

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 23-_____

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF HAYWARD'S PARTICIPATION IN
EAST BAY COMMUNITY ENERGY'S COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM

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, EBCE began serving Hayward customer in 2018; 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 May 22, 2018, Council voted to designate Brilliant 100 as the default product for all residential customers and that all income-qualified customers enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE), Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA), and Medical Baseline programs be enrolled in Bright Choice; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, Council adopted new Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission targets of 30% below 2005 levels by 2025, 55% below 2005 levels by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2045; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2021, Council voted to select Renewable 100 as the default product for all customers in Hayward, except those customers enrolled in income-qualified or medical-related discount programs; and

WHEREAS, Hayward customers enrolled in Medical Baseline and income-qualified customers enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) or Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) programs are automatically enrolled in the lower cost Bright Choice product; and

WHEREAS, EBCE's Community Solar program will provide an opportunity for some income-qualified customers to benefit from 100% solar electricity and receive an additional bill discount of 20%; and

WHEREAS, the Community Solar program, as designed by the California Public Utilities Commission, requires a community sponsor and the sponsor is allowed to receive up to 25% of the electricity generated by the solar project; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2023, the Council Infrastructure Committee voted to recommend that Council adopt a resolution committing Hayward as a community sponsor for EBCE's Community Solar program and that Hayward's municipal accounts should not receive any of the solar generation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby approves the City's participation as a community sponsor in EBCE's Community Solar program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that none of the electricity from the new solar project shall be allocated to the City's municipal accounts.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2023

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
 City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward