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The Honorable Chris Rogers
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**RE: AB 1761 (Rogers) – Electricity: Calculation Methodology: Data Disclosure
City of Santa Barbara – Notice of Support**

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Dear Assemblymember Rogers:

On behalf of the City of Santa Barbara, I am writing to express our strong support for AB 1761, which would require greater transparency in the data and methodologies used to calculate charges imposed on customers of load-serving entities, including Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs).

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The City of Santa Barbara operates Santa Barbara Clean Energy, our locally governed CCA program that launched in October 2021. The program was created to give our community greater choice, advance our ambitious climate goals, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Local electricity use accounts for more than 20 percent of Santa Barbara's greenhouse gas emissions, and through Santa Barbara Clean Energy, most residents are enrolled in 100 percent carbon-free electricity, dramatically reducing local electricity-related emissions.

Santa Barbara Clean Energy offers multiple customer options, including 100 percent carbon-free service, a lower-cost 50 percent or more carbon-free option at standard Southern California Edison rates, and a specialized program for customers with rooftop solar that provides enhanced compensation for surplus energy production. The program also reinvests in our community through electric vehicle rebates, reduced-cost e-bike memberships, induction cooking programs, battery storage incentives, and other climate-forward initiatives.

As a locally operated CCA, we are directly impacted by the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) and other charges established by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). These charges materially affect the rates paid by our residents and businesses and directly influence our ability to forecast costs, maintain rate stability, and plan clean energy procurements responsibly.

Currently, CCAs and other load-serving entities often lack consistent, timely access to the data, assumptions, and methodologies used to calculate the PCIA and similar charges. This lack of transparency limits our ability to independently verify calculations, increases regulatory inefficiencies, and creates uncertainty for our ratepayers. When calculation errors occur, they can result in significant and unexpected financial impacts for CCA customers.

AB 1761 provides a practical solution by requiring that all data relied upon in decisions, rulings, proposals, or analyses related to these calculation methodologies be made available to load-serving entities and ratepayer advocates. The bill appropriately protects market-sensitive information through reasonable, commission-approved nondisclosure agreements while ensuring that underlying data is disclosed concurrently and in usable formats.

For Santa Barbara, transparency is not an abstract regulatory concern. It is essential to protecting customers who chose cleaner energy, supporting local climate leadership, and maintaining public trust in our CCA program. AB 1761 strengthens accountability, improves regulatory efficiency, and ensures that customers pay their fair share and no more.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Barbara supports AB 1761 and thanks you for your leadership in advancing transparency and fairness in California's energy regulatory framework.

Sincerely,



Mayor Randy Rowse
City of Santa Barbara

cc: Senate President Pro Tempore, Monique Limon
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