

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: No CCE

-----Original Message-----

From: Phyllis Bailey <pbaileyhb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:15 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: No CCE

Vote No! No CCE
Phyllis Bailey

Sent from my iPad

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: CCE

From: Jerry Barry <jbatqma@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 9:16 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: CCE

Dear Mayor Semeta and Council,

I urge you to reject ANY further discussion of CCE and vote in favor of Item 21-B. Why do we want a middle man. Next thing someone will suggest we hire Hunter Biden.

-Jerry Barry

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: CCE vote for 21-B

From: Rita Barry <rrbarry15@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 9:31 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: CCE vote for 21-B

Dear Mayor Semeta and Council,

I urge you to reject ANY further discussion of CCE and vote in favor of Item 21-B. This is fundamentally a BAD idea for city for many reasons, not the least of which we should NOT be in the energy business! Also: it's just another added agency and expense which will make our rates go up unnecessarily.

Rita Barry

Sent from my iPhone

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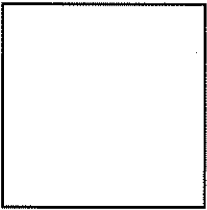
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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: CCE Feasibility Study

From: Janet Bean <janetbeandesigns@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:21 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: CCE Feasibility Study

I am against moving forward with the CCE Feasibility Study. Please listen to the citizens you serve and not the lobbyists and those who will profit from this very bad policy!

Thank you,
Janet Bean



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714-362-7899

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: NO TO CCA (CCE)!!!

From: denise_benner <denise_benner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 5:53 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: NO TO CCA (CCE)!!!

Dear Mayor Semeta and council members:

We are constantly told by you and Huntington Beach staff that there isn't money in the budget to do things that I'd like to see happen- repaving of roads, replacing worn playground equipment in our parks, hiring park rangers to patrol our parks and enforce regulations.

So, when I see Agenda Item 21 on Monday night's city council agenda, I'm concerned.

We don't have the money to do the most basic of functions expected of a city government, yet there is \$66,000 for a feasibility study regarding a function that local government should have no part? That doesn't just seem troubling. It seems reckless.

I urge you to vote for option B on Agenda Item 21 and put the discussion of this topic away for good.

Best regards,
Denise Benner
(47-yr Resident)

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: NO CCE! Vote in Favor of Item 21 B - Vote NO on 20

From: csmk4ucla <csmk4ucla@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 3:31 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: NO CCE! Vote in Favor of Item 21 B - Vote NO on 20

Dear Mayor Semeta and Council,

I urge you to reject ANY further discussion of CCE and vote in favor of Item 21-B. This is fundamentally a BAD idea for city for many reasons, not the least of which we should NOT be in the energy business! Also:

- The City Council will set power rates and can be increased with no oversight and whenever the city wants more of your money. CCEs bypass statutory requirements for pricing approval. Renewable energy costs will rise when state and federal subsidies are taken away.
- Despite claims to the contrary CCE customers cannot directly buy renewable power.
- CCE will create an very expensive new bureaucracy with pensions for all employees. *City of HB currently has over \$1 billion in unfunded liabilities, CCE will make that crisis worse.*
- CCE creates conflicts of interest between politicians, city employees, consultants and energy retailers.
- The State of California has mandated use of renewable energy. There is no need to take this risk locally.
- If the City Council guesses poorly signing long-term energy contracts the CCE could bankrupt the city.
- The customer has no choice with CCE.

I also urge you to vote NO on ITEM 20 - and do not reopen the Beach Edinger Specific Plan with Amendments to the Specific Plan. This action will undo all the protection to our community that we fought for in 2013. It will open the door to "By Right" development that will take away ALL LOCAL ZONING CONTROL. Please vote NO!!

Sincerely,
Stephanie and Craig Billington
8322 Cade Circle
Huntington Beach 92646

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From: Mark Bixby <mark@bixby.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 7:05 PM
To: Agenda Comment; CITY COUNCIL
Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
Subject: YES on CC agenda item 21 action C - investigate CCE feasibility with Irvine

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AGENDA COMMENT

Hi city council,

I urge a YES vote on Feb 3rd agenda item #21 action C to investigate the feasibility of partnering with Irvine's CCE efforts. Partnering with Irvine makes the most sense because a larger customer pool will both lessen the startup costs apportioned to each customer as well as providing increased leverage for negotiating power supply contracts.

The Investor-Owned Utility (IOU) model has failed California.

Let's review some history. The CPUC regulators and the electric utilities (SCE, PG&E, SDG&E) became too chummy with each other, resulting in "regulatory capture" where the utilities drove the regulatory process, yielding fat paychecks for utility executives and handsome returns for shareholders while neglecting critical maintenance and upgrade needs.

This failure has resulted in hundreds of deaths, thousands of homes destroyed, and hundreds of thousands of acres torched over the span of a few years, and millions of people plunged into preventative darkness when the winds blow. And electric rates customers have to pay only ever go up. None of this should be acceptable as business as usual.

Customers always lose under a monopoly.

In the absence of seller competition for a commodity critical to modern life, prices are guaranteed to always be as high as the monopoly can get away with (see "regulatory capture" above). Customers have no choice of provider, and the monopoly knows it. There is no incentive to provide top-notch service in a monopoly either, because dissatisfied customers have nowhere to flee to. Huntington Beach has the crappiest grid reliability of any place I've ever lived.

We can do better with local control.

Governor Newsom and others in Sacramento are threatening to take over bankrupt PG&E unless it makes substantive structural reforms. If the state makes a similar move against SCE, we won't have much of a voice in that. Lobbying, yes, but we don't get a vote, and we'll have no control over how the new public utility is run. Accountability is likely to be poor.

We'd be in local control with a CCE. As a partner city we will have a vote in how it operates. Local electeds will be much more responsive to utility customers who are also voters.

Green energy is cheap energy.

Prices continue to plummet for green energy. Last year, LADWP negotiated a 25-year purchase contract for solar energy with four hours per evening of storage supply for the record-setting low price of 3.3 cents per kilowatt-hour, which is cheaper than power from natural gas:

<https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2019-09-10/ladwp-votes-on-eland-solar-contract>

Expect green energy prices to continue to plummet. This has the potential to cause severe problems for the legacy IOUs, turning fossil fuel power plants and long-term fossil contracts into non-competitive stranded assets. The resulting write-downs will be brutal, and legacy IOU customers may be on the hook for another bailout. Leaving SCE in favor of a CCE will reduce our exposure to that.

Cheap energy is good for economic competitiveness.

Large, power-hungry employers absolutely do factor in the cost of electricity when making relocation or expansion decisions. CCE partner cities will have a leg up in growing their economies because cheaper power will attract new businesses.

Green energy rates really do create more green energy.

It's just basic economics. If I'm a seller of fossil-fuel electricity, there's no way I'm going to spend money to procure and then convert the fuel into electricity if there is no buyer for it and I would have to eat the loss. Sellers of green energy will expand facilities to meet increasing demand in pursuit of increasing profit. The grid will become greener over time. It really is that simple.

CCE incentives for local solar generation and storage reduce the need to import electricity from far-off suppliers.

Most residential solar generation systems have peak output well in excess of base loads. That excess production either goes into storage batteries or gets dumped onto the local grid. Having a CCE that offers incentives for solar and storage is smart business because you're essentially building mini local power plants that reduce the need to import energy, resulting in lower costs for the CCE and improving grid resilience to long-distance supply disruptions (San Andreas earthquake, etc).

For example, I have 7.15 kW of solar panels on my roof, but the base load of my house (electronics plus refrigerator compressor running) is only 0.5 kW. At this time of year on a sunny day, my panels cover my base load by 9am (or by about 10am on a cloudy day). As production increases as the sun rises higher, the excess production charges my Tesla Powerwall batteries. Today my Powerwalls reached 100% by about 1pm. After that point, my remaining excess production was dumped onto the grid, supplying other local homes and businesses with clean local energy that didn't have to be imported. And as I type this after the sun has set, my home is battery-powered, drawing nothing from the grid, and so nothing had to be imported to supply my power.

Green energy offers innovation not possible with fossil fuel energy.

Today in certain jurisdictions in this country and others, Tesla Powerwall owners have the option of participating in so-called virtual peaker plants where in exchange for rebates or power discounts, local grid operators can draw on enrolled Powerwalls to beef up grid energy during peak periods when demand is high.

I produce way more energy than I can use during the summer months of the year when peak demand can cause problems for the grid. My Powerwalls are at 100% at sunset on summer evenings, and it only takes 20-30% to run my house overnight. I'd be willing to personally enroll in a CCE virtual peaker plant program to be able to get more use out of my stored energy in exchange for reducing the cost of the grid electricity I do consume at times.


Long story short, CCE is a no-brainer.

It will reduce customer costs, improve grid reliability, increase economic competitiveness, and reduce our financial exposure to the collapse of legacy IOUs which have failed their customers.

Please vote YES to pursue a feasibility study re partnering with Irvine in a CCE. Thank you!

Mark Bixby
714-401-4526 (cell)

Esparza, Patty

From: MyHB <reply@mycivicapps.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:41 AM
To: Switzer, Donna; Esparza, Patty; Estanislau, Robin
Subject:  MyHB-#241902 Agenda & Public Hearing Comments []

MyHB

New Report Submitted - #241902

Status

new

Work Order

#241902

Issue Type

Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Subtype

City Council Meeting

Notes

Dear Mayor Semeta and City Council Members, My name is Jennifer Bledsoe. My husband, Michael and I are residents and voters in Huntington Beach. We do not support the formation of a CCA, nor the effort to join Irvine to form a JPA. Please vote for option B on Agenda Item 21.

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Reporter Name

Jennifer Bledsoe

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Phone

714-469-5174

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Report Submitted

FEB 03, 2020 - 9:40 AM

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Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: CCE and partnership with Irvine feasibility study.

From: Denise Bletsos <dabletsos@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 6:51 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: CCE and partnership with Irvine feasibility study.

City Council members,

My husband and I totally support the Irvine/Huntington Beach feasibility study to provide green energy to households in Huntington Beach and other local communities. This is a no-brainer given the speeding up prospects of global warming. I am delighted that you are moving out on this subject. It is vitally important for all of us to quickly make changes to reduce the impact.

We are in wholehearted support of this project and will sign up for green energy the moment it is in place.

Sincerely,

Denise and Nikolas Bletsos

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Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 4:54 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Community Choice Energy Feasibility Study . . .

From: Gino J. Bruno <gbruno@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 4:25 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Chi, Oliver <oliver.chi@surfcity-hb.org>; Hopkins, Travis <thopkins@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Community Choice Energy Feasibility Study . . .

Council members:

Regarding Item #21 on Monday's City Council Agenda . . .

Why gamble with the future of our City?

I urge you *NOT* to go forward with any consideration of a Community Choice Energy (CCE) feasibility study, for reasons identified and laid out clearly by your own Staff in its Staff report, including:

- The initial cost of the feasibility study is \$66,000;
- There are significant up-front costs associated with establishing a CCE. As an example, the City of Irvine's recently completed feasibility study found the start-up costs for establishing its own CCE would be \$10.05 million [no wonder Irvine wants to share the bill with Huntington Beach];
- Fluctuations in electrical power cost structures could reduce or eliminate any potential ratepayer savings, and increased power supply costs could lead CCE rates to exceed SCE rates;
- Future regulatory changes could diminish the competitiveness of CCE's when compared with SCE related costs; and
- When compared with SCE, the calculated savings for ratepayers are in the neighborhood of 1% or 2%, depending upon variables. Indeed, Attachment #2 to this Item in your Packet ("Joint Rate Comparisons") indicates that for residential, in a best-case, lowest-cost scenario, under SCE the monthly bill would be \$111.75, while under CCE the bill would be \$110.66, a savings of \$1.09, or 0.975%. Utilizing so-called "green energy" is much more expensive, according to the provided Rate Comparison.

This proposal is to gamble millions of taxpayer dollars in the hope of saving less than one percent on electricity bills!

We don't need it . . . we don't want it.

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Gino J. Bruno
Huntington Beach

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda items...3 Feb 2020

From: Sylvia Calhoun <skc347@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 9:10 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda items...3 Feb 2020

STOP CCE

YES on #21B

NO on #20

Sylvia Calhoun, HB resident since 1982

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: NO on Agenda item 21-NO CCA!

From: Sherry Daniels <sherryd628@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 3:31 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: NO on Agenda item 21-NO CCA!

Dear Mayor Sentra and Councilmembers,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Agenda item #21. I believe in smaller government, and not only should our city not be in the energy business, it wouldn't manage it very effectively, if it was. The CCA is just another ploy for special interests to get taxpayer money. I'm strongly opposed to spending money \$60k+ on a feasibility study, and furthermore, on the millions of dollars in start up costs, just to save a few pennies. In my almost 50 years of living in this city, this is one of the most foolish propositions I have ever heard of.

I frequently hear from Council, on the lack of money for repairs, maintenance, unfunded liabilities, yet now there is \$60,000 for a study? How many potholes can we fix with that? How many more workers can we hire to monitor our parks, clean the disgusting bathrooms at the beach?

I'm so tired of council members who don't listen to the residents of HB, but have an ear and hand open for the special interests. I will be watching this vote closely, so will my family and friends. We are holding any council person who approves this, accountable at election time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sherry Daniels

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Option B

From: G-Ma Rosie <gmarosie2000@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 1:00 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Option B

Dear Mayor Semeta and council members:

At the last city council meeting, during a discussion regarding Item 31- Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of Coastal Development Permit No. 19-001 and Conditional Use Permit No. 19-001 (3rd Street Commercial Building) Council member Carr eloquently spoke of her concern regarding government overreach. So it seems ironic that, when I examined the agenda for the upcoming city council meeting on February 3, 2020 I saw Agenda Item 21- Review and consider the Community Choice Energy (CCE) Feasibility Study options. If anything would qualify as "government overreach" it would be the city taking over functions of a public utility.

Other cities of comparable size to Huntington Beach have paid for feasibility studies. They show an upfront cost of \$10 Million dollars with a "promised" savings of up to 2%. Where do you think that \$10 million dollars will come from? That is the taxpayer's money. If you spend this money, you are violating the public trust. Even if you are convinced that you can finance the upfront costs with a bond measure, the money must be repaid with interest. And you are willing to put our city at risk for what? A 2% savings which I suspect we will never see.

I urge you to vote for Option B on Agenda Item 21. I do not want you to continue this discussion for another minute!

Best regards,
Rosie Dennis

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW:

From: geri griffin <geri.griffin@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 7:53 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject:

Dear Mayor Semeta and council members:

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I urge you to vote for option B on Agenda Item 21 and put the discussion of this topic away for good.

Best regards,

Geri Dixon

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:36 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: CCE Feasibility Study

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From: ocsportynurse <ocsportynurse@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:35 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: CCE Feasibility Study

To whom it may concern,

I am against moving forward with the CCE Feasibility Study.

Karen Escobar

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Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: YES vote on Feb 3rd agenda item #21 action C

From: Michael J Fowler <playbackmike@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 10:32 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: YES vote on Feb 3rd agenda item #21 action C

Council People: Please vote YES on Feb 3rd agenda item #21 action C to investigate the feasibility of partnering with Irvine's CCE efforts.

A move to green electricity any away from fossil fuel produced electricity is the future.

Thank you,

Mike Fowler HB resident

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Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Electricity

From: Craig Frampton <cframpton143@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 9:05 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Electricity

I am writing to seriously oppose our city even considering that we take over the electricity. First off the start up cost is absurd. Secondly we not buying any green energy. Our city needs to stay out of this expensive government overreach. I'm sure the ones pushing this will blow the dog whistle like last time and hb huddle and outside activist will be speaking. Trying to push their agenda. I hope common sense prevails.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Feasibility Study/Partnering with Irvine

From: gillsbkmc@aol.com <gillsbkmc@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 9:14 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Feasibility Study/Partnering with Irvine

Dear Council members,

item #21 action C which will investigate the feasibility of partnering with Irvine's Community Choice Energy (CCE) efforts. Please vote yes for this important action. Thank you for your attention to our email.

Kellie and Robert Gillespie
Home and Business Owners in the city for over 35 years

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Community Choice Energy (CCE)

From: Roger Gloss <rogergloss@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Semeta, Lyn <Lyn.Semeta@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Community Choice Energy (CCE)

Honorable Mayor Semeta:

My name is Roger Gloss. I am a 50-year resident of Orange County and have lived in Rancho Santa Margarita for more than 22 years. I am an activist and an advocate for clean, sustainable energy for all of Orange County.

I urge you to vote in favor of a CCE feasibility study for the City of Huntington Beach. Now is a particularly opportune time to move forward, as Irvine is seeking other Orange County cities to join them in a Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The JPA will be able to offer residents and businesses greater choice in purchasing electricity, with options for more renewable energy. There are many CCEs already operating successfully throughout California. CCE offers consumer choice and local control of electricity at competitive rates.

Thank you for your leadership.


Roger Gloss
Rancho Santa Margarita
rogergloss@gmail.com

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From: MyHB <reply@mycivicapps.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 10:58 PM
To: Switzer, Donna; Esparza, Patty; Estanislau, Robin
Subject:  MyHB-#241554 Agenda & Public Hearing Comments []

MyHB

New Report Submitted - #241554

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Work Order

#241554

Issue Type

Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Subtype

City Council Meeting

Notes

City Council Meeting, February 3, 2020, Agenda item 21 - 220-1375 Review and consider the Community Choice Energy (CCE) Feasibility Study options. Community Choice Energy (CCE) provides a path to lower energy costs for the residence of Huntington Beach as well as providing a positive revenue stream. Information from cities that have implemented CCE programs indicate that the return on investment is relatively short. CCE also provides flexibility in selecting power sources and creating energy saving programs. I would like to encourage the members of the City Council to adopt 20-1375 option A or option C. Option A is the bare minimum that should move forward and option C is similar but provides the experience of the City of Irvine. CCE's are a win-win for the residence and for the City of Huntington Beach. It is also in the best interest of other cities that have adopted CCE's for Huntington Beach to succeed. I understand there will be some negative dialog and maybe attacks on supporters of CCE. It is hard to understand this since there is evidence of positive outcomes. These attacks may come from those that just don't like change or possibly from outside forces that have other conflicting financial interest. I encourage the City Council reject the negativity and take a step into the future and at least study the feasibility of CCE. Thank you.

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Danny Gray

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Phone

Report Submitted

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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Say NO to Reckless Spending

From: Eileen Harris <eharris@windes.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 8:52 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Say NO to Reckless Spending

It is long past time to stop the reckless spending on feasibility studies that make no logical sense. Please vote NO to wasting taxpayer money on Agenda Item #21. Our City should NOT run its own electricity company for all the reasons identified and laid out by the Council's own Staff.

Do something that matters for our community. Our parks are littered with stolen bikes, trash, needles, and drug addicts. Children can no longer play or have birthday parties in the parks because no one wants to subject their children to these drug addicts and diseases. The children's swings and slides are falling apart. Our Main Street and pier have homeless drug addicts passed out all over the place. Our pension liability is going to bankrupt the city. Stop making excuses as to why these issues cannot be solved and do something.

Your job is to listen to what your constituents want. No one moved to Huntington Beach to live next door to recovering addicts. No one moved to Huntington Beach to have it filled with HDD or junkies breaking into our cars and stealing items off our porch.

How about hiring a park ranger? Works for Irvine. Think of the money and time wasted on the shelter fiasco. This is not brain surgery. This is common sense.

A feasibility study is NOT what you should be spending our money or time on. Saving 1% on an electric bill is not what the residents in Huntington Beach care about. Not even close!

Use COMMON SENSE and vote NO on Agenda Item #21.

Thank you,

Eileen Harris

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SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
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From: Taylor Haug <taylorhaug@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:21 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Vote No on Item 21

As an HB resident and homeowner, I urge you to vote no on item 21

Thank you,

Taylor Haug

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Dear City Council,

I urge a YES vote on Feb 3rd agenda item #21 action C to investigate the feasibility of partnering with Irvine's CCE efforts. Partnering with Irvine makes the most sense because a larger customer pool will both lessen the startup costs apportioned to each customer as well as providing increased leverage for negotiating power supply contracts.

The Investor-Owned Utility (IOU) model has failed California.

Let's review some history. The CPUC regulators and the electric utilities (SCE, PG&E, SDG&E) became too chummy with each other, resulting in "regulatory capture" where the utilities drove the regulatory process, yielding fat paychecks for utility executives and handsome returns for shareholders while neglecting critical maintenance and upgrade needs.

This failure has resulted in hundreds of deaths, thousands of homes destroyed, and hundreds of thousands of acres torched over the span of a few years, and millions of people plunged into preventative darkness when the winds blow. And electric rates customers have to pay only ever go up. None of this should be acceptable as business as usual.

Customers always lose under a monopoly.

In the absence of seller competition for a commodity critical to modern life, prices are guaranteed to always be as high as the monopoly can get away with (see "regulatory capture" above). Customers have no choice of provider, and the monopoly knows it. There is no incentive to provide top-notch service in a monopoly either because dissatisfied customers have nowhere to flee to. Huntington Beach has the crappiest grid reliability of any place I've ever lived.

We can do better with local control.

Governor Newsom and others in Sacramento are threatening to take over bankrupt PG&E unless it makes substantive structural reforms. If the state makes a similar move against SCE, we won't have much of a voice in that. Lobbying, yes, but we don't get a vote, and we'll have no control over how the

new public utility is run. Accountability is likely to be poor.

We'd be in local control with a CCE. As a partner city, we will have a vote in how it operates. Local electeds will be much more responsive to utility customers who are also voters.

Green energy is cheap energy.

Prices continue to plummet for green energy. Last year, LADWP negotiated a 25-year purchase contract for solar energy with four hours per evening of storage supply for the record-setting low price of 3.3 cents per kilowatt-hour, which is cheaper than power from natural gas:

Los Angeles OKs a deal for record-cheap solar power and battery storage

Expect green energy prices to continue to plummet. This has the potential to cause severe problems for the legacy IOUs, turning fossil fuel power plants and long-term fossil contracts into non-competitive stranded assets. The resulting write-downs will be brutal, and legacy IOU customers may be on the hook for another bailout. Leaving SCE in favor of a CCE will reduce our exposure to that.

Cheap energy is good for economic competitiveness.

Large, power-hungry employers absolutely do factor in the cost of electricity when making relocation or expansion decisions. CCE partner cities will have a leg up in growing their economies because cheaper power will attract new businesses.

Green energy rates really do create more green energy.

It's just basic economics. If I'm a seller of fossil-fuel electricity, there's no way I'm going to spend money to procure and then convert the fuel into electricity if there is no buyer for it and I would have to eat the loss. Sellers of green energy will expand facilities to meet increasing demand in pursuit of increasing profit. The grid will become greener over time. It really is that simple.

CCE incentives for local solar generation and storage reduce the need to import electricity from far-off suppliers.

Most residential solar generation systems have peak output well in excess of base loads. That excess production either goes into storage batteries or gets dumped onto the local grid. Having a CCE that offers incentives for solar and storage is smart business because you're essentially building mini local power plants that reduce the need to import energy, resulting in lower costs for the CCE and improving grid resilience to long-distance supply disruptions (San Andreas earthquake, etc).

For example, I have 7.15 kW of solar panels on my roof, but the baseload of my house (electronics plus refrigerator compressor running) is only 0.5 kW. At this time of year on a sunny day, my panels cover my baseload by 9 am (or by about 10 am on a cloudy day). As production increases as the sun rises higher, the excess production charges my Tesla Powerwall batteries. Today my Powerwalls reached 100% by about 1 pm. After that point, my remaining excess production was dumped onto the grid, supplying other local homes and businesses with clean local energy that didn't have to be

imported. And as I type this after the sun has set, my home is battery-powered, drawing nothing from the grid, and so nothing had to be imported to supply my power.

Green energy offers innovation not possible with fossil fuel energy.

Today in certain jurisdictions in this country and others, Tesla Powerwall owners have the option of participating in so-called virtual peaker plants where in exchange for rebates or power discounts, local grid operators can draw on enrolled Powerwalls to beef up grid energy during peak periods when demand is high.

I produce way more energy than I can use during the summer months of the year when peak demand can cause problems for the grid. My Powerwalls are at 100% at sunset on summer evenings, and it only takes 20-30% to run my house overnight. I'd be willing to personally enroll in a CCE virtual peaker plant program to be able to get more use out of my stored energy in exchange for reducing the cost of the grid electricity I do consume at times.

Long story short, CCE is a no-brainer.

It will reduce customer costs, improve grid reliability, increase economic competitiveness, and reduce our financial exposure to the collapse of legacy IOUs which have failed their customers.

Please vote YES to pursue a feasibility study re partnering with Irvine in a CCE. Thank you!



LA
Times

Los Angeles OKs a deal for record-cheap solar power and battery storage

The Eland solar contract had been delayed due to concerns raised by the city electrical workers union.

Michael Heiter

"The modern conservative is engaged in one of man's oldest exercises in moral philosophy; that is, the search for a superior moral justification for selfishness."

John Kenneth Galbraith

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
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Cc: Gates, Michael <Michael.Gates@surfcity-hb.org>; Chi, Oliver <oliver.chi@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: CCA

City Council,

NO to CCA

There are many reasons why this is not the right move for our city, I encourage council to vote "NO" on agenda item 21 (CCA)

Thank you,

Bill Hennerty

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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I AM AGAINST MOVING FORWARD WITH THE CCE FEASIBILITY STUDY!

We should not be wasting \$66K to do a study when there are far better things to use that money for in HB. Please use our tax dollars wisely. Thank you!

Jaclyn Homan

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Subject: HB/Irvine Community Choice Energy

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Once again the disaster that is Community Choice Aggregation (or Energy) rears its head in Huntington Beach, now in the form of an invite from Irvine to join a co-op of cities forming a new and expensive bureaucracy called a JPA* (Joint Powers Authority).

CCA was first brought to our city council in 2017*. During that time a compelling case was made that implementation would end in financial disaster for HB. CCA was scrapped because of that effort. *2 years later the truth of CCA is worse, not better.*

While this issue of CCA is complex it boils down to these points:

- **The City Council will set our power rates. Rates can be increased with no oversight and whenever the city wants more of your money. CCAs bypass statutory requirements for pricing approval.**
- **The customer has no choice with CCA.**
- **Renewable energy costs will rise when state and federal subsidies are taken away.**
- **Despite claims to the contrary CCA customers cannot directly buy renewable power.**
- **CCA will create an very expensive new bureaucracy with pensions for all employees. City of HB currently has over \$1 billion in unfunded liabilities, CCA will make that crisis worse.**
- **CCA creates conflicts of interest between politicians, city employees, consultants and energy retailers.**
- **The State of California has mandated use of renewable energy. There is no need to take this risk locally.**
- **If the City Council guesses poorly signing long-term energy contracts the CCA could bankrupt the city.**

Viewed through the prism of Risk Management CCA's dangers far outweigh the benefits. No issue ever before council has the destructive possibilities that Community Choice Energy does. **CCA is an Enron-Level disaster in the making.**

As CCA is technical and complex it requires a deep dive to understand exactly how the sausage is made and the public's money is stolen. Read on for the details.

Sometimes bad ideas die, killed by the weight of their misconceptions. But sometimes bad ideas thrive by hope, platitudes, greed and outright lies.

That is Community Choice Aggregation (Energy).

Lets review the talking points and uncover the underlying truth.

What is Community Choice Aggregation?

Here's how it works. Local government agencies form a new, semi-invisible government agency to purchase and sell electricity. The local utility company, such as SCE, provides transmission, distribution and customer billing services for a fee paid by the new agency's customers. All people who live and do business in the area become customers of the new agency unless they ask to "opt out."

Lets begin with the lynchpin of CCA-Energy Subsidies. "A sum of money granted by the government or a public body to assist an industry or business so that the price of a commodity or service may remain low or competitive"

From Forbes:

"There is no doubt that (these) subsidies incentivize renewables, but what do they do to the cost of the electricity generated by them? They actually increase the cost. However, this cost is transferred from the ratepayer to the taxpayer, and so goes unnoticed by most Americans. Using the per-kWh subsidy numbers from EIA and UT in the figure above, each kWh of solar produced in 2010 received 88¢, more than ten times the actual cost of any other energy source. These subsidies have to be added to the retail cost of that energy to determine total costs since that's what was actually spent to produce it.

So in 2010 and 2011, solar cost about 100¢ per kWh, and in 2013 and 2014, solar cost about 80¢ per kWh.

For comparison, nuclear energy cost between 4¢ and 5¢ per kWh to produce over this time period. Remember, though, the cost to produce energy is not the same as the price charged for it. Price is set by the region and the market, and has add-ons for transmission, grid maintenance and other non-production costs. Subsidies decrease the price while increasing the cost."

1) Because renewable energy is always more expensive* than "system power" (fossil power sold through CAISO daily markets and hour-ahead markets) CCA's ability to offer competitive energy is solely dependent on taxpayer subsidies. These subsidies are now on the chopping block. "The Trump administration is again seeking severe cuts to the U.S. Energy Department division charged with renewable energy and energy efficiency research, according to a department official familiar with the plan. The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy would see its \$2.3 billion budget slashed by about 70 percent, to \$700 million, under President Donald Trump's fiscal 2020 budget request." "Without that cash infusion, the wind and solar industries will need to become even more efficient, competing with energy sources such as natural gas and nuclear that will continue to receive federal subsidies. Under federal tax law, oil and natural gas drillers are singled out for lucrative deductions based on the amount of energy they produce. And nuclear power plants receive a long list of federal benefits, including a \$500 million cap on liability in the event of a meltdown."

