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The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4001
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1362 (O'Donnell) Electricity: load-serving entities: rate and program information

Dear Assemblymember O'Donnell:

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

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

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

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1362 (O'Donnell).

Sincerely,



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