



STAFF REPORT

Agency: City of Belmont
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Agenda Title: San Mateo County Community Choice Energy Program Implementation and Ordinance Introduction
Agenda Action: Resolution and Ordinance Introduction

Recommendation

Adopt a resolution to join the Joint Powers Authority, approve the Joint Powers Agreement to establish the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority in San Mateo County, and to appoint a Director and an alternate to the JPA Board. Introduce an Ordinance to authorize implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation program.

Background

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), which is also commonly referred to as Community Choice Energy (CCE), is a program that allows local municipalities to pool, or aggregate, their energy demand to purchase electricity separate from the local investor owned utility.

Under this model, the County and participating cities would form a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that would procure electricity on behalf of county residents while PG&E continues to provide transmission and billing services. The establishment of a CCE program is estimated to provide a significant GHG reduction within the City of Belmont.

In May 2015, the County formed a CCE Advisory Committee with representation from all participating cities within the County and other local stakeholders. Vice Mayor Stone serves as the City's representative on this committee with the City Manager serving as alternate. The Advisory Committee has met monthly to discuss issues related to the formation of a CCE program in San Mateo County. Based on feedback from the Advisory Committee, the County's CCE efforts have been branded as "Peninsula Clean Energy" (PCE).

In September 2015, the County released the results of the technical feasibility study. The study demonstrated that a CCE program in San Mateo County would be economically and technically viable, in addition to meeting the County's environmental goals. The County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance to form a countywide CCE program on November 3, 2015. The County has requested that cities that are interested in joining in the program complete the required approvals by February 2016.

Analysis

JPA Formation Process –

The Public Utilities Code (Section 366.2(c)(12)(B)) contemplates creation of a JPA so that a county and a city or cities can "participate as a group in a community choice aggregation program." In order to create

a CCA program, the County and each participating city must take two formal actions: (1) entering into a Joint Powers Agreement forming a JPA under Section 6500, et seq. of the Government Code; and (2) adopting an Ordinance “elect[ing] to implement a community choice aggregation program within its jurisdiction” as required by Section 366.2(c)(12)(A).

The framework of the proposed JPA agreement originated from a similar agreement that was used to form the Sonoma Clean Power CCE program. The County’s CCE Advisory Committee provided feedback on the initial draft agreement. Some key terms that were included in the JPA agreement are as follows:

- Cities will be full members of the JPA rather than simply participants in the CCA program;
- Each City will have a member on the JPA Board, represented by an elected public official;
- Each City can also appoint an alternative to the JPA Board which can either be an elected public official or a staff member;
- The JPA will have a two-tiered voting system based both on majority vote as well as a weighted vote that takes into account the energy use within the jurisdiction so as to create a fair balance of power among the members;
- Any liabilities of the JPA are incurred by the JPA and not the constituent members;
- Constituent members may withdraw from the JPA without financial obligation if prior to launch it is clear that the JPA cannot meet its pricing and environmental goals.

A first draft of the JPA agreement was circulated to city attorneys through the County for review and comment. Numerous changes to the agreement were made to address issues raised by the various cities. The final JPA Agreement reflects this collaborative effort.

Attachment A of this report includes a resolution approving execution of the JPA agreement and appointing a representative and an alternate to serve on the JPA Board. The draft JPA agreement is included as Exhibit 1 to the resolution. Execution of the JPA agreement by the County and at least two cities is needed to create the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority. Staff recommends that the appointments to the JPA Board are made concurrently with the approval of the resolution.

Attachment B of this report is the Ordinance approving the implementation of the CCA program within the City of San Mateo. Adoption of the Ordinance requires two public meetings, the first meeting is to introduce the Ordinance followed by a second public meeting adopting the Ordinance. Pending Council approval to introduce the Ordinance this evening, adoption of the Ordinance is scheduled for the February 9th Council meeting.

Environmental Determination –

Participating in a CCE program is not a “project” under CEQA since it does not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, as contemplated by title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15378(b)(4). Future projects that are implemented by a CCE program, such as new sources of electrical generation, will be analyzed as projects under CEQA.

Alternatives

- 1. Take no action.
- 2. Refer matter back to staff with direction.

Attachments

- A. Implementing Resolution
- B. Proposed Ordinance

Fiscal Impact

No Impact/Not Applicable The City is not required to fund any portion of the CCE program establishment. The County of San Mateo is proposing to fund the entirety of the initial start-up costs for a CCE program for the jurisdictions that sign on during the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) formation process. In addition, joining the JPA does not put the City at any risk of needing to commit future funds to support the operations of the program.

Funding Source Confirmed:

Source:

- Council
- Staff
- Citizen Initiated
- Other*

Purpose:

- Statutory/Contractual Requirement
- Council Vision/Priority
- Discretionary Action
- Plan Implementation*

Public Outreach:

- Posting of Agenda
- Other*

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-008

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL ESTABLISH THE PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY AUTHORITY WITH THE CITY OF BELMONT AS A CHARTER MEMBER AND APPOINTING A CITY'S DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE CITY

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo (“the County”) has investigated options to provide electric services to customers within the County, including incorporated and unincorporated areas, with the intent of achieving greater local control and involvement over the provision of electric services, competitive electric rates, the development of clean, local, renewable energy projects, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and the wider implementation of energy conservation and efficiency projects and programs; and,

WHEREAS, the County has prepared a Feasibility Study for a community choice aggregation (“CCA”) program in San Mateo County under the provisions of the Public Utilities Code section 366.2; and,

WHEREAS, the Feasibility Study shows that implementing a community choice aggregation program would provide multiple benefits, including:

- a. Providing customers a choice of power providers;
- b. Increasing local control and involvement in and collaboration on energy rates and other energy-related matters;
- c. Providing more stable long-term electric rates that are competitive with those provided by the incumbent utility;
- d. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions arising from electricity use within San Mateo County;
- e. Increasing local renewable generation capacity;
- f. Increasing energy conservation and efficiency projects and programs;
- g. Increasing regional energy self-sufficiency; and
- h. Improving the local economy resulting from the implementation of local renewable and energy conservation and efficiency projects; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to be a community choice aggregator and has introduced the Ordinance required by Public Utilities Code Section 366.2 in order to do so; and,

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo has already become a community choice aggregator and believes that other cities and towns within San Mateo County also wish to be community choice aggregators; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 366.2 two or more entities authorized to be a community choice aggregator, may participate as a group in a community choice aggregation program through a joint powers agency established pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, if each entity adopts the aforementioned ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this City Council for its consideration and acceptance a Joint Powers Agreement, reference to which is hereby made for further particulars, whereby the City of Belmont shall participate in the creation of the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (“Authority”) with the County and at least one other city and/or towns and become a charter member; and,

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement entered into between the County of San Mateo and the participating cities of the Peninsula will create and form the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (“Authority”); and,

WHEREAS, under the Joint Powers Agreement, the County and cities and towns within San Mateo County choosing to participate in the CCA program will have membership on the Board of Directors of the Authority as provided in the Joint Powers Agreement if they execute the Agreement and adopt the ordinance required by the Public Utilities Code; and,

WHEREAS, the newly created Authority will enter into Agreements with electric power suppliers and other service providers, and based upon those Agreements the Authority will be able to provide power to residents and business at rates that are competitive with those of the incumbent utility (“PG&E”); and,

WHEREAS, once the California Public Utilities Commission approves the implementation plan created by the Authority, the Authority will provide service to customers within the unincorporated area of San Mateo County and within the jurisdiction of those cities who have chosen to participate in the CCA program; and,

WHEREAS, under Public Utilities Code section 366.2, customers have the right to opt-out of a CCA program and continue to receive service from the incumbent utility; and,

WHEREAS, customers who wish to continue to receive service from the incumbent utility will be able to do so; and,

WHEREAS, this Council has been presented with a form of such Agreement and said Council has examined and approved same as to both form and content and desires to enter into same.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Belmont resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Belmont wishes to enter into the Joint Exercise of the Powers Agreement with the County of San Mateo and other participating cities and towns of the Peninsula to form the Peninsula Clean Powers Agency and the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, attached as Exhibit 1 hereto, which will establish the Authority with the City of Belmont as a charter member.

SECTION 2. The City Council assigns Councilmember Stone to serve as the City’s director on the Authority’s governing board, and the City Manager or his or her designee to serve as the alternate director. The Council may review the director appointment from time to time in the same manner as other intergovernmental assignments.

SECTION 3. The City Manager is authorized to execute any and all other necessary documents to enter into the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to form Peninsula Clean Energy, on a form approved by the City Attorney.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect upon the effective date of the ordinance authorizing the implementation of a community choice aggregation program.

SECTION 5. City Council directs its Peninsula Clean Energy Authority representatives to support a power portfolio that provides the greatest level of GHG reductions while providing a savings to rate payers as compared with PG&E rates. Also, the City Council directs its representatives to support a near-term goal by the Authority to reach 100% renewable (or “zero carbon” or “carbon neutral”) power by 2020 or as soon as feasible, at rate parity with PG&E.

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ADOPTED January 26, 2016, by the City of Belmont City Council by the following vote:

Ayes: Hurt, Stone, Lieberman, Kim, Reed

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

**JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT RELATING TO
AND CREATING THE**

PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY AUTHORITY

OF

SAN MATEO COUNTY

This Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, effective on the date determined by Section 2.1, is made and entered into pursuant to the provisions of Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 1 (Sections 6500 et seq.) of the California Government Code relating to the joint exercise of powers among the Parties set forth in Exhibit B, and establishes the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (“Authority”), is by and between the County of San Mateo (“County”) and those cities and towns within the County of San Mateo who become signatories to this Agreement, and relates to the joint exercise of powers among the signatories hereto.

RECITALS

- A. The Parties share various powers under California law, including but not limited to the power to purchase, supply, and aggregate electricity for themselves and customers within their jurisdictions.
- B. In 2006, the State Legislature adopted AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act, which mandates a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in 2020 to 1990 levels. The California Air Resources Board is promulgating regulations to implement AB 32 which will require local governments to develop programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- C. The purposes for entering into this Agreement include:
 - a. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions related to the use of power in San Mateo County and neighboring regions;
 - b. Providing electric power and other forms of energy to customers at a competitive cost;
 - c. Carrying out programs to reduce energy consumption;
 - d. Stimulating and sustaining the local economy by developing local jobs in renewable energy; and
 - e. Promoting long-term electric rate stability and energy security and reliability for residents through local control of electric generation resources.

- D. It is the intent of this Agreement to promote the development and use of a wide range of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency programs, including but not limited to solar, wind, and biomass energy production. The purchase of renewable power and greenhouse gas-free energy sources will be the desired approach to decrease regional greenhouse gas emissions and accelerate the State's transition to clean power resources to the extent feasible. The Agency will also add increasing levels of locally generated renewable resources as these projects are developed and customer energy needs expand.
- E. The Parties desire to establish a separate public agency, known as the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority, under the provisions of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act of the State of California (Government Code Section 6500 et seq.) ("Act") in order to collectively study, promote, develop, conduct, operate, and manage energy programs.
- F. The Parties anticipate adopting an ordinance electing to implement through the Authority a common Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program, an electric service enterprise available to cities and counties pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 331.1(c) and 366.2. The first priority of the Authority will be the consideration of those actions necessary to implement the CCA Program.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, and conditions hereinafter set forth, it is agreed by and among the Parties as follows:

ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS AND EXHIBITS

1.1 Definitions. Capitalized terms used in the Agreement shall have the meanings specified in Exhibit A, unless the context requires otherwise.