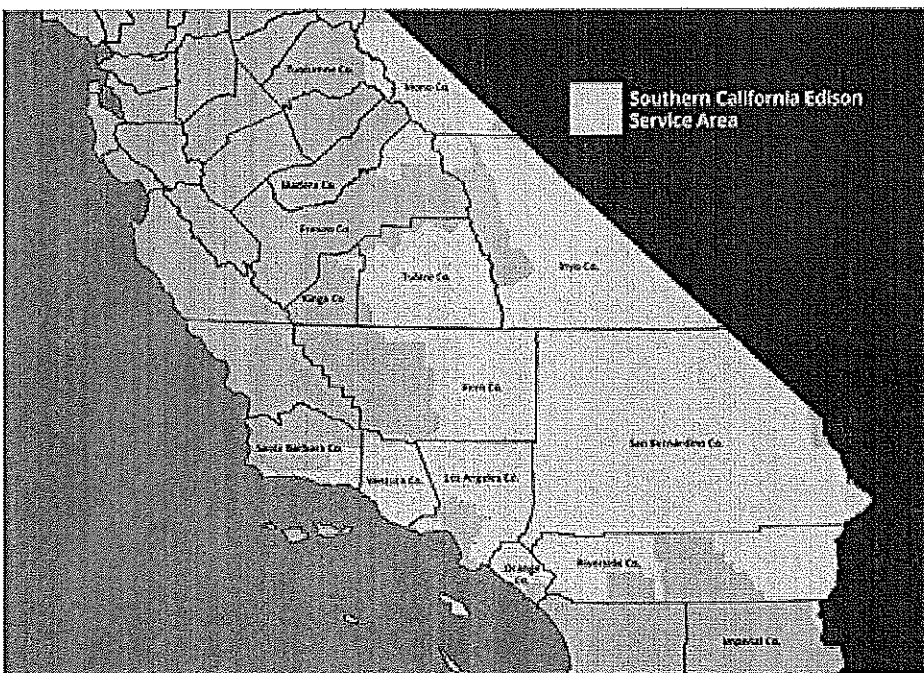
Choice. Proponents of CCA say "consumers want choice"

1) The customer has no "choice" under CCA. The city council or JPA makes all energy purchases. All of SCE's former customers are forced to become the CCA's customers and must "Opt-Out" if they want remain an SCE customer. If CCA is such a good deal why are customers automatically enlisted? because the consultants that implement CCAs realized a much higher retention rate when they do. If given an actual choice and the facts people do not willingly choose CCA.

Cost. Proponents say “ratepayers bills will go down”

1) When I began researching CCA four years ago I attended or watched over a dozen presentations including the meeting at our main library on March 20th, 2017. At the time all of the presentations quoted that ratepayers could “*possibly receive 5% savings through CCA*”. Now, CCAs are claiming *possible* savings of 2%. That’s a 3% drop in the *promoted*, not actual, savings in just 2 years. The CCA pricing propaganda is going in the wrong direction.

2) CCAs claim that they will buy power “*more competitively*” than SCE or other IOUs. This is impossible as SCE’s scale is massive compared to any particular city or JPA and thus cities will always have *less* buying power, not more than the SCE. The proposed Irvine group would encompass Irvine, Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach and Tustin; of which the combined population is 763,182. SCE’s coverage area has a population of **20,549,812**. To put that in perspective the proposed Irvine joint CCA would be just 3.71% of SCE’s coverage area...Kern County alone has more people than all of the proposed Irvine CCA combined. It’s like your corner grocer claiming he can sell Corona cheaper than Costco...*economies of scale and common sense tell us that cannot be true.*



3) How exactly do CCAs offer lower rates than IOUs? SCE, PG&E and SDG&E must go before the PUC’s Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) and General Rate Case (GRC) and disclose their future pricing. *CCAs get to sit there and take note.* Then they price their power fractionally less than the IOUs. It’s like having to disclose your cards at poker but the other guy doesn’t. This way CCAs can always appear competitive.
https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Costs_Rates/s

4) **You’re never free from SCE.** CA energy regulators increased the fees (PCIA-Power Charge Indifference Adjustment, the charge that SCE levies for every customer lost to CCA) by 1.68%, topping 5% overall. This comes directly out of any proposed “savings” CCAs might offer. From the Newport Beach Independent: “*Laguna Beach decided not to participate in the proposed clean energy authority, partly because of a recent ruling by the California Public Utilities Commissions that allows investor-owned utilities to recover costs (PCIA) from customers leaving their system, Shohreh Dupuis, assistant city manager and director of public works said in a statement to the Daily Pilot.*”. We strongly suspect that the Irvine CCA is being rushed right now because of the PCIA increase. Quote from Dawn Weisz, Marin Clean Energy CEO March 20th, 2017 “*We must make SCE whole (with PCIA), we have no idea what that costs, SCE working on model now, biggest unknown for CCA*”

5) Recently a former energy executive with deep knowledge of CCA reviewed Irvine's feasibility study and found that, at best, a \$.88 per month savings for the average household.

6) Startup costs. \$10 million for HB alone.

7) During the CCA meeting held at HB's main library on March 20th, 2017 Lancaster junior city manager Jason Caudle (current CEO of the Lancaster Ca Choice Energy Authority) said *"you can't do it cheaper and greener than SCE, We have not seen cheaper energy"*

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Green Energy Fraud. Proponents of CCA say "you will be able to buy Green Energy"

1) CCAs purchase fossil fuel energy and sell it as "green" by a process known as "Greenwashing". Greenwashing happens when a renewable energy provider like a solar farm, which receives massive taxpayer subsidies, produces energy. When 1 megawatt of clean energy is produced the solar farm operator can issue a **REC (renewable energy certificate)**, they can then sell the REC to a CCA which purchases fossil fuel energy and applies the REC to the purchase, thereby "greenwashing" that megawatt of power allowing the CCA to call it "renewable", or "green" energy. Think of RECs as a taxpayer subsidized "discount coupon" allowing CCAs to purchase cheap fossil fuel and fraudulently pass it off to ratepayers as "Green" energy. The RECs game, and the profits derived from misleading consumers, is over with the implementation of AB 1110 in late 2019.

2) Because of the physical reality of the grid the consumer cannot *buy* green, or renewable, energy. Our grid system *delivers* power to customers, it wouldn't know what energy is green or otherwise. All CCAs claim that consumers can, in fact, directly buy renewable power through the CCA and they even sell tiered plans where the consumer is offered increased amounts of "green energy" if they pay more. This is fraud. There is no way to

take power produced from a renewable source and separate it from the power produced by SCE and send it to a customer. *"When electricity is generated—either from a renewable or non-renewable power plant—the electrons added to the grid are indistinguishable"*. NREL

3) Because they are always subsidized by the taxpayers renewables are always more costly and when subsidies are decreased or removed will massively increase consumer costs. The concept and pricing are a scam and will only continue to be viable as long as renewable energy is subsidized. After that the game is over and taxpayers will be stuck with wildly escalating energy bills.

4) The state of California already mandates the use of renewables, fully 50% of the state's energy must come from renewables by 2030. Because of this there is no need to take the risk of CCA.

Accountability and Potential Misuse.

1) IOUs must go before the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to ask for rate increases. CCAs are under no such burden, a rate increase can be made at the whim of a city council or the JPA.

2) Every time the city needs an infusion of cash the urge to raise energy rates will be irresistible for unprincipled leaders. In a city with 200k residents and 1000s of commercial ratepayers raising their rates even 1% would result in massive revenue increases. To politicians who are constrained by the fiscal realities of CA this ability will be like catnip. It is a tool that should never be in the hands of politicians.

3) Joint Powers Authority. A JPA is simply a legal formation allowing cities to collude on CCA. The JPA will be populated with council people.

4) No actual choice. Although billed, literally, as "choice" the customer's only possible decision is whether they stay or exit the CCA.

SCE.

1) Power Generation is the riskiest part of the retail energy business due to fuel and maintenance costs. IOUs want out of the generation business. CCA gives SCE a way to get out of long-term contracts. Then SCE charges CCAs for energy transport and billing and keeps all customers on the hook with monthly PCIA fees. With CCA SCE literally has their cake and eats it all up.

New Bureaucracy and Fiscal Danger.

1) CCAs will create a massive new bureaucracy with new upfront costs (\$10 million), pensions and ongoing liabilities. And, because no one in local government has any experience buying power in the energy markets any choices they make could have disastrous consequences for the taxpayers of HB. CCAs will sign long-term energy contracts that will be irrevocable. If cities guess wrong they will fiscally encumber their towns, at a time that all CA cities are scrambling to increase revenue and decrease costs. Implementation of CCA could be catastrophic. *Think Enron.*

2) Irvine CCA will be in precarious financial situation because CPUC (Rulemaking 18-07-003: "DECISION ON 2019 RENEWABLES PORTFOLIO STANDARD PROCUREMENT PLANS") upholds SB350, which requires all energy providers to have executed long-term contracts for their renewable energy. This means that Irvine, like all CCAs, will (i) need tens of millions of dollars as collateral to execute these energy contracts... or (ii) Irvine will keep this liability secret while launching its CCA, and then escalate its retail electricity prices to attempt to raise tens of millions of dollars to fund its looming contract liability. The consultants operating Irvine's CCA will likely tell few, if any City of Irvine staffers about this (assuming they know), and will attempt to push Irvine into figuring out how to make things work down the road, after the Irvine CCA launches. Unlike MCE and SCP, which have on hand \$217 MM and \$60 MM in cash & securities, respectively, and have already executed much of their req'd long term energy contracts, this is not a smart time to be launching a new CCA because new CCAs don't have the requisite financial strength to execute long-term energy contracts. As

things progress, the consultants will be taking their fee money from Irvine while claiming the financial calamity was beyond their knowledge.

3) The danger of a city or JPA's insolvency because of starting and running a CCA cannot be overstated. CCAs sales points are false, startup costs are huge, bureaucracies are increased and ratepayers are put in fiscal and actual danger from the implementation of CCA.

4) Looking over Irvine's feasibility study it appears to rely heavily on existing CCAs (Marin Clean Energy et al...) cash on hand. From energy expert Jim Phelps: "... the early CCAs all benefitted from massive use and abuse of RECs. RECs allowed early CCAs to sell "clean" energy that was little more than inexpensive system power (fossil power sold through CAISO daily markets and hour-ahead markets) plus a certificate. CCAs then benchmarked their prices against PG&E's (high) prices, and sold this clean energy at a premium to consumers. In other words, NorCal CCAs sold high-profit-margin "REC clean energy" against an incumbent utility whose prices were high, and in the process banked millions of dollars."

4) The unbundled RECs game, and the profits derived from misleading consumers, is over with the implementation of AB1110 (Greenhouse gases emissions intensity reporting) in late 2019.

5) Jim Phelps *"The schism between old CCAs and new CCAs – the haves and the have nots – is seen by many in the energy industry. We all believe that newer CCAs will fail financially, while older CCAs with large cash holdings survive — these guys are getting credit ratings as they prepare to float bonds. That ~\$47 million reserve fund that Irvine's consultant shows in its pro-forma table for CCA is... fiction. Cities may have a "financial firewall" that insulates them from PPA (Power Purchase Agreement) liabilities, but they will STILL incur on-going costs for bonds, Feed-in Tariffs, etc. Failures will be messy & expensive for cities."*

Physical Danger.

1) Ratepayers enjoy stable electricity with IOUs like SCE. Recent intentional blackout events highlight the danger of the CA government involving themselves in the energy business, with disastrous results. CA is in the grip of environmental regulatory insanity forcing costs to skyrocket and reliability to plummet. CCAs are the local extension of those regulatory overreaches. Ask any of the 800,000 PG&E customers who recently had their lights turned out how they feel about energy reliability.

2) Our grid was not designed to handle renewables. Renewables like solar power overload the grid with energy that must sometimes be offloaded to other states or risk overload. This puts great stress on the CA grid.

3) "Besides having the most expensive electricity west of the Mississippi River in the continental U.S., California already has the least reliable electricity," Forbes reported. "California easily leads the nation with nearly 470 power outages a year, compared to 160 for second place Texas, which is really amazing because Texas produces 125% MORE electricity! (here)."

"California's reliability problems will be multiplied as more wind and solar enter the power mix, intermittent resources located in remote areas that cannot be so easily transported to cities via the grid."

Conflicts of Interest.

1) Irvine's CCA feasibility study was performed by **EES Consulting**. From EES' CCA page "*EES Consulting, Inc. (EES) is currently providing technical energy consulting services such as feasibility assessment, feasibility peer review services, and **implementation and launch services** to numerous CCA initiatives in California*". So the company tasked with giving a non-biased opinion on whether the CCA would be viable is also the company that would likely run and operate it and be involved in energy purchases profiting handsomely from the commissions received. What is the likelihood that EES would recommend denial of the potential CCA ? Zero.

2) During the CCA debate held at HB city hall on 2017 the CCA advocate was Howard Choi, (former Board Chair/General Manager, Office of Sustainability, County of Los Angeles) Mr. Choi left soon after for consultancy job at EES.

In conclusion, The HB City Council would be locking our town into a program based on taxpayer-funded subsidies, and massive accounting tricks; in that way CCA is more akin to a Ponzi scheme than an energy program. Government takes taxpayer money to subsidize renewables then mandates program that REQUIRE those same renewables. When (not if) subsidies for renewables are stopped energy prices will naturally skyrocket.

Huntington Beach City Council members were elected to lead, to look deeply into the issues that affect its citizens and make the most informed decisions possible.

With that in mind please vote NO ON CCA.

Yours,

Michael Hoskinson

Former HB Planning Commissioner 2014-16

<http://www.michaelhoskinson.com/community-choice-energy-hbs-enron/>

Esparza, Patty

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Subject: CCE Feasibility Study

City Counsel Members,

On Monday, February 3rd meeting item (21) is on the agenda to consider a large payment to another consulting firm. I am against moving forward with the CCE Feasibility Study. I'm asking for a NO vote.

In no way should the city of HB be our energy provider.

Kind regards,
Lily Jacinto

Sent from my iPad

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am against moving forward with the CCE Feasibility Study.

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Dear Mayor Semeta and Council,

I urge you to reject ANY further discussion of CCE and vote in favor of Item 21-B. This is fundamentally a BAD idea for city for many reasons, not the least of which we should NOT be in the energy business! Also:

- The City Council will set power rates and can be increased with no oversight and whenever the city wants more of your money. CCEs bypass statutory requirements for pricing approval. Renewable energy costs will rise when state and federal subsidies are taken away.
- Despite claims to the contrary CCE customers cannot directly buy renewable power.
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- The customer has no choice with CCE.

I also urge you to vote NO on ITEM 20 - and do not reopen the Beach Edinger Specific Plan with Amendments to the Specific Plan. This action will undo all the protection to our community that we fought for in 2013. It will open the door to "By Right" development that will take away ALL LOCAL ZONING CONTROL. Please vote NO!!

Sincerely,
Lanee Junghans-Verdugo
(714) 800-0544

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: CCE for HB residents

From: Pam Kamps <pamkamps@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 3:04 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: CCE for HB residents

City Council Representatives,

I am a long time HB resident and an environmentalist. I know you are aware of the City of Irvine CCE program. This program is available for us to join and needs to be seriously considered. What do we have to loose by giving the residents of HB the choice CCE offers? I know you all agree that you want to save our environment in any way we can. Our Earth needs our help and every little bit counts. Please vote to make HB a partner in the CCE program that has already been thoroughly researched and voted on by Irvine. Surf City certainly wants to be on the right side of the Climate Change issue we are currently facing. Voting to join with Irvine make sense for our community. Please vote to partner with Irvine.

Sincerely,

Pam Kamps
21861 Summerwind Ln, Huntington Beach, CA 92646

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 6:14 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: CCE Feasibility Study

-----Original Message-----

From: kathyell <kathyell@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 6:08 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: CCE Feasibility Study

___ I am against moving forward with the CCE Feasibility Study!!!!___

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda Item #21 Action C

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

From: Anne Smith Kim <anne_sk@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 7:55 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda Item #21 Action C

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Dear City Council,

I urge a YES vote on Feb 3rd agenda item #21 action C to investigate the feasibility of partnering with Irvine's CCE efforts. Partnering with Irvine makes the most sense because a larger customer pool will both lessen the startup costs apportioned to each customer as well as providing increased leverage for negotiating power supply contracts.

The Investor-Owned Utility (IOU) model has failed California.

The CPUC regulators and the electric utilities (SCE, PG&E, SDG&E) became too chummy with each other, resulting in "regulatory capture" where the utilities drove the regulatory process, yielding fat paychecks for utility executives and handsome returns for shareholders while neglecting critical maintenance and upgrade needs.

This failure has resulted in hundreds of deaths, thousands of homes destroyed, and hundreds of thousands of acres torched over the span of a few years, and millions of people plunged into preventative darkness when the winds blow. And electric rates customers have to pay only ever go up. None of this should be acceptable as business as usual.

Customers always lose under a monopoly.

In the absence of seller competition for a commodity critical to modern life, prices are guaranteed to always be as high as the monopoly can get away with (see "regulatory capture" above). Customers have no choice of provider, and the monopoly knows it. There is no incentive to provide top-notch service in a monopoly either, because dissatisfied customers have nowhere to flee to. Huntington Beach has the crappiest grid reliability of any place I've ever lived.

We can do better with local control.

Governor Newsom and others in Sacramento are threatening to take over bankrupt PG&E unless it makes substantive structural reforms. If the state makes a similar move against SCE, we won't have much of a voice in that. Lobbying, yes, but we don't get a vote, and we'll have no control over how the new public utility is run. Accountability is likely to be poor.

We'd be in local control with a CCE. As a partner city we will have a vote in how it operates. Local electeds will be much more responsive to utility customers who are also voters.

Green energy is cheap energy.

Prices continue to plummet for green energy. Last year, LADWP negotiated a 25-year purchase contract for solar energy with four hours per evening of storage supply for the record-setting low price of 3.3 cents per kilowatt-hour, which is cheaper than power from natural gas:

<https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2019-09-10/ladwp-votes-on-eland-solar-contract>

Expect green energy prices to continue to plummet. This has the potential to cause severe problems for the legacy IOUs, turning fossil fuel power plants and long-term fossil contracts into non-competitive stranded assets. The resulting write-downs will be brutal, and legacy IOU customers may be on the hook for another bailout. Leaving SCE in favor of a CCE will reduce our exposure to that.

Cheap energy is good for economic competitiveness.

Large, power-hungry employers absolutely do factor in the cost of electricity when making relocation or expansion decisions. CCE partner cities will have a leg up in growing their economies because cheaper power will attract new businesses.

Green energy rates create more green energy.

It's just basic economics. If I'm a seller of fossil-fuel electricity, there's no way I'm going to spend money to procure and then convert the fuel into electricity if there is no buyer for it and I would have to eat the loss. Sellers of green energy will expand facilities to meet increasing demand in pursuit of increasing profit. The grid will become greener over time. It really is that simple.

CCE incentives for local solar generation and storage reduce the need to import electricity from far-off suppliers.

Most residential solar generation systems have peak output well in excess of base loads. That excess production either goes into storage batteries or gets dumped onto the local grid. Having a CCE that offers incentives for solar and storage is smart business because you're essentially building mini local power plants that reduce the need to import energy, resulting in lower costs for the CCE and improving grid resilience to long-distance supply disruptions (San Andreas earthquake, etc).

Green energy will reduce customer costs, improve grid reliability, increase economic competitiveness, and reduce our financial exposure to the collapse of legacy IOUs which have failed their customers.

Please vote YES to pursue a feasibility study re partnering with Irvine in a CCE. Thank you!

Anne Kim

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda Item #21 action C

-----Original Message-----

From: Greg Kordich <llk5@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 10:22 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda Item #21 action C

Honorable Council Members, I am asking you to support item 21 action c this will attract more business, keep local control away from sacramento and generate income for the city and residents. THANK YOU sincerely Greg Kordich 40yr. resident of H,B. WIN WIN.

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Please Vote for Option B!!

From: Jan Kubica <hbjn98@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 2:27 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Please Vote for Option B!!

Dear Mayor Semeta and council members:

We are constantly told by you and Huntington Beach staff that there isn't money in the budget to do things that I'd like to see happen like repaving of roads, replacing worn playground equipment in our parks, hiring park rangers to patrol our parks and enforce regulations.

So, when I see Agenda Item 21 on Monday night's city council agenda, I'm very concerned!

We don't have the money to do the most basic of functions expected of a city government, yet there is \$66,000 for a feasibility study regarding a function that local government should have no part? That just doesn't seem troubling, it seems reckless.

I really urge you to vote for option B on Agenda Item 21 and put the discussion of this topic away for good.

