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East Bay Municipal Utility District
Attn: Board of Directors
375 11th Street
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Dear Honorable Directors:

I write to you regarding the staff report being presented at your December 11, 2012 board meeting regarding the possibility of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) forming an East Bay Community Choice Energy (CCE) program.

I share your interest in exploring ways to meet and surpass important goals surrounding renewable energy and cost savings for consumers.

Additionally, should your board direct EBMUD staff to conduct a feasibility study and implementation plan for a CCE program, I respectfully ask that it also include and address such a program's strategy for creating local economic benefits. Specifically, I'm interested in the creation of local jobs and providing support for the growth and development of local businesses.

I would be happy to work with your agency's staff in identifying local economic development opportunities should the board move forward with a feasibility analysis, and to also work with our city's staff to coordinate any presentation, discussion and input from the Oakland City Council's Public Works Committee.

Thank you for your continued leadership and demonstrated commitment to sustainability, environmental stewardship and customer service. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (510) 238-7008 to discuss this important matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Kaplan".

Rebecca D. Kaplan
Councilmember At-Large

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