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The Honorable Sheila Kuehl  
Supervisor, Third District  
500 W. Temple Street, Rm 821  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

April 18, 2017

The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas  
Chair, Board of Supervisors  
500 W. Temple Street, Rm 866  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Kuehl and Chairman Ridley-Thomas,

On behalf of its over 450 members, the Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) supports the motion set forth to establish a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program for Los Angeles County. The motion was put forward to adopt an ordinance to implement the Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE) business plan, execute a Joint Powers Authority to operate the LACCE program, and approve funding for these entities.

The LABC supports this motion for the following reasons:

- It gives the option to those living in unincorporated areas of LA County and a majority of the 88 cities within its borders to choose they type of energy to purchase.
- As was indicated in the county's feasibility plan, the LACCE will reduce greenhouse gases and help to reduce utility bills for LA County residents.
- Decreased utility costs will also improve local economy with savings passed onto businesses and increased expendable income for consumers.
- There are several CCA's in operation in California and several more that schedule to start this year—it has proven to be a viable model to stimulate the local economy while reducing emissions.

This is a great opportunity for LA's cities to opt into and reap the economic benefits and environmental rewards of this program. This CCA can be one of the largest in California and will support the development of local clean energy technology companies and expand the market for renewable energy developers, such as innovative grid and energy storage companies. Ultimately, this program should allow LA to achieve lower rates and meet the states 50% renewable energy requirements by 2030 or sooner. Launching the LACCE authority is estimated to cost only \$10 million for LA County; a cost that can be fully repaid before the end of FY2018. With this small upfront cost, the LACCE Business Plan estimates an annual savings of \$20 million per year or even more with this program.

Thank you,

Mary Leslie  
President  
LABC

**CC:** Supervisor Janice Hahn, Supervisor Hilda Solis, and Supervisor Kathryn Barger