Sincerely,

Jan Kubica

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Estanislau, Robin
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 10:19 PM
To: vanessa martinez
Cc: CITY COUNCIL; Chi, Oliver; Gates, Michael; Esparza, Patty
Subject: Re:

Hello, Vanessa,

Our process provides for release of the City Council agenda on Wednesday evenings prior to regularly scheduled meetings on the first and third Monday of each month. The City Council agenda for tomorrow night's meeting was released to the City Council at approximately 6:00 PM last Wednesday evening, January 29th, and immediately following was posted to the city's website at www.huntingtonbeach.legistar.com. Supplemental communications received after distribution of the agenda packet on Wednesday were distributed to Council and made public on the website late Friday afternoon, January 31st, and any additional information received for tomorrow night's meeting will be distributed tomorrow afternoon after 2:00 PM.

I cannot speak to the information sharing practices in Irvine as described below. As for the request that residents identify their City of residence during public comments, the Brown Act states "members of the public cannot be required to register their names, provide other information, complete a questionnaire, or otherwise 'fulfill any condition precedent' to attending a meeting." Public speakers can certainly volunteer that information on their own, but could not be required to do so.

Hope this helps. Let me know if you have more questions.

Robin Estanislau
City Clerk

Sent from my iPad

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

On Feb 2, 2020, at 2:31 PM, vanessa martinez <rockonbaileybailey@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Robin,

Please read the below email. I would like to have clarification as to when we can pick up the meeting agenda? Irvine was notified before Huntington Beach residents regarding item 21. The poster posted at 11:29 a.m., yet the city did not post this until the evening?

Thank you,
Vanessa Martinez Hennerty

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: vanessa martinez <rockonbaileybailey@yahoo.com>
To: HB City Council <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>; Oliver Chi <oliver.chi@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Susan Goulding <sgoulding@scng.com>; OC Insider News <ocinsidernews@gmail.com>; Julia Sclafani <julia.sclafani@latimes.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020, 10:03:09 AM PST
Subject:

Good Morning,

Regardless of what side of the issue you're on, I would like the council to reconsider the following for many reasons:

- The Agenda Item is 21 and has 3 options:
- highly concerned with the release of info given to Kathleen K Treseder and the Irvine community.
- Why is our city council sharing information, that our own community had yet received?
- Can you please clarify what time agenda's are released per the Brown Act? Can we pick up agenda's before 11:00 a.m.? Can we reach out to council members asking them to release this information prior to it being posted?

Quote from a local resident:

"As far as outside influences, this seems like Russia/Ukraine influencing USA elections, but on a local scale. Normally, when you get up and speak at City Council, you fill out a card with your issue, and you identify your city of residence."

Mayor Lyn Semeta, can you please request that speakers identify their city of residence before public comments.

Thank you,
Vanessa Martinez Hennerty

<Kim Carr.png>

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Vote YES tonight on Agenda item 21, Action C

From: Judith <judithinhb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 11:16 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Vote YES tonight on Agenda item 21, Action C

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to vote YES tonight on Action C of Agenda Item 21 to investigate the feasibility of partnering with the City of Irvine's CCE efforts.

Like most of my neighbors here in Huntington Beach, I am vitally concerned about our environment and the future economic impact of good decisions.

If you have read through the proposal, then you know the obvious advantages to this action:

- Existing regulators have failed to perform critical maintenance and necessary upgrades = fires, deaths and loss of homes.
- A larger customer pool reduces startup costs to customers – and increases leverage for negotiating our power supply contracts.
- Green energy is cheaper and good for economic competitiveness.
- Green energy offer innovations not possible with fossil fuel energy.
- CCE will reduce customer costs, improve grid reliability, increase economic competitiveness.

You have the power to make a strong start on our environmental improvement.

PLEASE VOTE YES!!!

Thank you.

Judith K. Larson, owner resident
8816 Yuba Circle
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 21 February 3rd Council meeting

From: EVENT EXPOS <eventexpos@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 11:23 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda Item 21 February 3rd Council meeting

Dear Mayor Semeta and Council Members:

I respectfully request you vote Agenda item 21:

B)Direct staff not to move forward with the CCE Feasibility Study

Attached is a screen shot of [change.org](https://www.change.org) petitions results at 11:00am February 3. along with a link to the REAL Huntington Beach residents petition for your perusal of the comments..

Petition to Huntington Beach City Council

Tell Huntington Beach City Council: YES to Choice (CCE) Now

...CCE will bring... [Read more](#)

Huntington Beach Families for Consumer Choice 79 supporters Created Jan 30, 2020

Petition to Huntington Beach City Council

VOTE NO to Huntington Beach Spending \$66,000 on CCE/CCA Study vote NO to CCE/CCA

...Tell Huntington Beach City Council VOTE NO, Monday February 3, 2020 on agenda item 21 to wasting...

Huntington Beach People's Action Committee 249 supporters Created Feb 1, 2020

<http://chnng.it/QLQCCsYFy9>

Thank you

Yvonne Mauro

Huntington Beach Resident

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: No CCE feasibility study

From: Joelle McNamara <happyinhb@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 9:12 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: No CCE feasibility study

I am against moving forward with the CCE feasibility study. It doesn't make sense and seems to be a move to put money in someone's pockets, and will not benefit our city.

Joelle McNamara

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail
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**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20
Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda item 21

From: larry mcneely <lmwater@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 4:57 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda item 21

Vote NO on the study and the effort, lets stay out of the electricity business. One more item our city is not in the Real Estate Speculation business vote no on the purchase of the lot on Beach Blvd. Less government the better .

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: MyHB <reply@mycivicapps.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Switzer, Donna; Esparza, Patty; Estanislau, Robin
Subject: ☒ MyHB-#241955 Agenda & Public Hearing Comments ☐

MyHB

New Report Submitted - #241955

Status

new

Work Order

#241955

Issue Type

Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

Subtype

City Council Meeting

Notes

Oppose Item 21: Review and consider the Community Choice Energy (CCE) Feasibility Study options. I stand opposed to the City of Huntington Beach becoming a Power Utility. We have enough issues facing our city. Homeless, crumbling roads/wall, public restrooms, and other issues need priority for funds and focus. I strongly encourage you to vote NO on Item 21. Thank you for your attention

[View the Report](#)

Reporter Name

Nicholas Mestanas

Email

nmestanas@gmail.com

Phone

Report Submitted

FEB 03, 2020 - 10:40 AM

Please do not change subject line when responding.

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Estanislau, Robin
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Carr, Kim
Cc: Esparza, Patty
Subject: Re: 20-1375 Please support Community Choice Energy and 19-1289 Prohibit Weapons at parades and protests

Thank you!

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 1, 2020, at 8:23 PM, Carr, Kim <Kim.Carr@surfcity-hb.org> wrote:

FYL...

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Linda Moon <lsmoon4@msn.com>
Date: February 1, 2020 at 3:30:16 PM PST
To: "kim.carr@surfcity-hb.org" <kim.carr@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: 20-1375 Please support Community Choice Energy and 19-1289 Prohibit Weapons at parades and protests

Sustainable energy is essential to our environment and our economy. Please don't hold us hostage to Southern California Edison. Allow Huntington Beach to independently negotiate for sustainable sources of energy. Please support Community Choice Energy

Please also support the prohibition of weapons at parades and protests and allow our police to keep the public safe.

*Linda Sapiro Moon
(714) 846-2674
5861 Liege Dr.
Huntington Beach, CA 92649*

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: NO CCE! Vote in Favor of Item 21 B - Vote NO on 20

From: Russell Neal <russneal@ieee.org>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 12:01 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: NO CCE! Vote in Favor of Item 21 B - Vote NO on 20

I think the City has enough on its plate without taking on the running of a power company.

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

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Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: NO CCE PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF ITEM 21 B- VOTE NO ON 20

From: SHARON OTT <ottcamp@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 9:27 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: NO CCE PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF ITEM 21 B- VOTE NO ON 20

Dear Mayor Semeta and Council,

✓ I urge you to reject ANY further discussion of CCE and vote in favor of Item 21-B. This is fundamentally a BAD idea for city for many reasons, not the least of which we should NOT be in the energy business! Also:

- The City Council will set power rates and can be increased with no oversight and whenever the city wants more of your money. CCEs bypass statutory requirements for pricing approval. Renewable energy costs will rise when state and federal subsidies are taken away.
- Despite claims to the contrary CCE customers cannot directly buy renewable power.
- CCE will create an very expensive new bureaucracy with pensions for all employees. *City of HB currently has over \$1 billion in unfunded liabilities, CCE will make that crisis worse.*
- CCE creates conflicts of interest between politicians, city employees, consultants and energy retailers.
- The State of California has mandated use of renewable energy. There is no need to take this risk locally.
- If the City Council guesses poorly signing long-term energy contracts the CCE could bankrupt the city.
- The customer has no choice with CCE.

I also urge you to vote NO on ITEM 20 - and do not reopen the Beach Edinger Specific Plan with Amendments to the Specific Plan. This action will undo all the protection to our community that we fought for in 2013. It will open the door to "By Right" development that will take away ALL LOCAL ZONING CONTROL. Please vote NO!!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sharon Ott, 20371 Mansard Ln Huntington Beach

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 20 (20-1325)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:44 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Community Choice Energy (CCE)

From: David Parikh <davidparikh@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 8:17 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Community Choice Energy (CCE)

I believe the time spent on this by the City Council and city staff would be put to better use by focusing on local issues in our city like insuring we have clean streets and safe parks.

Southern California Edison is has proposed becoming 80% of energy delivered will be Carbon-free by 2030. I would encourage the city to work with our representatives in Sacramento to help them achieve this goal rather than setting up a complicated city program.

I don't think establishing a CCE sounds like a good use of city time.

Thanks,

--

David Parikh
MagnoliaCenter.com
16835 Algonquin St., 283
Huntington Beach, CA 92649
714-761-8884
dave@magnoliacenter.com

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Say no, please!

From: Deby Pierce <deby.pierce@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 4:53 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Say no, please!

Dear Mayor Semeta and council members:

At the last city council meeting, during a discussion regarding Item 31- Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of Coastal Development Permit No. 19-001 and Conditional Use Permit No. 19-001 (3rd Street Commercial Building) Council member Carr eloquently spoke of her concern regarding government overreach. So it seems ironic that, when I examined the agenda for the upcoming city council meeting on February 3, 2020 I saw Agenda Item 21- Review and consider the Community Choice Energy (CCE) Feasibility Study options. If anything would qualify as "government overreach" it would be the city taking over functions of a public utility.

