

June 16, 2014

City Council President Todd Gloria and City Councilmembers  
202 C Street, MS 10 A  
San Diego, California 92101

**RE: City Council Docket for Monday, June 16, 2014, Item # S-400,  
Resolution in Opposition to Assembly Bill 2145 (Bradford)**

Dear Council President Gloria and City Councilmembers:

I am writing as Chairman of the City of San Diego Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) to respectfully request that the City Council adopt the resolution proposed by Council member Harris and supported by the City Council Environment Committee to oppose AB 2145 (Bradford). AB 2145 would undermine any efforts by local jurisdictions to form Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) districts to provide an alternative electric energy supplier for their constituents.

SEAB has been reviewing the current proposal and models of CCAs in the State of California at the request of the City Council Environment Committee to provide stakeholder input and community feedback. On May 13, 2014 the SEAB members present voted unanimously to oppose AB 2145 and provide support to the proposed City Council resolution opposing that legislation. On June 10, 2014 the SEAB members present voted unanimously to adopt priority guiding principles for the City's CCA Feasibility Study that is funded through your adopted FY 2015 City Budget. A copy of the letter transmitting our recommendations to the Mayor is attached. The number one principle states:

***Model CCA as an opt-out program.** In order to optimize the purchasing power of the CCA program, it is important that it remains an "opt-out" system. Presently, Assembly Bill 2145 is being proposed to among other things, make it an "opt-in" system. An opt-in CCA is against the intent of the original establishing legislation.*

This legislation would interfere with the ability of the City of San Diego as a local government entity to provide an alternative energy choice program that is essential to achieving state mandated greenhouse gas reductions.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations and providing the funding for a thorough feasibility study of a CCA for the City of San Diego. The SEAB is constituted by the City to advise the Mayor and City Council on energy policy. There are 11 appointed members representing a variety of stakeholders and community representatives. We have indicated our interest in assuming an ongoing role in the evaluation and implementation of a CCA.

Sincerely,



John Bumgarner, Chairman  
City of San Diego Sustainable Energy Advisory Board

Enc: SEAB June 16, 2014 Letter to Mayor Faulconer: Guiding Principles for CCA Feasibility Study  
Cc: Mayor Kevin Faulconer  
City Clerk