

City of San Leandro

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Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION of the City of San Leandro City Council Selecting Renewable 100 as the Default Product for San Leandro Customers Served by East Bay Community Energy

WHEREAS, the San Leandro City Council demonstrates its commitment to an environmentally sustainable future through its policy goals and actions, including energy reduction, clean energy programs, and the expansion of local renewable power supply; and

WHEREAS, in November 2016, the City of San Leandro City Council adopted Resolution No. 2016-160 authorizing San Leandro's participation in Alameda County's Community Choice Energy program known as East Bay Community Energy (EBCE); and

WHEREAS, in June 2006, the City Council adopted GHG emissions targets of 20% below 2005 levels by 2020 and in May 2019, adopted new targets of 40% below 2005 levels by 2030 and 80% below 2005 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2018, the City of San Leandro City Council received a presentation from East Bay Community Energy and approved the default rate for residential and commercial/industrial customers would be Bright Choice, and for municipal accounts it would be Brilliant 100; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Leandro's updated 2050 Climate Action Plan (CAP) was adopted by the San Leandro City Council on July 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the enrollment of San Leandro customers in Renewable 100 electricity will enable San Leandro to continue making progress toward meeting San Leandro's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2020, the EBCE Board of Directors voted to continue to offer Brilliant 100 only through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to position citywide residential and commercial customers to take advantage of electricity service with the lowest emissions factor and best environmental profile by replacing *Bright Choice* with *Renewable 100* as the default service plan. If approved, this would cost the average homeowner approximately four dollars per month and the average commercial customer 17 dollars per month more than current electricity rates; and

WHEREAS, San Leandro customers that are income-qualified and enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE), Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA), and Medical Baseline programs will remain at the Bright Choice rate; and

WHEREAS, San Leandro EBCE customers will continue to have the choice to change their

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enrollment to the lower-priced Bright Choice product and they also have the ability to opt out of EBCE altogether.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Leandro hereby RESOLVES to provide the following preference for the default products for San Leandro residential, commercial/industrial, and CARE/FERA/Medical Baseline accounts:

- 1. Residential Renewable 100 (effective March 2022)
- 2. Commercial/industrial Renewable 100 (effective October 2022)
- 3. CARE/FERA/Medical Baseline Bright Choice