1.2 Documents Included. This Agreement consists of this document and the following exhibits, all of which are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.

Exhibit A: Definitions

Exhibit B: List of the Parties

Exhibit C: Annual Energy Use

Exhibit D: Voting Shares

Exhibit E: Signatures

ARTICLE 2: FORMATION OF PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY AUTHORITY

2.1 Effective Date and Term. This Agreement shall become effective and Peninsula Clean Energy Authority shall exist as a separate public agency on February 29, 2016 or when the County of San Mateo and at least two municipalities execute this Agreement, whichever occurs later. The Authority shall provide notice to the Parties of the Effective Date. The Authority shall continue to exist, and this Agreement shall be effective, until this Agreement is terminated in accordance with Section 6.4, subject to the rights of the Parties to withdraw from the Authority.

2.2 Formation. There is formed as of the Effective Date a public agency named the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority. Pursuant to Sections 6506 and 6507 of the Act, the Authority is a public agency separate from the Parties. Pursuant to Sections 6508.1 of the Act, the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Authority shall not be debts, liabilities or obligations of the individual Parties unless the governing board of a Party agrees in writing to assume any of the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Authority. A Party who has not agreed to assume an Authority debt, liability or obligation shall not be responsible in any way for such debt, liability or obligation even if a majority of the Parties agree to assume the debt, liability or obligation of the Authority. Notwithstanding Section 7.4 of this Agreement, this Section 2.2 may not be amended unless such amendment is approved by the governing board of each Party.

2.3 Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish an independent public agency in order to exercise powers common to each Party to study, promote, develop, conduct, operate, and manage energy, energy efficiency and conservation, and other energy-related programs, and to exercise all other powers necessary and incidental to accomplishing this purpose. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Parties intend for this Agreement to be used as a contractual mechanism by which the Parties are authorized to participate in the CCA Program, as further described in Section 4.1. The Parties intend that other agreements shall define the terms and conditions associated with the implementation of the CCA Program and any other energy programs approved by the Authority.

2.4 Powers. The Authority shall have all powers common to the Parties and such additional powers accorded to it by law. The Authority is authorized, in its own name, to exercise all powers and do all acts necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and fulfill its purposes, including, but not limited to, each of the following powers, subject to the voting requirements set forth in Section 3.7 through 3.7.5:

2.4.1 to make and enter into contracts;

2.4.2 to employ agents and employees, including but not limited to a Chief Executive Officer;

2.4.3 to acquire, contract, manage, maintain, and operate any buildings, infrastructure, works, or improvements;

2.4.4 to acquire property by eminent domain, or otherwise, except as limited under Section 6508 of the Act, and to hold or dispose of any property; however, the Authority shall not exercise the power of eminent domain within the jurisdiction of a Party over its objection without first meeting and conferring in good faith.

2.4.5 to lease any property;

2.4.6 to sue and be sued in its own name;

2.4.7 to incur debts, liabilities, and obligations, including but not limited to loans from private lending sources pursuant to its temporary borrowing powers such as Government Code Sections 53850 et seq. and authority under the Act;

2.4.8 to form subsidiary or independent corporations or entities if necessary, to carry out energy supply and energy conservation programs at the lowest possible cost or to take advantage of legislative or regulatory changes;

2.4.9 to issue revenue bonds and other forms of indebtedness;

2.4.10 to apply for, accept, and receive all licenses, permits, grants, loans or other aids from any federal, state, or local public agency;

2.4.11 to submit documentation and notices, register, and comply with orders, tariffs and agreements for the establishment and implementation of the CCA Program and other energy programs;

2.4.12 to adopt Operating Rules and Regulations; and

2.4.13 to make and enter into service agreements relating to the provision of services necessary to plan, implement, operate and administer the CCA Program and other energy programs, including the acquisition of electric power supply and the provision of retail and regulatory support services.

2.4.14 to permit additional Parties to enter into this Agreement after the Effective Date and to permit another entity authorized to be a community choice aggregator to designate the Authority to act as the community choice aggregator on its behalf.

2.5 Limitation on Powers. As required by Government Code Section 6509, the power of the Authority is subject to the restrictions upon the manner of exercising power possessed by San Mateo County.

2.6 Compliance with Local Zoning and Building Laws and CEQA. Unless state or federal law provides otherwise, any facilities, buildings or structures located, constructed, or caused to be constructed by the Authority within the territory of the Authority shall comply with the General Plan, zoning and building laws of the local jurisdiction within which the facilities, buildings or structures are constructed and comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”).

ARTICLE 3: GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

3.1 Board of Directors. The governing body of the Authority shall be a Board of Directors (“Board”). The Board shall consist of 2 (two) directors appointed by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and 1 (one) director appointed by each City or Town that becomes a signatory to the Agreement (“Directors”). Each Director shall serve at the pleasure of the governing board of the Party who

appointed such Director, and may be removed as Director by such governing board at any time. If at any time a vacancy occurs on the Board, a replacement shall be appointed to fill the position of the previous Director within 90 days of the date that such position becomes vacant. Directors must be members of the Board of Supervisors or members of the governing board of the municipality that is the signatory to this Agreement. Each Party may appoint an alternate(s) to serve in the absence of its Director(s). Alternates may be either (1) members of the Board of Supervisors or members of the governing board of the municipality that is the signatory to this Agreement, or (2) staff members of the County or any such municipality.

3.2 Quorum. A majority of the appointed Directors shall constitute a quorum, except that less than a quorum may adjourn from time to time in accordance with law.

3.3 Powers and Functions of the Board. The Board shall exercise general governance and oversight over the business and activities of the Authority, consistent with this Agreement and applicable law. The Board shall provide general policy guidance to the CCA Program. Board approval shall be required for any of the following actions:

3.3.1 The issuance of bonds or any other financing even if program revenues are expected to pay for such financing.

3.3.2 The hiring or termination of the Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel.

3.3.3 The appointment or removal of officers described in Section 3.9, subject to Section 3.9.3.

3.3.4 The adoption of the Annual Budget.

3.3.5 The adoption of an ordinance.

3.3.6 The approval of agreements, except as provided by Section 3.4.

3.3.7 The initiation or resolution of claims and litigation where the Authority will be the defendant, plaintiff, petitioner, respondent, cross complainant or cross petitioner, or intervenor; provided, however, that the Chief Executive Officer or General Counsel, on behalf of the Authority, may intervene in, become a party to, or file comments with respect to any proceeding pending at the California Public Utilities Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or any other administrative agency, without approval of the Board as long as such action is consistent with any adopted Board policies.

3.3.8 The setting of rates for power sold by the Authority and the setting of charges for any other category of service provided by the Authority.

3.3.9 Termination of the CCA Program.

3.4 Chief Executive Officer. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, who shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of the

Authority and the CCA Program. The Chief Executive Officer may exercise all powers of the Authority, including the power to hire, discipline and terminate employees as well as the power to approve any agreement if the total amount payable under the agreement is less than \$100,000 in any fiscal year, except the powers specifically set forth in Section 3.3 or those powers which by law must be exercised by the Board of Directors.

3.5 Commissions, Boards, and Committees. The Board may establish any advisory commissions, boards, and committees as the Board deems appropriate to assist the Board in carrying out its functions and implementing the CCA Program, other energy programs and the provisions of this Agreement which shall comply with the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. The Board may establish rules, regulations, policies, bylaws or procedures to govern any such commissions, boards, or committees if the Board deems appropriate to appoint such commissions, boards or committees, and shall determine whether members shall be compensated or entitled to reimbursement for expenses.

3.6 Director Compensation. Directors shall serve without compensation from the Authority. However, Directors may be compensated by their respective appointing authorities. The Board, however, may adopt by resolution a policy relating to the reimbursement by the Authority of expenses incurred by Directors.

3.7 Voting In general, as described below in Section 3.7.3, action by the Authority Board will be taken solely by a majority vote of the Directors present. However, as described below in Section 3.7.4, upon request of a Director, a weighted vote by shares will also be conducted. When such a request is made, an action must be approved by both a majority vote of Directors present and a majority of the weighted vote by shares present. No action may be approved solely by a vote by shares. The voting shares of Directors and approval requirements for actions of the Board shall be as follows:

3.7.1. Voting Shares.

Each Director shall have a voting share as determined by the following formula: (Annual Energy Use/Total Annual Energy) multiplied by 100, where

(a) "Annual Energy Use" means, (i) with respect to the first year following the Effective Date, the annual electricity usage, expressed in kilowatt hours ("kWh"), within the Party's respective jurisdiction and (ii) with respect to the period after the anniversary of the Effective Date, the annual electricity usage, expressed in kWh, of accounts within a Party's respective jurisdiction that are served by the Authority; and

(b) "Total Annual Energy" means the sum of all Parties' Annual Energy Use. The initial values for Annual Energy Use will be designated in Exhibit C, and shall be adjusted annually as soon as reasonably practicable after January 1, but no later than March 1 of each year. These adjustments shall be approved by the Board.

(c) The combined voting share of all Directors representing the County of San Mateo shall be based upon the annual electricity usage within the unincorporated area of San Mateo County.

For the purposes of Weighted Voting, if a Party has more than one director, then the voting shares allocated to the entity shall be equally divided amongst its Directors.

3.7.2. Exhibit Showing Voting Shares. The initial voting shares will be set forth in Exhibit D. Exhibit D shall be revised no less than annually as necessary to account for changes in the number of Parties and changes in the Parties' Annual Energy Use. Exhibit D and adjustments shall be approved by the Board.

3.7.3. Approval Requirements Relating to CCA Program. Except as provided in Sections 3.7.4 and 3.7.5 below, action of the Board shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of Directors present at the meeting.

3.7.4. Option for Approval by Voting Shares. Notwithstanding Section 3.7.3, any Director present at a meeting may demand that approval of any matter related to the CCA Program be determined on the basis of both voting shares and by the affirmative vote of a majority of Directors present at the meeting. If a Director makes such a demand with respect to approval of any such matter, then approval of such matter shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of Directors present at the meeting and the affirmative vote of Directors having a majority of voting shares present, as determined by Section 3.7.1 except as provided in Section 3.7.5.

3.7.5. Special Voting Requirements for Certain Matters.

(a) Two-Thirds and Weighted Voting Approval Requirements Relating to Sections 6.2 and 7.4. Action of the Board on the matters set forth in Section 6.2 (involuntary termination of a Party), or Section 7.4 (amendment of this Agreement) shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of Directors present; provided, however, that (i) notwithstanding the foregoing, any Director present at the meeting may demand that the vote be determined on the basis of both voting shares and by the affirmative vote of Directors, and if a Director makes such a demand, then approval shall require the affirmative vote of both at least two-thirds of Directors present and the affirmative vote of Directors having at least two-thirds of the voting shares present, as determined by Section 3.7.1; (ii) but, at least two Parties must vote against a matter for the vote to fail; and (iii) for votes to involuntarily terminate a Party under Section 6.2, the Director(s) for the Party subject to involuntary termination may not vote, and the number of Directors constituting two-thirds of all Directors, and the weighted vote of each Party shall be recalculated as if the Party subject to possible termination were not a Party.

(b) Seventy Five Percent Special Voting Requirements for Eminent Domain and Contributions or Pledge of Assets.

(i) A decision to exercise the power of eminent domain on behalf of the Authority to acquire any property interest other than an easement, right-of-way, or temporary construction easement shall require a vote of at least 75% of all Directors.

(ii) The imposition on any Party of any obligation to make contributions or pledge assets as a condition of continued participation in the CCA Program shall require a vote of at least 75% of all Directors and the approval of the governing boards of the Parties who are being asked to make such contribution or pledge.

(iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Director present at the meeting may demand that a vote under subsections (i) or (ii) be determined on the basis of voting shares and by the affirmative vote of Directors, and if a Director makes such a demand, then approval shall require both the affirmative vote of at least 75% of Directors present and the affirmative vote of Directors having at least 75% of the voting shares present, as determined by Section 3.7.1, but at least two Parties must vote against a matter for the vote to fail. For purposes of this section, “imposition on any Party of any obligation to make contributions or pledge assets as a condition of continued participation in the CCA Program” does not include any obligations of a withdrawing or terminated party imposed under Section 6.3.

3.8 Meetings and Special Meetings of the Board. The Board shall hold at least six regular meetings per year, but the Board may provide for the holding of regular meetings at more frequent intervals. The date, hour and place of each regular meeting shall be fixed by resolution or ordinance of the Board. Regular meetings may be adjourned to another meeting time. Special and Emergency Meetings of the Board may be called in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Sections 54956 and 54956.5. Directors may participate in meetings telephonically, with full voting rights, only to the extent permitted by law. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Sections 54950 et seq.).

3.9 Selection of Board Officers.

3.9.1 Chair and Vice Chair. The Directors shall select, from among themselves, a Chair, who shall be the presiding officer of all Board meetings, and a Vice Chair, who shall serve in the absence of the Chair. The term of office of the Chair and Vice Chair shall continue for one year, but there shall be no limit on the number of terms held by either the Chair or Vice Chair. The office of either the Chair or Vice Chair shall be declared vacant and a new selection shall be made if:

(a) the person serving dies, resigns, or the Party that the person represents removes the person as its representative on the Board or

(b) the Party that he or she represents withdraws from the Authority pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

3.9.2 Secretary. The Board shall appoint a Secretary, who need not be a member of the Board, who shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings of the Board and all other official records of the Authority.

3.9.3 Treasurer and Auditor. The San Mateo County Treasurer shall act as the Treasurer for the Authority. Unless otherwise exempted from such requirement, the Authority shall cause

an independent audit to be made by a certified public accountant, or public accountant, in compliance with Section 6505 of the Act. The Treasurer shall act as the depository of the Authority and have custody of all the money of the Authority, from whatever source, and as such, shall have all of the duties and responsibilities specified in Section 6505.5 of the Act. The Treasurer shall report directly to the Board and shall comply with the requirements of treasurers of incorporated municipalities. The Board may transfer the responsibilities of Treasurer to any person or entity as the law may provide at the time. The duties and obligations of the Treasurer are further specified in Article 5.

3.10 Administrative Services Provider. The Board may appoint one or more administrative services providers to serve as the Authority's agent for planning, implementing, operating and administering the CCA Program, and any other program approved by the Board, in accordance with the provisions of an Administrative Services Agreement. The appointed administrative services provider may be one of the Parties. An Administrative Services Agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions by which the appointed administrative services provider shall perform or cause to be performed all tasks necessary for planning, implementing, operating and administering the CCA Program and other approved programs. The Administrative Services Agreement shall set forth the term of the Agreement and the circumstances under which the Administrative Services Agreement may be terminated by the Authority. This section shall not in any way be construed to limit the discretion of the Authority to hire its own employees to administer the CCA Program or any other program.

ARTICLE 4: IMPLEMENTATION ACTION AND AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS

4.1 Preliminary Implementation of the CCA Program.

4.1.1 Enabling Ordinance. To be eligible to participate in the CCA Program, each Party must adopt an ordinance in accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 366.2(c)(12) for the purpose of specifying that the Party intends to implement a CCA Program by and through its participation in the Authority.

4.1.2 Implementation Plan. The Authority shall cause to be prepared an Implementation Plan meeting the requirements of Public Utilities Code Section 366.2 and any applicable Public Utilities Commission regulations as soon after the Effective Date as reasonably practicable. The Implementation Plan shall not be filed with the Public Utilities Commission until it is approved by the Board in the manner provided by Section 3.7.3.

4.1.3 Termination of CCA Program. Nothing contained in this Article or this Agreement shall be construed to limit the discretion of the Authority to terminate the implementation or operation of the CCA Program at any time in accordance with any applicable requirements of state law.

4.2 Authority Documents. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the affairs of the Authority will be implemented through various documents duly adopted by the Board through Board resolution. The Parties agree to abide by and comply with the terms and conditions of all such documents that

may be adopted by the Board, subject to the Parties' right to withdraw from the Authority as described in Article 6.

ARTICLE 5: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

5.1 Fiscal Year. The Authority's fiscal year shall be 12 months commencing July 1 or the date selected by the Agency and ending June 30. The fiscal year may be changed by Board resolution.

5.2 Depository.

5.2.1 All funds of the Authority shall be held in separate accounts in the name of the Authority and not commingled with funds of any Party or any other person or entity.

5.2.2 All funds of the Authority shall be strictly and separately accounted for, and regular reports shall be rendered of all receipts and disbursements, at least quarterly during the fiscal year. The books and records of the Authority shall be open to inspection by the Parties at all reasonable times. The Board shall contract with a certified public accountant or public accountant to make an annual audit of the accounts and records of the Authority, which shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 6505 of the Act.

