approving the implementation plan prepared by the Authority, the Authority can provide service to customers within its member jurisdictions. Under Public Utilities Code Section 366.2, customers have the right to opt-out of a CCA program and continue to receive service from the incumbent utility. Customers who wish to continue to receive service from the incumbent utility will be able to do so at any time.

SECTION II.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Based upon all of the above, the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby elects to participate in the Community Choice Aggregation program called the East Bay Community Energy Authority.

SECTION III.

EFFECTIVE DATE. In accordance with the provisions of Section 620 of the City Charter, this ordinance shall become effective 30 days from and after the date of its adoption.

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hayward, held the ____ day of ____, 2016, by Council Member _____.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hayward, held the ____ day of ____, 2016, by the following votes of members of said City Council.

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

APPROVED: _____
Mayor of the City of Hayward

DATE: _____

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward