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The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris  
California Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 8120  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 915 (Petrie-Norris): Clean Energy Reliability Investment Plan – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Petrie-Norris:

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we want to express our support of AB 915, which would fund local incentive grants aimed at boosting investment in clean energy infrastructure. In 2022, the Legislature designated \$1 billion for the Clean Energy Reliability Investment Plan (CERIP) in Senate Bill 846, but to date only \$100,000,000 of those funds have been allocated. This bill would appropriate the \$900,000,000 worth of funds, ensuring communities across California have the resources needed to drive forward clean energy adoption.

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Sunnyvale has long been a leader in advancing renewable, carbon free energy. Our General Plan reflects this commitment, including Policy LT-2.7, which provide Sunnyvale residents and businesses with opportunities to develop private, renewable energy facilities. Our General Plan and the state's greater greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals led Sunnyvale to create our own Climate Action Playbook, in which carbon-free renewable energy plays a starring role (Strategy 1 Play 1.1 "Promote 100% clean electricity", Play 1.2 "Increase local solar photovoltaics", Play 1.3 "Increase distributed electricity storage"). Sunnyvale has made tremendous progress in reducing emissions in the electricity sector. With the launch of Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) in 2017, 97% of Sunnyvale's residential and commercial accounts received carbon-free electricity, which resulted in over 80% reduction of GHG emissions from electricity.

While SVCE has advanced our efforts to reduce electricity-related emissions, some of our residents and businesses still get their electricity from Pacific Gas and Electricity (PG&E). Furthermore, as California increases its requirements for renewable and carbon-free electricity in utility portfolios, availability of carbon-free electricity is becoming

limited. This has led to fluctuations in the emissions profiles of both SVCE and PG&E, highlighting the need for continued investment in clean energy infrastructure.

By unlocking the remaining RECIP funds, AB 915 will empower communities like Sunnyvale to advance our climate goals and achieve net-zero emissions. These grants are essential to support local initiatives that align with both our General Plan and Climate Action Playbook, while also enhancing statewide energy resilience and reliability.

For these reasons, we support AB 915. Thank you for consideration of our position. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Ramana Chinnakotla, Director of Environmental Services, [rchinnakotla@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:rchinnakotla@sunnyvale.ca.gov), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Larry Klein  
Mayor

cc: Senator Dr. Aisha Wahab  
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Tim Kirby, City Manager  
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