

## Cevallos, Pedro

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Honorable Mayor Moatazedi and City Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Community Choice Energy. I am pleased to see that Lake Forest is considering joining Irvine in a Joint Power Authority for CCE. As a 12 year resident of Foothill Ranch, now retired, the rising cost of energy concerns me. SCE just raised their rates and has announced another rate hike of 14% to residents. Community Choice Energy is a fiscally responsible and proven wide-scale action cities can take to increase renewable energy options at competitive rates for all of it's residents and businesses. In California's 21 Community Choice Aggregates, ratepayers (both residential and business) have seen their rates stabilize and, in many cases, go down a little, even with more renewable energy in the mix, or rise only slightly for those who choose 100% renewable. Cities are seeing a return on their initial investment in a couple of years and getting annual returns that can be used to fund city programs to increase energy efficiency, sustainability and resiliency while reducing carbon emissions and air pollution. CCE also gives residents and businesses choice of their renewable energy mix and their energy provider, since they can opt out (though almost no one does).

It is my understanding that Lake Forest will have to move fast to join Irvine as a founding member of the JPA. Some cities like Costa Mesa, Fullerton, Santa Ana and Tustin have already confirmed their interest, attended the meeting last month in Irvine, requested their load data from SCE (or given Irvine written permission to request it) and contacted Irvine for the JPA agreement. As a resident, I urge Lake Forest to move forward as quickly as possible to join in the JPA with Irvine.

Respectfully,

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