January 10, 2019

The Honorable Kevin Faulconer

Mayor, City of San Diego

202 C Street, MS 11A

San Diego, California 92101

**RE: FUNDING FOR SAN DIEGO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) ENERGY GOALS AND PROGRAMS**

Dear Mayor Faulconer,

As Chair of the Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB), I am writing on behalf of the board to respectfully request that you include adequate resources in your proposed Fiscal Year 2020 City Budget for continued full implementation of the City’s Climate Action Plan (CAP) Energy Goals and Programs by the Sustainability Department and other key stakeholders.

During calendar year 2018, a “Business Plan for the Formation of a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Program for the City of San Diego” was prepared. CCA is a viable strategy for achieving the City’s renewable energy goals. If implementation of a CCA program is approved by the City Council, it should include a plan for adequate financing and budget for implementation.

SEAB’s work plan is organized around supporting San Diego’s CAP goals and actions related to energy. The board provides advice and perspective on energy policy issues such as 1) community choice aggregation or other programs for reaching renewable energy goals, 2) municipal energy strategy, and 3) residential and commercial energy conservation ordinances. SEAB is committed to facilitating successful implementation of CAP and has proposed and supported financing mechanisms such as establishment of an Energy Trust Fund. We appreciate and depend on the staff support provided through the new Sustainability Department and the City Attorney.

We are immensely proud of San Diego’s leadership in establishing its CAP. It has attracted widespread attention. To date, results of implementation are impressive and provide an excellent model for others.

Thank you for your continued support engagement with the Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB).

Sincerely,

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