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City Manager

September 16, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1362 (O'Donnell) Electricity: Load-Serving Entities: Rate and Program Information

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 1362 (O'Donnell). AB 1362 proposes to establish a centralized actual energy-use database that is accessible and user-friendly to both the City and its residents through the California Public Utilities Commission and utility provider websites. Access to actual residential electric rates data is essential to evaluating opportunities for becoming better stewards of our environment through improved energy consumption policies, programs and practices.

On October 2018, the City Council requested the City to conduct a comprehensive Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Feasibility Study to forecast costs, as well as identify the benefits and risks with implementing a CCA program for the City. A Feasibility Study Status Update on April 23, 2019 noted that CCA benefits may include purchasing a higher percentage of renewable energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, providing additional support to the green energy industry, and establishing local control of energy procurement. The update also highlighted a need for additional energy-use data for residential and small commercial customers for a more robust CCA assessment. Currently, the City can only access this information after it formally states its intent to move to a CCA. The City needs the actual energy-use data to accurately forecast the feasibility of implementing a CCA.

AB 1362 grants cities access to information needed for proper evaluation of options for energy resiliency, to support sustainable energy, and for residents to become more informed about their energy procurement options.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1362 (O'Donnell) and requests your signature on this bill.

Sincerely,



Patrick H. West
CITY MANAGER

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District

