

March 10, 2009

Local Agency Formation Commission of San Francisco
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: LAFCo's urgent need to immediately move forward on Clean Power SF (Community Choice) and approve contracts

Dear Commissioners,

We, the undersigned organizations and individuals insist that the SF LAFCo immediately move forward with Clean Power SF (also known as Community Choice Aggregation) by contracting for the full spectrum of tasks necessary to begin the project. We insist that the LAFCo contract with a sole Clean Power SF contract bidder to rapidly complete a project Request For Proposals (RFP) by November 2009.

The use of recently-approved federal Economic Stimulus funds for renewable energy capital projects could be crucial in assuring the affordability of the electric rates delivered to Clean Power SF customers. San Francisco's access to those funds might be lost if Clean Power SF is not moved forward now.

We have experienced years of delays. On May 11, 2004, the Board of Supervisors passed the San Francisco Energy Independence Ordinance directing the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to implement Clean Power SF in order to run the City on 51% clean, renewable electricity by 2017. Since that ordinance was passed the SFPUC has repeatedly and substantially failed to meet numerous Board directives and deadlines to move Clean Power SF forward.

In response to the delays, the Board of Supervisors, on June 19, 2007, provided the SF LAFCo with sufficient funding and authority to proceed with contracting all tasks necessary to complete Clean Power SF if the SFPUC failed to move forward on schedule. Since that date, the SFPUC has stalled and delayed the project launch for another full year and a half.

Meanwhile, global warming is worse than any first thought and San Francisco's Bayview Hunters Point and Potrero Hill neighborhoods continue to suffer from the toxic Mirant power plant. We can shut down this plant more rapidly if San Francisco makes the shift to renewable energy that Clean Power SF will bring.

Please implement Clean Power SF in time to access the massive U.S. Economic Stimulus package. We insist that the LAFCo approve all necessary contracts at its next meeting in order to complete the RFP this year.

Sincerely,

Sierra Club Greenpeace San Francisco Green Party Harvey Milk Democratic Club
San Francisco League of Young Voters Ella Baker Center for Human Rights Global Exchange
Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council The San Francisco Bay View Newspaper Our City
District 3 Democratic Club Richmond District Democratic Club Local Clean Energy Alliance
Bay Localize Brightline Defense Project Womens Energy Matters Hon. Carole Migden
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