5.2.3 All expenditures shall be made in accordance with the approved budget and upon the approval of any officer so authorized by the Board in accordance with its Operating Rules and Regulations. The Treasurer shall draw checks or warrants or make payments by other means for claims or disbursements not within an applicable budget only upon the prior approval of the Board.

5.3 Budget and Recovery of Costs.

5.3.1 Budget. The initial budget shall be approved by the Board. The Board may revise the budget from time to time as may be reasonably necessary to address contingencies and unexpected expenses. All subsequent budgets of the Authority shall be approved by the Board in accordance with the Operating Rules and Regulations.

5.3.2 Funding of Initial Costs. The County of San Mateo has funded certain activities necessary to implement the CCA Program. If the CCA Program becomes operational, these Initial Costs paid by the County of San Mateo shall be included in the customer charges for electric services as provided by Section 5.3.3 to the extent permitted by law, and the County of San Mateo shall be reimbursed from the payment of such charges by customers of the Authority. Prior to such reimbursement, the County of San Mateo shall provide such documentation of costs paid as the Board may request. The Authority may establish a reasonable time period over which such costs are recovered. In the event that the CCA Program does not become operational, the County of San Mateo shall not be entitled to any reimbursement of the Initial Costs it has paid from the Authority or any Party.

5.3.3 CCA Program Costs. The Parties desire that all costs incurred by the Authority that

are directly or indirectly attributable to the provision of electric, conservation, efficiency, incentives, financing, or other services provided under the CCA Program, including but not limited to the establishment and maintenance of various reserves and performance funds and administrative, accounting, legal, consulting, and other similar costs, shall be recovered through charges to CCA customers receiving such electric services, or from revenues from grants or other third-party sources.

ARTICLE 6: WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION

6.1 Withdrawal.

6.1.1 **Right to Withdraw.** A Party may withdraw its participation in the CCA Program, effective as of the beginning of the Authority's fiscal year, by giving no less than 6 months advance written notice of its election to do so, which notice shall be given to the Authority and each Party. Withdrawal of a Party shall require an affirmative vote of the Party's governing board.

6.1.2 **Right to Withdraw After Amendment.** Notwithstanding Section 6.1.1, a Party may withdraw its membership in the Authority following an amendment to this Agreement adopted by the Board which the Party's Director(s) voted against provided such notice is given in writing within thirty (30) days following the date of the vote. Withdrawal of a Party shall require an affirmative vote of the Party's governing board and shall not be subject to the six month advance notice provided in Section 6.1.1. In the event of such withdrawal, the Party shall be subject to the provisions of Section 6.3.

6.1.3 **The Right to Withdraw Prior to Program Launch.** After receiving bids from power suppliers, the Authority must provide to the Parties the report from the electrical utility consultant retained by the Authority that compares the total estimated electrical rates that the Authority will be charging to customers as well as the estimated greenhouse gas emissions rate and the amount of estimated renewable energy used with that of the incumbent utility. If the report provides that the Authority is unable to provide total electrical rates, as part of its baseline offering, to the customers that are equal to or lower than the incumbent utility or to provide power in a manner that has a lower greenhouse gas emissions rate or uses more renewable energy than the incumbent utility, a Party may immediately withdraw its membership in the Authority without any financial obligation, as long as the Party provides written notice of its intent to withdraw to the Authority Board no more than fifteen days after receiving the report.

6.1.4 **Continuing Financial Obligation; Further Assurances.** Except as provided by Section 6.1.3, a Party that withdraws its participation in the CCA Program may be subject to certain continuing financial obligations, as described in Section 6.3. Each withdrawing Party and the Authority shall execute and deliver all further instruments and documents, and take any further action that may be reasonably necessary, as determined by the Board, to effectuate the orderly withdrawal of such Party from participation in the CCA Program.

6.2 Involuntary Termination of a Party. Participation of a Party in the CCA program may be terminated for material non-compliance with provisions of this Agreement or any other agreement relating to the Party's participation in the CCA Program upon a vote of Board members as provided in Section 3.7.5. Prior to any vote to terminate participation with respect to a Party, written notice of the proposed termination and the reason(s) for such termination shall be delivered to the Party whose termination is proposed at least 30 days prior to the regular Board meeting at which such matter shall first be discussed as an agenda item. The written notice of proposed termination shall specify the particular provisions of this Agreement or other agreement that the Party has allegedly violated. The Party subject to possible termination shall have the opportunity at the next regular Board meeting to respond to any reasons and allegations that may be cited as a basis for termination prior to a vote regarding termination. A Party that has had its participation in the CCA Program terminated may be subject to certain continuing liabilities, as described in Section 6.3.

6.3 Continuing Financial Obligations; Refund. Except as provided by Section 6.1.3, upon a withdrawal or involuntary termination of a Party, the Party shall remain responsible for any claims, demands, damages, or other financial obligations arising from the Party membership or participation in the CCA Program through the date of its withdrawal or involuntary termination, it being agreed that the Party shall not be responsible for any financial obligations arising after the date of the Party's withdrawal or involuntary termination. Claims, demands, damages, or other financial obligations for which a withdrawing or terminated Party may remain liable include, but are not limited to, losses from the resale of power contracted for by the Authority to serve the Party's load. With respect to such financial obligations, upon notice by a Party that it wishes to withdraw from the CCA Program, the Authority shall notify the Party of the minimum waiting period under which the Party would have no costs for withdrawal if the Party agrees to stay in the CCA Program for such period. The waiting period will be set to the minimum duration such that there are no costs transferred to remaining ratepayers. If the Party elects to withdraw before the end of the minimum waiting period, the charge for exiting shall be set at a dollar amount that would offset actual costs to the remaining ratepayers, and may not include punitive charges that exceed actual costs. In addition, such Party shall also be responsible for any costs or obligations associated with the Party's participation in any program in accordance with the provisions of any agreements relating to such program provided such costs or obligations were incurred prior to the withdrawal of the Party. The Authority may withhold funds otherwise owing to the Party or may require the Party to deposit sufficient funds with the Authority, as reasonably determined by the Authority and approved by a vote of the Board of Directors, to cover the Party's financial obligations for the costs described above. Any amount of the Party's funds held on deposit with the Authority above that which is required to pay any financial obligations shall be returned to the Party. The liability of any Party under this section 6.3 is subject and subordinate to the provisions of Section 2.2, and nothing in this section 6.3 shall reduce, impair, or eliminate any immunity from liability provided by Section 2.2.

