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## **Community Groups Rally Against Legislative Sneak Attack! Save California's Clean Energy future from the Corporate Fossil Fuel Power Grab**

*Environmental, Climate, and Clean Energy justice advocates rally to save **East Bay Community Energy—Alameda County's Community Choice Energy** program from 11<sup>th</sup> hour Assembly bills seeking to gut Community Choice energy programs.*

Oakland, Calif. – Upwards of thirty-five East Bay residents, representing a number of community organizations, gathered for an impromptu noon-time rally in front of State Senator Nancy Skinner's office today. The rally, called by the East Bay Clean Power Alliance, was to protest AB 726 (and a nearly identical AB 813), which would put a freeze on Alameda County's new Community Choice energy program, East Bay Community Energy, set to deliver power to residents and businesses in mid-2018.



AB 726, introduced by at the last minute of the legislative session by Assembly member Chris Holden, was a sneak attack by Governor Brown and the fossil fuel industry to derail our state's forward motion on developing local renewable energy resources and on Community Choice energy programs, in particular. Several California counties, including Alameda, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Monterey, and Yolo, are on the verge of launching Community Choice energy programs. AB 726 would put the brakes on all of these programs and undercut their ability to take control of electrical power supplies and create a local clean energy economy.

**“East Bay families and communities have worked hard to establish East Bay Community Energy to provide benefits such as clean energy jobs in Alameda County. We can't let fossil fuel corporations take our local control away,”** said **Jessica Tovar, Coordinator of the East Bay Clean Power Alliance.**

“Community Choice energy offers the potential to create local clean energy jobs, while empowering our communities with local control over our energy system. We need to resist the fossil fuel corporate power grab and create a clean energy future throughout the state of California!”

**“We want to create a just transition locally, where we can end the exploitive fossil fuel energy industry and start providing solar benefits for low income and persons of color,”** said **Jing Jing He of Asian Pacific Environmental Network.** “We have worked for years to establish East Bay Community Energy to provide benefits to our monolingual immigrant community members! We are strongly opposed to AB 726--and AB 813--and demand our representatives support our communities fight for environmental justice!”

The East Bay Clean Power Alliance is a broad coalition of community and environmental justice organizations, working with labor unions, advocating for strong community benefits and community engagement in East Bay Community Energy.