Other cities of comparable size to Huntington Beach have paid for feasibility studies. They show an upfront cost of \$10 Million dollars with a "promised" savings of up to 2%. Where do you think that \$10 million dollars will come from? That is the taxpayer's money. If you spend this money, you are violating the public trust. Even if you are convinced that you can finance the upfront costs with a bond measure, the money must be repaid with interest. And you are willing to put our city at risk for what? A 2% savings which I suspect we will never see.

I urge you to vote for Option B on Agenda Item 21. I do not want you to continue this discussion for another minute!

Best regards,
Sign Your Name Here

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 5:09 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Say no please

From: Deby Pierce <deby.pierce@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 5:05 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Say no please

Dear Mayor Semeta and council members:

We are constantly told by you and Huntington Beach staff that there isn't money in the budget to do things that I'd like to see happen- repaving of roads, replacing worn playground equipment in our parks, hiring park rangers to patrol our parks and enforce regulations.

So, when I see Agenda Item 21 on Monday night's city council agenda, I'm concerned.

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I urge you to vote for option B on Agenda Item 21 and put the discussion of this topic away for good.

Sincerely,
Deby Pierce

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: SAY NO TO CCA

From: berreprincess@aol.com <berreprincess@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 11:24 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: SAY NO TO CCA

I see that we have people being told by our city council member, Kim Carr ahead of our city council meetings about items coming up. Next thing we see is out of town people rallying to get others to show up at Huntington Beach's city council meeting for Feb 3rd, 2020 and try to push for a yes vote on the CCA. This is disgusting that it is possible that not only is a council member telling these "activist" such things but that they feel they have a right to dictate to a city they do NOT live in on how to do things. SAY NO TO CCA or you are going to cost us money our city does NOT have to waste. This is especially disturbing when residents in our city are being told that there is no money to fix park equipment or anything else. Where is the money going? So if there is no money for things that our residents would be using with their families than there is NO money to spare for looking into and buying into this CCA scam! Thank you.

Anna Plewa

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

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Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 21

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

From: rob.pool.oc@gmail.com <rob.pool.oc@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 10:21 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda Item 21

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Dear Mayor Semeta and City Council Members:

I'm writing today to urge you to vote for Option B on Agenda Item 21.

Six months ago, after the topic of Community Choice Aggregation was placed before our city for the second time, I did much research. What I learned was troubling. As smaller government is a foundational principle for me, I was troubled by the desire, of some, for our city to jump so quickly into controlling an important utility. As I listened to those in favor of Community Choice Aggregation, it seemed there were two driving factors. The first was income generation for the city while the second involved using a higher proportion of renewable energy.

Let's first look at the idea of Community Choice Aggregation as an income stream for our city. I'm very concerned with this concept. I'm not sure if our city should be generating revenue on the backs of its citizen's energy usage. I have read that CCA's in California are not regulated by the CPUC- California Public Utility Commission. As such, a governing body will be setting the rates. Those rates, I assume, will be approved by our city council. Honestly, that troubles me. And I'd hope that would trouble you as well. That leaves the door open for rate increases, not based upon increased energy costs alone, but also based upon the revenue needs of our city. This could serve as an additional form of taxation- and an extremely regressive one at that. No, I'm convinced that our city should not be entering into any arrangement of providing a utility with the expectation of revenue generation.

Let's look at what seemed to be the second driving force- renewable energy. The state mandates the use of renewable energy by the IOU's (investor owned utilities) and has a timeline for achieving 100% usage. So the question becomes whether we feel it necessary to be using 100% renewable energy sooner than the state mandates. Bear in mind, the use of increased renewable energy is problematic. We either play a game where we buy RECs (renewable energy certificates) from solar and wind farms, or we go the direct route and develop our own solar and wind farms. As I don't see the open land needed to develop solar or wind farms, I'm going to assume we are going to be purchasing the RECs. RECs don't guarantee that our city is using renewable energy- only that we are subsidizing a particular solar or wind farm's production. All their electricity goes to the grid. Once there, electricity is electricity. Further, you may not be aware, but Southern California Edison has several alternative methods for their customers, if they so choose, to use higher portions of renewables. These programs are available to both homeowners and businesses. Respond to my email if you'd like the link. Be aware that these programs are at a higher cost. I suspect that is because, in addition to the actual cost of the renewable energy, they are buying RECs. The RECs would increase their cost- just as it would for us. Lastly, if you aren't already familiar with the concept of resource shuffling, you need to be.

Now I'd like to discuss some problematic areas of setting up and maintaining CCAs. First, there is the problem with customers opting out. The numbers can change dramatically based upon the percentage of people opting

out and staying with their existing IOU. Please don't discount that from happening. Should you decide to move forward I, for one, will be opting out. Second, in 2018 the CPUC increased the PCIA charge. The Power Charge Indifference Adjustment, also commonly known as the "exit fee" is applied to each kilowatt-hour of electricity consumed by the customer and it shows up as a separate charge on every monthly bill. It is critical in determining the viability of a CCA, AND IT CAN CHANGE.

With all these concerns, I hope you realize why I'm not in favor of our city even exploring the idea of forming- or joining- a CCA. We do not need a feasibility study. Everything we need to learn can be gathered from looking at the feasibility studies purchased by other cities in our state. Have staff first do an analysis of those, if you must. Citizens are told nearly every day that our city doesn't have the finances to fix this or that. Recently, at the SE meeting, when asked why an upgraded playground has been promised for years and never been completed, Travis had no other response but to shrug his shoulders and say that it wasn't in the budget. I wonder if \$66K would have helped.

As I mentioned before, we can learn a lot by looking at feasibility studies purchased by other cities. Nearly every feasibility study I reviewed promised savings of 1-3%. Most were in the neighborhood of 2%. While those were the promises, one report I read reported the average savings to residents as a result of CCAs in California was .89%. Looking at the Irvine feasibility study and extrapolating the numbers, our upfront cost would be between 8.5-10 million dollars. I ran the numbers tonight and determined that the breakeven point for a household with a family size of three would be just over 6 years. That was based on a cost of 10 million, 200K residents and 2% savings. If the savings are 1% that number rises to 12 years. We are spending an enormous amount of money that we don't have with very real risks, both known and unknown. I don't see this as having a good result for our city.

We need to begin doing a better job of prioritizing needs in our city and not be swayed by every shiny bauble that comes along. If asked about priorities in our city, you and I both know CCA wouldn't hit the top ten. It's not wanted. It's not needed.

Please vote for option B.

Best regards,

Rob Pool

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 4:23 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Item 21 CCE

From: pacj <pacj_03@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 3:44 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>; Estanislau, Robin <Robin.Estanislau@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Item 21 CCE

Please direct staff to NOT move forward with the feasibility study.

Thank you.

Pat Quintana

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/3/20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW:

From: Yvonne Redford <yvonne@2prime.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 8:53 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject:

Dear Mayor Semeta and council members:

We are constantly told by you and Huntington Beach staff that there isn't money in the budget to do things that I'd like to see happen- repaving of roads, replacing worn playground equipment in our parks, hiring park rangers to patrol our parks and enforce regulations.

So, when I see Agenda Item 21 on Monday night's city council agenda, I'm concerned.

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I urge you to vote for option B on Agenda Item 21 and put the discussion of this topic away for good.

Regards,
Yvonne Redford

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:40 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda item 21 for Monday's city council meeting

From: ARoyalty-Hanavan <clanhanavan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 1:33 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda item 21 for Monday's city council meeting

I am asking that the council vote NO on going forward with a feasibility study for establishing HB's own CCE.

The cost is high and there is no guaranteed benefit to the residents if CCE is established.

Thank you,

Amy Royalty

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

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Esparza, Patty

From: MyHB <reply@mycivicapps.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Switzer, Donna; Esparza, Patty; Estanislau, Robin
Subject: ☒ MyHB-#241962 Agenda & Public Hearing Comments ☐

MyHB

New Report Submitted - #241962

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SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

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Notes

Community Choice Energy

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drsansone001@gmail.com

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714-955-7199

Report Submitted

FEB 03, 2020 - 10:44 AM

Please do not change subject line when responding.

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 7:40 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW:

From: Ray Scrafield <octoolguy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 7:27 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject:

I am against moving forward with the CCE feasibility study. Please vote against this item.

Ray & Barbara Scrafield

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Yes on Agenda Item #21 A or C - CCE Feasibility Study with City of Irvine or Independently

From: Steven C. Shepherd, Architect <steve@shepherdarchitects.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Agenda Comment <agendacomment@surfcity-hb.org>; CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>; CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
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Regards,
Steve Shepherd

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:05 AM
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Cc: Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL
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**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: CCE study

-----Original Message-----

From: Krica <krica256@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:33 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: CCE study

Dear council members, I am writing to you as a citizen of Huntington Beach to say that I oppose the CCE feasibility study.

Thank you,
Christina Silva-Salgado
(714) 307-7101

Sent from my iPhone

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW:

From: Toni Smalley <tones4u@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 1:13 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject:

Dear Mayor Semeta and City Council Members:

I'm writing today to urge you to vote for Option B on Agenda Item 21.

Please vote for option B.

Respectfully

Antonette Smalley

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Feasibility Study

From: Toni Smalley <tones4u@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 3:17 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject:

I am against moving forward with the CCE
Feasibility Study.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2/3/20

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Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Agenda 21

From: Pam Solorzano <pam.solorz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 9:07 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Agenda 21

Dear Mayor Semeta and council members:

We are constantly told by you and Huntington Beach staff that there isn't money in the budget to do things that I'd like to see happen- repaving of roads, lights at crosswalks; one in particular on Bushard and Nantucket Drive where our crossing guard was seriously injured after being hit by a car a couple of years ago, hiring park rangers to patrol our parks filled with drug addicts and enforce regulations.

So, when I see Agenda Item 21 on Monday night's city council agenda, I'm very concerned and upset.

We don't have the money to do the most basic of functions expected of a city government, yet there is \$66,000 for a feasibility study regarding a function that local government should have absolutely no part? Really?? That doesn't just seem troubling, it seems reckless and unnecessary.

I urge you to vote for option B on Agenda Item 21 and put the discussion of this topic away for good.

Best regards,
Pamela and Robert Solorzano
Longtime Huntington Beach residents, homeowners

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: NO on Item 20 *** YES on ITEM 21.B

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

From: Cari Swan <cswanie@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:09 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Chi, Oliver <oliver.chi@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: NO on Item 20 *** YES on ITEM 21.B

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (20-1375)

Dear Mayor Semeta and Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of two items on tonight's meeting agenda:

#20. Please vote NO on all aspects of this proposed General Plan Amendment (#19-003 Housing Element), and Zoning Text Amendment (#19-006 BECSP Amendment). Both of these are a complete and utter SELL-OUT to the citizens of this community who fought so hard to maintenance our Suburban Beach Community! As you know, these amendment will OPEN THE FLOOD GATE via By-Right Construction. And for what? Perhaps \$500,000.00 per year?? Is that what our quality of life is worth to our leaders? Just a simple reminder, each of your Legacy's in this city will be tied to this vote tonight. I hope you chose to do what your constituents elected you to do!

#21.B Please vote in favor of "Directing Staff NOT TO MOVE FORWARD with the CCE Feasibility Study.

You have heard from me in the past on this subject. You know that I do not support the city engaging or even studying adopting a CCE as it simply IS NOT THE ROLE of City Government to be in the utility business. But since this was first brought forward 3 years ago, much additional information has become available that only affirms what we know to be a VERY back idea. Some of my thoughts:

1. We know the **RISKS are incredibly high** and far out way any potential benefit. Now that we are a few years into studying some existing CCA/E's we know that proposed savings have gone from 5% to 3% to 2% and across the board are less that 1%. Look no further than the largest CCA/E that kicked off this entire mess, Marin:

"Marin Clean Energy (MCE) has been operational since 2010. Initially, rates for MCE's cheapest electricity option were slightly less than PG&E. Today MCE offers three options, all of which cost more, on average, than PG&E. MCE estimates its customers pay a monthly average of \$4 to \$32 more than PG&E, with the "cleanest" energy options the most expensive."

<https://www.allianceofcontracostataxpayers.com/blog/2017/3/27/a-bad-idea-that-only-gets-worse-community-choice-electricity>

2. We will **NEVER reach economies of scale** just based on simple economics and numbers....even if we were to partner with other cities. To compound this, the PICA has stepped in to protect

consumers of non-CCE cities and are imposing steeper and steeper penalties to CCE's....why on earth would we step into such a snake pit??

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/california-decision-means-higher-costs-for-community-choice-programs/539552/>

3. The energy and renewable industry is EXTREMELY complicated and a never-ending revolving door. It relies on Federal subsidies and complex regulations. Cities are in NO WAY equipped to respond nor should we be!! From the article above:

"Local government doesn't belong in the electricity business. It is reckless for government to gamble on risky ventures for which it is ill-prepared and unqualified. "Green" energy companies, consultants, activists and lobbyists all stand to gain politically and financially from the proliferation of CCAs. Public agencies, including Contra Costa County, rely on some of these same sources for advice on CCAs -- a clear conflict of interest.

Today's cities and counties struggle to provide essential services, including basic public safety and human services. Throwing precious tax dollars into a CCA money pit won't help the environment, but will burden future generations with additional unwanted debt."

4. It would be a HUGE mistake and irresponsible to put utility rates in the hands of City Council or even a JPA. The current system of regulatory oversight by the PUC is the correct place for this to happen, and not opening the door to unlimited corruption with no oversight.

5. CCE will create an very expensive new bureaucracy complete with salaries and pension obligations, **CCE will make our unfunded pension crisis worse.**

6. CCE creates conflicts of interest between politicians, city employees, consultants and energy retailers.

7. The State of California has mandated use of renewable energy. There is no need to take this risk locally.

8. If the City Council guesses poorly signing long-term energy contracts the CCE could bankrupt the city. Why on earth would the current city council want to encumber all future councils and staff with what could turn into a complete and total disaster?? What kind of Legacy would this represent?

9. The customer truly has no choice with CCE.

10. Wait to see if Irvine achieves the anticipated results.

At this point, while I would like to add more, I need to work and this has already cost me a significant loss of work-time and personal-time which is a very sad situation when ordinary citizens must act as constant oversight to city council and city staff.

I urge you to do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Cari Swan
20412 Mansard Ln

Additional resources:

<https://www.pe.com/2018/09/02/government-controlled-energy-programs-arent-working/>

<https://www.vox.com/2015/11/9/9696820/renewable-energy-certificates?fbclid=IwAR2FoOqooGTt6gtJvMk41IKqDNxXfs5fB5aWoBe8bhnPtHUmCtFZrG3C1E>

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: NO CCE! Vote in Favor of Item 21 B - Vote NO on 20

From: Nancy Buchoz <nancybuchoz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:03 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: NO CCE! Vote in Favor of Item 21 B - Vote NO on 20

Dear Mayor Semeta and Council,

✓ I urge you to reject ANY further discussion of CCE and vote in favor of Item 21-B. This is fundamentally a BAD idea for city for many reasons, not the least of which we should NOT be in the energy business! Also:

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I also urge you to vote NO on ITEM 20 - and do not reopen the Beach Edinger Specific Plan with Amendments to the Specific Plan. This action will undo all the protection to our community that we fought for in 2013. It will open the door to "By Right" development that will take away ALL LOCAL ZONING CONTROL. Please vote NO!!

Sincerely,
Nancy Buchoz
Tad Buchoz
9001 Rhodesia Dr
SEHB 92646

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

Agenda Item No.: 21 (1375)

Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: NO CCE! Vote in Favor of Item 21 B - Vote NO on 20

Importance: High

From: Gary Tarkington <garytarkington@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 10:31 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: NO CCE! Vote in Favor of Item 21 B - Vote NO on 20
Importance: High

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Sincerely,
Ann Tarkington
9032 Annik Drive
Huntington Beach
92646

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

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Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: No on CCA

From: Eileen Tom <emartintom@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 2, 2020 2:12 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: No on CCA

Greetings Mayor Semeta and HB City Council,

As a life long HB resident, I've not been as involved in civic and city hall goings on as I should be. But your Agenda item 21 has prompted my first effort to voice a grave concern. Our city should not be getting into the energy business!

CCA carries too big of a risk given market fluctuations out of our control. As a citizen, property owner and taxpayer, I am opposed to HB taking on this role. There are too many variables, unknowns, and conflicts of interest that, combined with our city's inexperience with navigating running a utility, leave our HB and residents vulnerable financially. If council votes to move forward, my husband and I will exercise our right to opt out. Additionally, we will work to educate and convince all of our neighbors, colleagues and friends to do the same.

In a time when our city outsources many operations due to cost efficiency, including the newly announced parking enforcement operations, it seems counterintuitive to think our city possess the expertise to successfully execute and run a profitable endeavor. HB, nor the JPA co-op (which will come with expected and unexpected bureaucratic headaches) do not possess the size or influence to be able to buy energy at a discount over time, let alone make a profit.

Our city has many more pressing local issues to address! Going into the utility business is not one of them. It is neither the right issue nor the right time to explore such a monumental and risky endeavor.

Please vote for Option B on Agenda item 21 on Monday 2/3/20

Respectfully,

Eileen Tom
HB resident

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:40 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Against CCE Feasibly study

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Tonkovich <marktonko@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 10:53 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Against CCE Feasibly study

To the City Council,

I am against the CCE feasibility study, the taxes could be used for many other items need....just look at the streets or homeless or drug problems.

Sincerely,

Mark Tonkovich
Huntington Beach, Ca

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COMMUNICATION**

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To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Against CCA

From: Mark Tonkovich <marktonko@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2020 12:23 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Against CCA

To the City Council,

I am against the CCA and do not feel the ROI is worth the investment nor feel the city should be involved.

Sincerely,

Mark Tonkovich
Huntington Beach, CA

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

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Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: STOP CCE YES on #21B, NO on #20-High Density

From: Troxell USA - Ron Troxell <rt@troxellusa.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 8:19 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: STOP CCE YES on #21B, NO on #20-High Density

NO on CCE

Dear Mayor Semeta and Council,

Please reject CCE. This is just another layer of government. You have 1 billion in unfunded pension liability now and you want more government?

On Agenda Item 21 vote B

- A. Hire Consultant for \$66,000.00 to Study How to Start a CCE
- B. Do Not Move Forward with CCE Study**
- C. Hire Consultant for \$66,000.00 and Considering Partnering with Irvine

I also urge you to vote NO on ITEM 20 - and do not reopen the Beach Edinger Specific Plan with Amendments to the Specific Plan. This action will undo all the protection to our community that we fought for in 2013. It will open the door to "By Right" development that will take away ALL LOCAL ZONING CONTROL. Please vote NO!!



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From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 7:06 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: No Quarterly Feasibility Study

From: Alyssa Wells <alyssa.r.wells28@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 6:55 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: No Quarterly Feasibility Study

Hello,

On Monday, February 3rd meeting item (21) is on the agenda to consider a large payment to another consulting firm. I am against moving forward with the CCE Feasibility Study. I'm asking for a NO vote.

In no way should the city of HB be our energy provider.

Regards,
Alyssa Wells

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Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
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Subject: Fwd: Agenda item 21 CCE and JPA

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From: Zimmerco1 <zimmerco1@aol.com>
Date: Feb 2, 2020 at 12:35 PM
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I am against moving forward with the CCE Feasibility Study and the JPA proposed by Mayor Shea of Irvine. To even consider a \$66 thousand investment now and ultimately \$10 million in the future on an unproven energy experiment is complete mismanagement and disregard of the trust given to you as an elected official. You have the fiscal responsibility to make educated sound decisions on behalf of the citizens of Huntington Beach. A vote to commit to CCE and JPA violates that trust and responsibility. Thank you,
owner, business owner

Alan Zimmer.

Resident, property

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 2-3-20

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Esparza, Patty

From: Fikes, Cathy
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Subject: CCE Feasibility Study

I am against moving forward with the CCE Feasibility Study. To even consider a \$10 million dollar investment on an unproven energy experiment is complete mismanagement of the trust given to you for the fiscal responsibility of the citizens of Huntington Beach. Diana Zimmer
Business owner and resident of Huntington Beach

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

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