6.4 Mutual Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by mutual agreement of all the Parties; provided, however, the foregoing shall not be construed as limiting the rights of a Party to withdraw its participation in the CCA Program, as described in Section 6.1.

6.5 Disposition of Property upon Termination of Authority. Upon termination of this Agreement, any surplus money or assets in possession of the Authority for use under this Agreement, after payment of all liabilities, costs, expenses, and charges incurred under this Agreement and under any

program documents, shall be returned to the then-existing Parties in proportion to the contributions made by each.

ARTICLE 7: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

7.1 **Dispute Resolution.** The Parties and the Authority shall make reasonable efforts to informally settle all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement. Should such informal efforts to settle a dispute, after reasonable efforts, fail, the dispute shall be mediated in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board.

7.2 **Liability of Directors, Officers, and Employees.** The Directors, officers, and employees of the Authority shall use ordinary care and reasonable diligence in the exercise of their powers and in the performance of their duties pursuant to this Agreement. No current or former Director, officer, or employee will be responsible for any act or omission by another Director, officer, or employee. The Authority shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the individual current and former Directors, officers, and employees for any acts or omissions in the scope of their employment or duties in the manner provided by Government Code Sections 995 et seq. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the defenses available under the law, to the Parties, the Authority, or its Directors, officers, or employees.

7.3 **Indemnification of Parties.** The Authority shall acquire such insurance coverage as is necessary to protect the interests of the Authority, the Parties, and the public. The Authority shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Parties and each of their respective Board or Council members, officers, agents and employees, from any and all claims, losses, damages, costs, injuries, and liabilities of every kind arising directly or indirectly from the conduct, activities, operations, acts, and omissions of the Authority under this Agreement.

7.4 **Amendment of this Agreement.** This Agreement may not be amended except by a written amendment approved by a vote of Board members as provided in Section 3.7.5. The Authority shall provide written notice to all Parties of amendments to this Agreement, including the effective date of such amendments, at least 30 days prior to the date upon which the Board votes on such amendments.

7.5 **Assignment.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, the rights and duties of the Parties may not be assigned or delegated without the advance written consent of all of the other Parties, and any attempt to assign or delegate such rights or duties in contravention of this Section 7.5 shall be null and void. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the successors and assigns of the Parties. This Section 7.5 does not prohibit a Party from entering into an independent agreement with another agency, person, or entity regarding the financing of that Party's contributions to the Authority, or the disposition of proceeds which that Party receives under this Agreement, so long as such independent agreement does not affect, or purport to affect, the rights and duties of the Authority or the Parties under this Agreement.

7.6 **Severability.** If one or more clauses, sentences, paragraphs or provisions of this Agreement shall be held to be unlawful, invalid or unenforceable, it is hereby agreed by the Parties, that the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby. Such clauses, sentences, paragraphs or

provision shall be deemed reformed so as to be lawful, valid and enforced to the maximum extent possible.

7.7 Further Assurances. Each Party agrees to execute and deliver all further instruments and documents, and take any further action that may be reasonably necessary, to effectuate the purposes and intent of this Agreement.

7.8 Execution by Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and upon execution by all Parties, each executed counterpart shall have the same force and effect as an original instrument and as if all Parties had signed the same instrument. Any signature page of this Agreement may be detached from any counterpart of this Agreement without impairing the legal effect of any signatures thereon, and may be attached to another counterpart of this Agreement identical in form hereto but having attached to it one or more signature pages.

7.9 Parties to be Served Notice. Any notice authorized or required to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be validly given if served in writing either personally, by deposit in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid with return receipt requested, or by a recognized courier service. Notices given (a) personally or by courier service shall be conclusively deemed received at the time of delivery and receipt and (b) by mail shall be conclusively deemed given 48 hours after the deposit thereof (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) if the sender receives the return receipt. All notices shall be addressed to the office of the clerk or secretary of the Authority or Party, as the case may be, or such other person designated in writing by the Authority or Party. Notices given to one Party shall be copied to all other Parties. Notices given to the Authority shall be copied to all Parties.

Exhibit A Definitions

“Act” means the Joint Exercise of Powers Act of the State of California (Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.*)

“Administrative Services Agreement” means an agreement or agreements entered into after the Effective Date by the Authority with an entity that will perform tasks necessary for planning, implementing, operating and administering the CCA Program or any other energy programs adopted by the Authority.

“Agreement” means this Joint Powers Agreement.

“Annual Energy Use” has the meaning given in Section 3.7.1.

“Authority” means the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority.

“Authority Document(s)” means document(s) duly adopted by the Board by resolution or motion implementing the powers, functions, and activities of the Authority, including but not limited to the Operating Rules and Regulations, the annual budget, and plans and policies.

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Authority.

“CCA” or “Community Choice Aggregation” means an electric service option available to cities and counties pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 366.2.

“CCA Program” means the Authority’s program relating to CCA that is principally described in Sections 2.3, 2.4, and 4.1.

“Director” means a member of the Board of Directors representing a Party.

“Effective Date” means February 29, 2016 or when the County of San Mateo and at least two municipalities execute this Agreement, whichever occurs later, as further described in Section 2.1.

