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August 24, 2021

Board of Supervisors
County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Community Coalition in favor of the County joining San Diego Community Power

Honorable Chair Fletcher, Vice Chair Vargas, and Supervisors,

On behalf of the signed organizations, we urge the County to join San Diego Community Power (SDCP) this calendar year to provide cost-competitive electricity to unincorporated residents, develop green jobs pipelines from communities of concern, and create good union jobs to advance an equitable and sustainable 100% clean energy future.

As the second largest CCE program in the state, SDCP is well positioned and ready to advance many of the equity, environmental, and worker priorities the County laid out in its guiding principles earlier this year.

We are encouraged that SDCP, interested stakeholders, and the community are committed to addressing and advancing in a timely manner:

- Stronger environmental and Renewable Energy Portfolio (RPS) standards.
- Real jobs pipelines from communities of concern for working families of color.
- Stronger workforce language to ensure good union jobs and middle class careers.
- Local distributed energy resource plans within existing communities.
- Protections for equitable rooftop solar and storage for families and small businesses.

We urge the County to also consider the current CCE landscape which favors economies of scale and regional partnership to protect against today's fluid energy market, changing regulations and state mandates, technological innovations, and the climate emergency.

When the County and cities join together, anything is possible. Please join SDCP this calendar year. Thank you, and we look forward to continuing to partner with the County and SDCP on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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