



*City of Encinitas
City Council's Office*

September 15, 2017

The Honorable Chris Holden
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5136
Sacramento, CA 95814

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

RE: AB 726 & AB 813 (Holden) Electricity: Independent System Operators (CCAs)
Notice of Opposition

Tony Kranz
Deputy Mayor

Dear Assembly Member Holden:

The City of Encinitas opposes both AB 726 (Holden) and AB 813 (Holden).

Tasha Boerner Horvath
Council Member

While the City of Encinitas continues to explore the possibility of a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), the City has not made a final determination on this issue. As a result, we oppose any legislation that would limit a local government's ability to determine if a CCA is the best option for their residents. The City has worked on the CCA issue for the past two and a half years by having agenda reports, a Council ad hoc subcommittee, public hearings and expert testimony on the subject.

Mark Muir
Council Member

Community Choice Aggregation energy programs help California achieve a carbon-free electricity future by empowering local and regional action on climate change. This gives local government a hand in choosing the mix of the type of electrical energy sources they want, specifically to address greenhouse gas reduction. The State of California is a leader in addressing greenhouse gas reduction, and local governments in California should not be frozen out of making decisions that follow this State policy direction. As partners with the State in achieving policy goals, the operating CCA programs across California currently have an average renewables content of 50% in 2017—achieving State mandates over a decade early. Not all regions or jurisdictions will choose CCAs, but it should remain a local choice.

Joe Mosca
Council Member

We oppose AB 726, because it would freeze the implementation of CCAs, and this would provide an impediment to our City. We oppose AB 813, which would require the Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) to sign new renewable energy contracts while passing on the costs of this procurement to CCA customers. Mandating IOU procurement of renewable energy is unnecessary; the market is evolving without such mandates. For these reasons, the City of Encinitas is opposed to AB 726 & AB 813.

Karen P. Brust
City Manager

Sincerely,


Tony Kranz
Deputy Mayor

CC: Senator Patricia Bates
Assembly Member Rocky Chavez
JGC Governmental Relations
Erin Evans-Fudem, League of California Cities
Catherine Hill, League of California Cities
Council Members
Assistant City Manager