

Moore, Tania

From: Marilyn Palomino <palominoccr@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 18, 2022 8:36 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Comments on OCPA

Dear Huntington Beach City Council,

Regarding item #30 on the agenda for December 20th

PLEASE STAY IN THE ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY. I reside in Huntington Beach and having the choice to remain with the OCPA is extremely important to me.

Anyone in OCPA always has a choice to return to SCE, but if the city of Huntington Beach votes to leave, there will be no choice! Community Choice Energy is important because we all should have the freedom to transition to clean energy. SCE hasn't done enough to transition to clean energy, yet they have raised our rates every year since 2010. In fact, the CPUC JUST APPROVED A 24% RATE HIKE STARTING IN JANUARY 2023.

Transitioning to clean energy is personal because we are all witnessing increasing numbers of friends and family who are suffering from life altering or fatal cancers and other diseases, due in a large part to dirty energy's release of pollutants/toxins into the environment. Of course, dirty energy also contributes to a warming climate.

Don't vote us back to dirty energy!
Don't take our energy choice away!

[Electricity contributes to climate change and disease](#)

Sincerely,
Marilyn Palomino

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 12/20/2022

Agenda Item No.: #30 (22-1108)

Moore, Tania

From: marie-helene luebbers <mhluebbers@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 10:54 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: vote NO on item #30

Dear Huntington Beach City Council,
Regarding City Council agenda item #30:

My name is Marie Luebbers.

Please vote NO on agenda item 30. We are in a climate crisis, which will not go away. We need to reduce our dirty energy imprint.

Irvine had a bad start, but it does n't mean that the project of OCPA is wrong in itself. Most people cannot install solar on their roof, most of them because they live in apartments. Edison will be increasing its rate by almost 25% in 2023. Edison is a monopoly, and we need to get out of the monopoly system. We need CHOICE, and we need CLEAN ENERGY. Please do the right thing, preserve and protect our community, nature and oceans. Marie Luebbers

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: John Knox <jtimothyknox61@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 12:56 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: VOTE NO ON ITEM #30

Re: City Council agenda item #30

Dear Huntington Beach City Council,

My name is John Knox and my close connection to HB goes back to 1964 when my family first moved to the city.

I am strongly in favor of Community Choice Energy. It is important to my family, my neighbors and I because it is the most cost-effective and fastest way to reduce emissions and protect our environment. We support the OCPA, clean energy, and community choice!

John T. Knox

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 12/20/2022
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Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 1:31 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: My vote is NO

From: Henriette Rieffel <henrie1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 12:11 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Marie-Helene Luebbbers <mhluebbbers@gmail.com>; Henriette Rieffel <henrie1@yahoo.com>
Subject: My vote is NO

Dear Huntington Beach City Council,

Regarding city council agenda item #30

My name is __Bich-Ha Henriette Rieffel

Don't take our energy choice away!
Don't vote us back to dirty energy!
Stay in Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) at the 100% renewable default level.
Preserve and protect our community and oceans from pollution and give us energy choice.

Community Choice Energy is the proven most cost-effective and fastest way to reduce emissions. It's important to me! We have Community Choice Energy because of the OCPA, so vote no to item #30 because _____ (use talking points or your own personal reasons)

Sincerely,
Your Name Bich -Ha Henriette Rieffel
Huntington Beach (Community Member, Resident, Business Member, Consumer, etc.)

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 12/20/2022

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Moore, Tania

From: Gabriel Amaro <gabeme2002@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 2:29 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: VOTE ON ENERGY SOURCE

Dear Huntington Beach City Council,

Regarding city council agenda item #30

My name is Gabriel Amaro

Don't take our energy choice away!
Don't vote us back to dirty energy!
Stay in Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) at the 100% renewable default level.
Preserve and protect our community and oceans from pollution and give us energy choice.

Community Choice Energy is the proven most cost-effective and fastest way to reduce emissions. It's important to me! We have Community Choice Energy because of the OCPA, so vote no to item #30 because _clean energy is so important (use talking points or your own personal reasons)

Sincerely,
Your Name Gabriel Amaro Lake Forest, CA
Huntington Beach (Community Member, Resident, Business Member, Consumer, etc.)

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 12/20/2022

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Moore, Tania

From: Lisa Swanson <lisainlb@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 4:49 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Dec 20 Agenda item 30 - OCPA

Dear Huntington Beach City Council, my name is Lisa Swanson and I have owned a house in SE Huntington Beach for 13 years. Please vote no on agenda Item 30 regarding OCPA or pull it from consideration. Residents and businesses **finally** have choices about their energy plans including staying with SCE, paying a base rate lower than SCE, or paying slightly more to accelerate the transition to renewable energy. Why would the City Council want to take this choice away? Why would you want to deprive low income residents from paying a lower base rate cost than SCE when their huge rate increase kicks in January 2023? Why would you obligate the City to pay large penalties for prematurely withdrawing from our obligations as a founding member of OCPA? Personally, I like having the choice of a 100% renewables option, and I know that it is the most cost-effective and fastest way to reduce emissions. I also support the City of Huntington Beach to remain at the 100% renewables option and continue it's leadership in environmental stewardship and protecting our beautiful community.

I would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with the new City Council members who proposed this agenda item. Other HB community choice energy advocates and I would like to have the opportunity to present our views and correct misinformation included in the City of Irvine resident's public comment included with the agenda item.

Regards and Happy Holidays,
Lisa Swanson

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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From: Amir Baum <amir.baum@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 6:28 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Vote no on agenda item# 30

Dear Huntington Beach City Council,

Regarding city council agenda item #30

My name is Amir Baum and I'm strongly urging you today during your council meeting to **not take our energy choice away and Don't vote us back to dirty energy! Please stay in Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) at the 100% renewable default level. Preserve and protect our community and oceans from pollution and give us energy choice.**

Community Choice Energy is the proven most cost-effective and fastest way to reduce emissions. It's important to me! We have Community Choice Energy because of the OCPA, so vote no to item #30 because without Community Choice Energy (CCE) there is no market competition for SCE. We need our revenue dollars that now go to investors of utilities to come back to our community for more energy savings. For a city the size of Huntington Beach, that's millions of dollars per year!

Furthermore, CPA is doing well financially; the new rate in January 2023 will be 2% lower than the SCE rate, and the rate is also dropping 2% at the higher renewable levels.

Don't take citizens of Huntington Beach and OC back to dirty polluting energy!

SCE's current 2021 Power Content Label shows a dismal renewable content of 31.4% and 9.2% nuclear. SCE no longer offers a green rate. They allow a tiny % of all users to get the Green rate and it's already full! Customers that care about their environment will have no choice for cleaner energy through SCE.

Most importantly, OCPA "Strong" financials and bring rate-stabilization to residents and businesses. With a climate crisis in our backyard and Huntington Beach with sea level rise and wildfires throughout our region including one in May that almost came to my home in Aliso Viejo that occurred in Laguna Niguel we cannot take delay action any further to invest in more renewables to protect our future and my 5 year old son's future. We need OCPA to ensure more renewable energy is invested along with infrastructure here in Orange County and we cannot turn back now!

Sincerely,
Amir Baum
Huntington Beach Consumer

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Susan Eaton <seaton727@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 4:41 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Vote "No" on December 20 Agenda Item #30 Community Choice Energy through OCPA

Dear Huntington Beach Council Members,

Please do not consider pulling out of OCPA or making the default the lowest!!! The chatter on Next Door, etc. urging residents to opt out of OCPA was based on false information. Their bills did increase this month, but they were informed, if they called to opt out because of cost, that they could stay with OCPA at a lower level - with the lowest being equivalent to SCE.

For those, like myself, willing to pay a little more in order to get more renewable energy into the grid, the 100% is something I could not get with SCE. I also very much like the idea of having a Choice of dealing with the nonprofit OCPA because any funds left over, after the start-up money Irvine provided is repaid, will come back to My city!!! Obviously, the more residents and businesses that choose 100% or the middle level, the more My city will get for projects.

Also the more cities and county that join OCPA, the sooner the up-front start-up money will be paid and the sooner cities will see funds coming in!

I have been following the advantages of Community Choice Energy for OC for over 5 years. I read about it, attended several presentations to city councils and the public, and watched the State CalCCA Annual Conference sessions on zoom in order to understand it better. Below is an article by CalCCA that summarizes the audit just released that shows that OCPA is solid and being run successfully.

SCE and the other for-profit utilities also just lobbied the Public Utility Commission (PUC) last week and got approved that residents who have solar panels on their roofs will receive a much lower payment for the energy they provide in 2023. SCE is also raising their rates in 2023!

Article from Recent CalCCA News

Independent Auditor Issued a Clean Audit Opinion on Material Accuracy of Orange County Power Authority's Financial Statements and Identified No Material Weakness in Internal Control

<https://cal-cca.org/independent-auditor-issued-a-clean-audit-opinion-on-material-accuracy-of-orange-county-power-authoritys-financial-statements-and-identified-no-material-weakness-in-internal-control/>

Stay safe,
□ Susan Eaton

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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From: Steven C Shepherd Architect <steve@shepherdarchitects.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 9:24 AM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: AGENDA ITEM #30 - DON'T PLAY POLITICS WITH MY CONSUMER CHOICE!!!

Hello Huntington Beach City Council –

When the Huntington Beach City Council voted to join the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA), my bottom line was simple: my family and I were given a choice.

We have paid a premium for electricity to SCE without any alternative for decades. SCE has regularly increased its rates without improvement in service or reliability, and this trend shows no signs of changing.

For this reason, we decided to give OCPA a try.

You can tinker around with the default service plan all you want. As an informed consumer, I can still select whatever plan works for me, but acting to withdraw our city from the OCPA is an entirely different matter.

Removing Huntington Beach from participation in the OCPA accomplishes only one thing. You will have knowingly limited my choices as a consumer, and that sucks.

Regards,
Steve Shepherd
Huntington Beach 92646

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COMMUNICATION**

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Moore, Tania

From: Linda Moon <lsapiro048@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2022 3:54 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: 12-20-23 City Council Agenda

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 12/20/2022

Agenda Item No.: # 30 (22-1108)

Dear Mayor Strickland and City Council Members:

I have been a resident and homeowner in Huntington Beach for 48 years and maintained a law office in Huntington Beach for 40 years until my retirement. I have followed the work of the City Council for many years. I understand that the new City Council majority is anxious to make changes and put its mark on the city's future. I fear, however, that several of the Councilmember Items on the December 20, 2022 agenda were hastily thought out and could have negative impacts on the city. I urge your careful consideration and measured approach in moving forward with these proposals. Of greatest concern to me are the following:

Item 11 would raise the salary of the current City Attorney, who had no training or experience in Municipal Law prior to coming into office, beyond that of all but one other City Attorney in the state, many of whom are far more experienced, and from wealthier communities. While the City Attorney should be fairly compensated, the current proposal is concerning.

Item 26, prohibiting anonymous complaints against businesses and requiring in-person filing will be intimidating to the public and have a chilling effect on legitimate complaints regarding potentially dangerous Code violations. The public should not be made to fear retaliation or retribution for reporting dangerous conditions or be required to appear in person during business hours, something impossible for many residents. The City Code Enforcement employees can quickly determine whether reports are valid or frivolous. The proposal makes an upfront assumption that all reports are wrongful. The opposite should be true. Code enforcement practices should best serve the residents, employees and customers, not make them targets and endanger the safety of reporters and their families.

Item 27 seeking to raise political campaign contribution limits beyond the inflation standards previously established will result in an unfortunate scenario in which only candidates with wealthy and corporate supporters can possibly be elected. This is a recipe for council corruption and the elimination of diversity on the city's governing body.

Item 28 appears to be an inappropriate gift of public funds for the cost of a CEQA Environmental Impact Review, which would ordinarily be paid by the event sponsor. The benefit to the city in hosting that event does not warrant the cost proposed.

Item 29 smacks of a full-on attack on services to the homeless. I suggest that the Council avail itself of the knowledge of your competent staff to become educated regarding state laws protecting the homeless and the benefits of the services now provided, before seeking to dismantle them.

Item 30 regarding the Orange County Power Authority may be better considered after full reporting on the status of the Community Choice Power Aggregate and its potential for reducing dangerous greenhouse gasses and saving money for consumers. As noted by the County Audit serious concerns exist regarding the current operation of the OCPA. But throwing the baby out with the bathwater may not be the best strategy.

Item 33 will most certainly result in the city incurring significant fines for "challenging" and defying state laws. Huntington Beach does not exist in a vacuum. Like it or not, we are part of the State of California and subject to its housing laws. Most of the council members have had little education, to date, regarding how and why housing mandates exist. We have already paid millions of dollars to fines that could have gone to good use in our city for defying housing statutes. Continued defiance will not be productive or in the best interests of the residents of Huntington Beach.

Item 34 regarding the RWG report appears to be political payback at its worst. I sincerely doubt the legality of this city council "waiving" the Attorney Client privileges of the prior council. The report, previously made public, explains to Huntington Beach residents why over 1.5 Million dollars had to be paid to former employees and litigants who were the subject of age discriminatory tactics by the City Attorney. A desire to cleanse Mr. Gates' record to facilitate his future political aspirations is entirely inappropriate. Mr. Steele, unlike Mr. Gates, has many decades of Municipal Law experience and training. The point of the report was to educate the council and serious issues came to light. Sweeping problems under the rug is not in the best interests of the City and its residents.

I hope the City Council will fully deliberate and consider the need for, effects and ramifications of the above proposals, with the focus on serving the best interests of the City and its residents.

Sincerely,
Linda Sapiro Moon

Moore, Tania

From: Andrea Alexander <andreaalexander12@ymail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 9:33 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL
Subject: Fw: OCPA item # 30

Dear Huntington Beach City Council,
Regarding city council agenda item #30
My name is Andrea Alexander
Don't take our energy choice away!
Don't vote us back to dirty energy!
Stay in Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) at the 100% renewable default level.
Preserve and protect our community and oceans from pollution and give us energy choice.

Community Choice Energy is the proven most cost-effective and fastest way to reduce emissions. It's important to me! We have Community Choice Energy because of the OCPA, so vote no to item #30.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Andrea Alexander.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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Moore, Tania

From: Walker, Renee
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 1:56 PM
To: AgendaAlerts@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda Items #9, #27, and #30 on the City Council Meeting 12-20-2022

From: Joclyn Rabbitt-Sire <joclynsire@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 1:50 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda Items #9, #27, and #30 on the City Council Meeting 12-20-2022

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 12/20/2022

Agenda Item No.: #30(22-1108)

Dear City Councilmembers,

I wish to welcome the new members on the council, and to thank the continuing three for their steadfast service to Huntington Beach. The agenda for tonight's meeting is replete with consequential decisions, and I wanted to take a moment to voice my concern on three of them. I will do so briefly below, in the order in which they fall on the agenda.

Concerning agenda item #9, 22-1041, I ask that you give more deliberation to some of your assignments. Given the portfolio of experience each of you brings to your duties on city council, I believe it would serve the citizens of Huntington Beach best to match up council members with particular committees and citizens groups with which they have garnered years of experience. In particular, I request that you reconsider assignments to the citizens groups: Homeless Task Force and Oak View Community Meetings, and those to the council committee of Housing.

Concerning agenda item #27, 22-1093, I am concerned about any policy that encourages individuals to contribute more to our local campaigns, because it favors candidates who are well connected with a large pool of wealthy donors, and penalizes those who are not. I agree that Huntington Beach has prodigious geography to cover, but access to more money per donor is not the answer. We need to do more to put candidates from diverse backgrounds and income levels on a level playing field instead of mounting hurdles in their paths.

Finally, concerning agenda item #30, 22-1108, I urge you to halt consideration and action altogether. Our commitment to the Orange County Power Authority has made Huntington Beach a leader in Orange County and California as a whole, by allowing citizens to choose the sources of their electricity. Community Choice Aggregators, or CCA's, may be new to our town, but you probably already know that they have gained popularity across California and the nation since 2010, precisely because they have delivered on their promise of clean, reliable energy, returning profits back to communities instead of to shareholders. There are now 19 CCA's in California in 160 towns, cities, and counties, including Alhambra, Culver City, Downey and Santa Monica. I want to have a choice in terms of how much of my electricity is derived from renewable sources, and I want my family, friends, and neighbors in Huntington Beach to have that same choice. Please stay with the OCPA to ensure this choice to all of Huntington Beach! Additionally, please do NOT move the default rate from 100% Renewable Choice to the Basic Rate. Customers can easily make the shift to a cheaper rate employing less renewable energy sources by using their [website](#). Residents can also easily opt out of OCPA there as well. However, I don't even see any reason why ratepayers would want to opt out when the Basic Choice rate with OCPA has already reached parity with SCE. Even better, the Basic Rate will become 2% lower than SCE's generation rates just a month from now! Staying with the 100% default rate produces city-wide benefits to public health and the environment for all residents, as it is expected to reduce fossil fuel pollution by 1 million metric tons! That is the equivalent of taking 200,000 cars off the road in terms of air pollutants. For these reasons, I would enjoin you to maintain our membership in the OCPA and to leave our default city rate at the 100% Renewable Choice.

Thanks very much for your consideration of all these matters, and thank you for your commitment to our city!

Sincerely,
Joclyn Rabbitt-Sire