

# ACTION ALERT OPPOSE AB 976!



Assembly Bill 976 (Hall), suspended by the Legislature last year, is back in action. AB 976 is BAD NEWS for Community Choice energy in California, and we need your help to fight it in two ways:

Please e-mail or fax an opposition letter to Assemblymember Isadore Hall's and Senator Alex Padilla's offices ASAP!

Letters can be e-mailed or faxed to:

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**Senator Alex Padilla, Chairman**

Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications  
State Capitol, Room 4058  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
FAX: (916) 324-6645 PH: (916) 651-4020  
Email: Padilla does not accept email, but you can email Committee staff consultant Kellie Smith at [Kellie.smith@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Kellie.smith@sen.ca.gov)

AB 976 will be heard in the Senate Energy Committee next Tuesday, May 15 so we'd like to get as many letters in as possible within the next few days. Thank you for your fast turnaround on this.

**Background:**

AB 976 would create a huge impediment to the establishment of Community Choice programs, making a successful launch virtually impossible. It would do this by prohibiting a Community Choice program from procuring electricity or energy services from any entity that it contracted with prior to its official commencement of service to customers.

Consultants needed to set up a Community Choice program would be banned from doing further business with the Community Choice program once it commenced services. AB 976 would thus discourage companies with the needed expertise from assisting in the set-up of a Community Choice program.

Such provisions discriminate against Community Choice programs and experts and do not apply to investor-owned utilities or municipal utilities. AB 976 is a stealth effort to roll back AB 117, the Community Choice energy law passed in 2002.