“Implementation Plan” means the plan generally described in Section 4.1.2 of this Agreement that is required under Public Utilities Code Section 366.2 to be filed with the California Public Utilities Commission for the purpose of describing a proposed CCA Program.

“Initial Costs” means all costs incurred by the County and/or Authority relating to the establishment and initial operation of the Authority, such as the hiring of a Chief Executive Officer and any administrative staff, and any required accounting, administrative, technical, or legal services in

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support of the Authority's initial activities or in support of the negotiation, preparation, and approval of one or more Administrative Services Agreements.

**Exhibit A (cont.)
Definitions**

“Operating Rules and Regulations” means the rules, regulations, policies, bylaws and procedures governing the operation of the Authority.

“Parties” means, collectively, any municipality within the County of San Mateo which executes this Agreement.

“Party” means a signatory to this Agreement.

“Total Annual Energy” has the meaning given in Section 3.7.1.

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**Exhibit B
List of Parties**

Parties: County of San Mateo

Approved [insert date]

**Exhibits C and D
Annual Energy Use and Voting Shares**

ANNUAL ENERGY USE WITHIN PCE JURISDICTIONS AND VOTING SHARES		
Twelve Months Ended November [date]		
<u>Party</u>	<u>Total kWh</u>	<u>Voting Share</u>
SAN MATEO COUNTY		
Total		100

Approved [insert date]

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELMONT AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo has investigated options to provide electric services to customers within the County, including incorporated and unincorporated areas, with the intent of achieving greater local control and involvement over the provision of electric services, competitive electric rates, the development of clean, local, renewable energy projects, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and the wider implementation of energy conservation and efficiency projects and programs; and,

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo prepared a Feasibility Study for a community choice aggregation (“CCA”) program in San Mateo County with the cooperation of the cities under the provisions of the Public Utilities Code section 366.2. The Feasibility Study shows that implementing a community choice aggregation program would provide multiple benefits, including:

- Providing customers with a choice of power providers;
- Increasing local control and involvement in and collaboration on energy rates and other energy-related matters;
- Providing more stable long-term electric rates that are competitive with those provided by the incumbent utility;
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions arising from electricity use within San Mateo County;
- Increasing local renewable generation capacity;
- Increasing energy conservation and efficiency projects and programs;
- Increasing regional energy self-sufficiency;
- Improving the local economy resulting from the implementation of local renewable and energy conservation and efficiency projects; and,

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors has approved a Joint Powers Agreement creating the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (“Authority”). Under the Joint Powers Agreements, cities and towns within San Mateo County may participate in the Peninsula Clean Energy CCA program by adopting the resolution and ordinance required by Public Utilities Code section 366.2. Cities and towns choosing to participate in the CCA program will have membership on the Board of Directors of the Authority as provided in the Joint Powers Agreements; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority will enter into Agreements with electric power suppliers and other service providers, and based upon those Agreements, the Board of Supervisors anticipates that the Authority will be able to provide power to residents and business at rates that are competitive with those of the incumbent utility (“PG&E”). Once the California Public Utilities Commission approves the implementation plan created by the Authority, the Authority will provide service to customers within the unincorporated area of San Mateo County and within the jurisdiction of those cities who have chosen to participate in the CCA program; and,

WHEREAS, under Public Utilities Code section 366.2, customers have the right to opt-out of a CCA program and continue to receive service from the incumbent utility. Customers who wish

to continue to receive service from the incumbent utility will be able to do so; and,

WHEREAS, implementation of the Peninsula Clean Energy CCA program in the City was included on the City Council's regular meeting agenda for on January 26, 2016, at which time interested persons had an opportunity to testify either in support or opposition to implementation of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS

The above recitations are true and correct and material to this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM.

Based upon the forgoing, and in order to provide business and residents within the City of Belmont with a choice of power providers and with the benefits described above, the City of Belmont City Council ordains that it shall implement a community choice aggregation program within its jurisdiction by participating as a group with the County of San Mateo and other cities and towns as described above in the Community Choice Aggregation program of the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority, as generally described in the Joint Powers Agreement.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

In the event any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be determined invalid or unconstitutional, such section, clause or provision shall be deemed severable and all other sections or portions hereof shall remain in full force and effect. It is the intent of the City Council that it would have adopted all other portions of this Ordinance irrespective of any such portion declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION.

This ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the CEQA Guidelines, as it is not a "project" as it has no potential to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment. (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15378(a)). Further, the ordinance is exempt from CEQA as there is no possibility that the ordinance or its implementation would have a significant effect on the environment. (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)). The ordinance is also categorically exempt because it is an action taken by a regulatory agency to assume the maintenance, restoration, enhancement or protection of the environment. (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15308). The Community Development Director shall cause a Notice of Exemption to be filed as authorized by CEQA and the CEQA guidelines. In the event that new power transmission facilities are planned for construction, those construction projects will receive separate environmental review.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance takes effect and will be enforced 30 days after its adoption.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION AND POSTING

The City Clerk has caused to be published a summary of this ordinance, prepared by the City Attorney under Government Code Section 36933, subdivision (c), once, in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in San Mateo County and circulated in the City of Belmont, at least five days before the date of adoption. A certified copy of the full text of the ordinance was posted in the office of the City Clerk since at least five days before this date of adoption. Within 15 days after adoption of this ordinance, the City Clerk shall cause the summary of this ordinance to be published again with the names of those City Council members voting for and against the ordinance; and the City Clerk shall post in the office of the City Clerk a certified copy of the full text of this adopted ordinance with the names of those City Council members voting for and against the ordinance.

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The City Council of the City of Belmont, California introduced the foregoing ordinance, on January 26, 2016 and adopted the ordinance at a regular meeting held on _____, 2016 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1096

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Ayes: Hurt, Stone, Lieberman, Kim, Reed

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney