

# January 30<sup>th</sup> East Bay Community Energy Joint Powers Authority Meeting: Community Talking Points



*Thank you for coming out today to support East Bay Community Energy as a Community Choice program for Alameda County that truly benefits our communities. We encourage you to think about:*

- *How would development of local renewable energy resources and build-out planning benefit your community?*
- *How would community participation in governance of the Community Choice program benefit your community?*

*Here are some talking points - you can focus your comments on one or two of these points:*

- **I appreciate that Alameda County has formed East Bay Community Energy, our Community Choice program - we want to make sure it benefits our communities.**
- **I support the building of local renewable energy resources, which is important to:**
  - **Create good jobs:** Development of local renewable resources like rooftop solar and investing in local demand reduction is how you create good, union and fair wage, clean energy jobs for communities throughout the county.
  - **Bring the benefit of the green economy to renters and others who cannot afford rooftop solar:** Local renewable resources can include community solar gardens, ensuring that renters can own shares of solar installations and benefit from cheaper energy bills, just like home-owners.
  - **Stimulate local businesses:** Building local renewable generation and energy efficiency programs can benefit small, local businesses, boosting local economies and benefitting communities.
- **I support the East Bay Clean Power Alliance's proposal for the *Community Advisory Committee Criteria and Selection Process*. (see attached)**
  - **Active participation and oversight by our county's diverse communities** is vital to ensuring the program works for the county's residents and businesses. The community must be involved!
  - **The 9 members of the Community Advisory Committee should represent principal community constituencies**, including:
    - social justice
    - environmental justice
    - renewable energy advocates
    - labor
    - workforce development
    - minority and small businesses
    - community economic development
    - environment
    - housing and land use
  - **Members should also reflect the diversity of our county**, taking into account gender, ethnic, racial, and geographic diversity, and include representatives from low-income and working class communities.
  - **The selection committee should include former EBCE Steering Committee members and JPA board members.**