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**From:** Meneghin, Candice <Candice.Meneghin@ventura.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 1:02 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Council Regular Meeting 11/17/2020 - Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks' public comment on Agenda Item 16  
**Attachments:** CoManhattanBeach\_CPA100\_opt up 11.16.2020.pdf

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Dear Mayor Richard Montgomery and Councilmembers,

Please find attached, Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks' public comment on Agenda Item 16; Consider Increasing the Default Renewable Energy Tier for Power Customers in the City to 100% Renewable Energy Under the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California, on your Regular Council Meeting tomorrow.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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November 16, 2020

Mayor Richard Montgomery  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

**Re: Agenda Item 16 Consider Increasing the Default Renewable Energy Tier for Power Customers in the City to 100% Renewable Energy Under the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California**

Dear Mayor Richard Montgomery,

I understand your City Council is currently considering whether to switch to Clean Power Alliance's 100% renewable Green energy tier. Doing so would help address the 2018 United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report that found we had 12 years to limit climate change. Their report called for urgent changes to cut the risk of extreme heat, drought, floods and poverty. Like Ventura County, Manhattan Beach is situated along the coast where sea level rise is one of the many impacts that we will face unless we make significant changes. Adopting CPA's 100% tier heeds the comprehensive call for climate action and supports California's 100% clean energy goal.

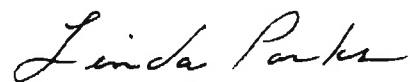
I urge you and your City Council to join the significant number of cities choosing Clean Power Alliance's (CPA) 100% Green Power. It is praiseworthy that CPA has the most 100% green energy customers in the nation. Your city joining the 100% group of CPA cities would further that remarkable achievement. Doing so is the most significant action a jurisdiction can do to lower its carbon footprint. For example when the County of Ventura adopted 100% renewable energy for electricity use at its facilities, we reduced our carbon dioxide emissions by 72 metric tons a year.

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In addition to reducing our carbon emissions, investments in renewable energy infrastructure create well paying jobs to help our struggling economy. As you know, switching to 100% will not raise rates for lower income customers enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program, and all customers still retain the option to change their respective tier at any time.

I wish you the best in your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Parks".

Linda Parks  
Supervisor, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Vice-Chair, Clean Power Alliance

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**From:** Nancy Shrodes <nshrodes@healthebay.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 5:25 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments on Items 15 &16 - City Council Meeting 11.17.2020  
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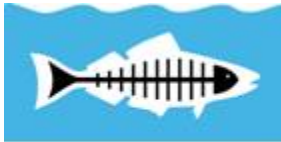
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To Mayor Montgomery and the esteemed members of the Manhattan Beach City Council,

Attached, please find my comment letter on items 15 and 16 at tonight's City Council Meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Nancy Shrodes



Heal the Bay

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November 17, 2020

Manhattan Beach City Council  
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Sent via email to: [cityclerk@citymb.info](mailto:cityclerk@citymb.info)

RE: Comments on Items 15 & 16 – City Council Meeting 11.17.2020

To Mayor Montgomery and the esteemed members of the Manhattan Beach City Council,

My name is Nancy Shrodes, the Associate Director of Policy & Outreach at Heal the Bay, and resident of Manhattan Beach. Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment tonight. Heal the Bay has over 15,000 members who support our work to keep our waterways and our beaches clean, healthy and safe. I would like to comment tonight on behalf of Heal the Bay and as a resident of this city on items #15 and #16.

Climate change and its impacts on the greater LA area are a top priority for Heal the Bay. We are very happy to see the report found in item #15 that is being presented to Council tonight. We think it is extremely important for Manhattan Beach to be thinking about climate readiness now, as it is no longer a problem of the future. In fact, many of the projects mentioned in the report Heal the Bay has already formally supported.

We highly recommend in item #16 that Manhattan Beach adopt the default of 100% of renewable energy (referred to as Green Power) for Manhattan Beach residents through the Climate Alliance Program. Santa Monica adopted this approach since the beginning of the program, with only 3% of residents opting down (as of December last year). Culver City, Ojai, Oxnard, Rolling Hills, South Pasadena, Thousand Oaks, Ventura, Ventura County, and West Hollywood also had a default of 100% Green Power last December. And residents can always opt down.

Since then, Malibu and Sierra Madre has joined the rolling list. Santa Monica has only seen a .9% increase in the opt down in tiers as of November this year. Collectively, through the CAP, we help drive the green energy market. Which can be increased in collective power if Manhattan Beach joins the groups of cities that have opted to have 100% Green Power as the default option. We recommend that Manhattan Beach joins these other cities by going default to 100% Green Power.

Thank you so much for your time and the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Nancy Shrodes

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**From:** David Haake <dhaake3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:47 AM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Submission of public comment on Manhattan Beach City Council Agenda Item No. 16 for Nov. 17, 2020  
**Attachments:** MB - Sierra Club - Clean Power Alliance 100% Renewable Default.pdf

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Honorable Mayor Montgomery, Mayor Pro Tem Hadley and Council Members Stern, Napolitano, and Hersman,

Attached please find a public comment letter regarding this evening's Manhattan Beach City Council Meeting, Agenda Item No. 16.

Thank you for putting Manhattan Beach's default renewable energy tier on the agenda and for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

With best regards,

David Haake  
Chair, Clean Break, Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club Chair, Clean Power Alliance Community Advisory Committee  
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Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Honorable Mayor Montgomery, Mayor Pro  
Tem Hadley and Council Members  
City of Manhattan Beach  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, California 90266

**Re: Item 16 - Increasing the Default Renewable Energy Tier to 100% Renewable**

Dear Mayor Montgomery, Mayor Pro Tem Hadley and Council Members  
Stern, Napolitano, and Hersman:

The Sierra Club writes in strong support for Item 16, which would increase the default for residential and commercial power accounts to 100% renewable energy.

As the staff report succinctly describes, “cities are on the front lines when it comes to climate change. Cities are also leading the world in reducing carbon emissions through aggressive policies and adoption of clean technologies”. Increasing its default renewable energy rate to 100% is one of the most impactful steps Manhattan Beach can take to reduce its carbon footprint at a time when California is experiencing unprecedented climate impacts, including sea level rise, fires, and drought. Urgent action is needed now more than ever to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create increased demand for renewable energy as being part of the largest Community Choice agency in the state.

According to the staff report for Item No. 15 on this evening’s City Council Agenda, sea level rise due to climate change “is expected to create a permanent rise in ocean water levels that will shift the water’s edge landward. Higher water levels will increase erosion of beaches and result in a narrower beach, if no action is taken. Additionally, the combination of higher ocean water levels and beach erosion would mean that coastal storms will potentially cause greater flooding and damage, because reduced beach width is less effective at reducing wave energy, and waves positioned at a higher elevation allow for a deeper reach landward.”

California’s 2020 wildfire season was the worst in recorded history, involving 4% of California land and more than 30 fatalities, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.<sup>i</sup> We can expect more of this, more extreme weather events, droughts and fires due to an unnaturally rapid rate of global warming. The United Nations IPCC has released a shocking report that says we need to transition off of fossil fuels as soon as possible or face a global and catastrophic climate crisis by 2040.<sup>ii</sup>

At a time when the world needs leadership, you are in a unique position to send a message of hope and commitment by setting a **100% renewable energy default** for Manhattan Beach. This is what the majority of your constituents want. The Public Policy Institute of California recently surveyed Californians and reported, “Majorities support action on climate change **even if it brings increased costs.**”<sup>iii</sup>

People are willing to pay more to avert a climate crisis. The good news is that in this case those costs are minimal, just 7-9% for the 100% rate tier. This is an increase of only \$9.00 for a residential customer with an average \$100 monthly bill. You can take the step of setting a 100% tier default **without foisting higher costs on anyone who doesn’t want that tier or can’t afford it.** Everyone will be offered multiple opportunities to choose a 50% or 36% renewable energy plan at the outset and can opt down any time. You have time to do extensive education about this option to make sure everyone is informed as any change in the CPA default energy tier change is October 2021, nearly a year away.

What’s more, for those communities with a 100% default, CARE and other low-income customers will have the plan benefit at no additional cost. Clean Power Alliance created a \$1 million COVID-19 Relief Program that provides bill credits to help impacted customers manage their electricity payments. From a social and environmental justice perspective, this is ideal. The most financially vulnerable customers will be protected but still enjoy the benefits of using clean, renewable energy. And those communities most afflicted by pollution associated with fossil fuel power production will breathe easier because of the choice you made to direct more investment in renewable energy instead. It will also be a driver of jobs. Renewable energy is creating jobs 12 times faster than the rest of the economy<sup>iv</sup> and employs more people in the U.S. than fossil fuels.<sup>v</sup>

A 100% default would be good for Manhattan Beach’s image as a great place to live, work, and visit. It would inspire other cities and counties. Almost 200 cities across the country have joined Sierra Club’s “Ready for 100” campaign by committing to 100% renewable energy. Within the Clean Power Alliance, to date Ventura County and the cities of Ventura, Culver City, Malibu, Ojai, Oxnard, Piedmont, Portola Valley, Rolling Hills Estates, Santa Monica, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, Thousand Oaks, and West Hollywood have all decided to go with 100% renewable energy defaults. This week, the Agoura Hills City Council decided to join the growing list of cities with a 100% default renewable energy rate.

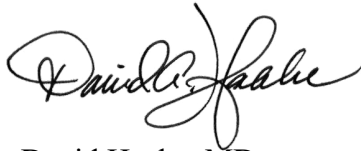
California currently targets 100% clean energy by 2045. The 100% default gives us an opportunity to achieve that goal 25 years ahead of schedule. Simply by setting the default at 100%, our communities will be powered by close to 100% renewable, a huge improvement from the roughly 33% renewable mix that is standard today.

As Debra Roberts, Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group II says about their report that was written and edited by 91 scientists from 40 countries who analyzed more than 6,000 scientific studies, “The decisions we make today are critical in ensuring a safe and sustainable world for everyone, both now and in the future. This report gives policymakers and practitioners the information they need to make decisions that tackle climate change while considering local context and people’s needs.



**The next few years are probably the most important in our history.”** We urge you to act on behalf of Manhattan Beach, to consider the local context, the decision you are empowered to make, and choose to be on the right side of history with a 100% renewable energy default.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Haake". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Haake" clearly distinguishable.

David Haake, MD  
Chair, Clean Break Team, Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club  
Chair, Clean Power Alliance Community Advisory Committee

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<sup>i</sup> CalFire website (<https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2020/>)

<sup>ii</sup> “Global Warming of 1.5 °C,” Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, October 2018 (<http://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/>)

<sup>iii</sup> Californians’ Views on Climate Change, Public Policy Institute of California, September 2018 (<http://www.ppic.org/publication/californians-views-on-climate-change/>)

<sup>iv</sup> “Renewable Energy Is Creating Jobs 12 Times Faster Than the Rest of the Economy,” Fortune, 2017 (<http://fortune.com/2017/01/27/solar-wind-renewable-jobs/>)

<sup>v</sup> “U.S. Clean Energy Jobs Surpass Fossil Fuel Employment,” NRDC summary of a Department of Energy Report, February 2017 (<https://www.nrdc.org/experts/lara-ettenson/us-clean-energy-jobs-surpass-fossil-fuel-employment>)

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**From:** Michelle Leahy <michelleleahy@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** Nancy Hersman; Richard Montgomery; Suzanne Hadley; Hildy Stern; Steve Napolitano; City Clerk  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: 100% renewable energy default

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Good afternoon, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmembers:

Tonight, you have a critically important decision before you, and I hope you seize the opportunity to dramatically cut emissions and join the now 13\* cities in Clean Power Alliance leading the nation on clean energy!

The alternative is continuing on with the status quo, and I think we'd all recognize that the status quo of unmitigated climate change is perilous and the consequences of continuing to burn fossil fuels extremely costly.

A few key considerations:

- In times of crisis like we're facing with the pandemic and climate change, governments have the responsibility to protect the safety and well-being of their constituents. We know what needs to be done to combat the virus and slow climate change; now we just need to act accordingly.
- The default is "sticky", as in people tend to stick with whatever the default is. It's been the experience in other CCAs (community choice aggregators) throughout the state that efforts to encourage customers to individually opt up yield very little return. So if you want to make significant progress on cutting your city's carbon emissions, then the 100% default is the easiest and most cost-effective way to do achieve that. Switch your 36,000 residents all at once. Or wait. for. one. person. at. a. time. to. opt. up. And most won't, not because they don't want to, but because of inertia or the busyness of life.
- Among the many advantages of CCAs, choice is paramount. That's likely one of the main reasons Manhattan Beach chose to join Clean Power Alliance in the first place, to give your residents and businesses a choice about their electricity. Choice doesn't go away if you set the default at 100%, just like customers still have choice now with your current default of 50%. Customers can switch plans at any time and without penalty. But the default significantly influences what most end up with. 50% renewable is only halfway to 100%, and still contains 50% polluting energy. Why suggest anything other than clean energy for your community?
- For those customers who have made a specific selection, the default change wouldn't apply to them, they would remain in their selection. For example, say a customer opted down to the Lean Power (36% renewable) rate, they would stay there. Or if a customer opted out of CPA and went back to SCE, they would remain there. The default only applies to those who haven't taken any opt action.

- To protect low-income customers in those jurisdictions with the 100% default, customers on CARE/FERA/Medical Baseline still continue to receive their bill discounts while also receiving the 100% product at no extra cost. And any other customers who do not wish to be in at 100% and pay the 7-9% bill premium can always opt down to a lower tier or out of CPA.
- Economically, it's in our best interest to switch to clean energy now rather than kicking the can down the road. The costs of inaction, of continuing to pollute, will be far greater than the nominal bill premium we pay now for clean energy. And the costs of clean energy continue to decrease.

Thank you for considering this important opportunity!

Regards,  
Michelle Ellison

\*Agoura Hills just voted to increase their default level to 100% last week.

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**From:** Michelle Leahy  
**Sent:** Monday, March 2, 2020 11:07 PM  
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**Subject:** 100% renewable energy default

Good evening, Mayor and City Council.

It's fantastic to see that the Clean Power Alliance renewable energy default is on your agenda tomorrow. The 100% renewable default is the easiest, most cost-effective, immediate and significant way for your community to reduce its carbon footprint, so I urge you to not overlook the importance of this decision. I hope you will change it to 100% by the April 1 deadline to go into effect this October.

Simply by setting the default at 100% renewable, your 35,000 residents will virtually eliminate polluting greenhouse gas emissions from from their electricity supplies. It will take your community much more time, expense and effort to achieve this kind of progress otherwise.

We're in a climate emergency. A little over a year ago, the UN IPCC sounded the alarm bells in a dire report, warning that governments at all levels everywhere, must take "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society" to dramatically cut emissions by 2030 if we hope to avoid climate catastrophe. This means no more half measures, the time for bold action is now.

The good news is we have solutions, like the 100% renewable default, and local governments are responding. To date, 12 of the 32 member agencies\* in Clean Power Alliance have set their defaults at 100% renewable, representing a combined population of 750,000 people! A vast majority of those customers have stayed in at 100%, only small percent have opted down or out. In those jurisdictions with a lower default, only a fraction of a percent have opted up to 100%. Defaults have immense power to affect outcomes.

Industry studies reveal there is overwhelming public support for renewable energy. What's been so encouraging is the political readiness and bipartisan support within these local governments that have opted

for the 100% renewable default. For example, in the City of Ventura, all seven council members (which was made up of 3 registered Republicans, 3 Democrats, and 1 Independent) voted in unanimous support of 100%. These 100% communities are also diverse in size, geography, industry, socio-economically, racially, etc.

While the 100% Green Power rate costs 7-9% more than the 50% Clean Power rate (Manhattan Beach's current default), the renewable content is double! That's a very compelling return, and a small price to pay for long-term benefits. We must consider the costs of externalities associated with polluting emissions. The perception of saving a buck or two in the short term is a dangerous illusion.

What's noteworthy is that jurisdictions with the 100% default can elect to have low-income customers participate in the plan at no additional cost.

The 100% renewable default isn't a rate hike, it isn't a mandate, it isn't forcing anything on anyone, it's simply a suggestion, customers still have the freedom and ability to choose another plan according to their own priorities.

California passed legislation which targets 100% clean energy by 2045. Now, consider this...the 100% default gives your city an opportunity to achieve that goal 25 years ahead of schedule! How incredible is that!

In closing, this is likely one of the biggest impact decisions you will make for your community. Renewable energy is now readily available and affordable, we just need to start choosing it. It would be fantastic to have Manhattan Beach set an example and join the other member agencies at 100%, leading the way to a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable tomorrow.

Thank you.

Regards,  
Michelle Ellison  
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\* Sierra Madre just changed their default to 100% last week! They join Culver City, Malibu, Ojai, Oxnard, Rolling Hills Estates, Santa Monica, South Pasadena, Thousand Oaks, Ventura, Ventura County, West Hollywood.

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**From:** Kathy Clark <kathymb2005@mac.com>  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Supporting Agenda Item 16

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Mayor Montgomery and Councilmembers,

I am writing to request Council approve Agenda Item 16. I read the excellent city staff report. I thought the most important sentence was the following: "Since the inception of joining CPA, over 100 of Manhattan Beach's residential power customers (households) and 98 commercial power customers have opted to voluntarily raise their Renewable Energy Tier to "100% Green Power." Manhattan Beach currently has the highest voluntary "opt up" rate of all the jurisdictions in CPA. However, the reality is that most power customers do not take opt actions, and stay at the default rate set by their City."

I like having my city take a leadership role in promoting the use of clean energy and making it easy was for busy residents to encourage the growth and success of clean energy. At the same time I hope the city will also reach out to Seniors who may be on very tight budgets. One visible way to do this would be to have a banner notifying residents of the 100% default with information on how to opt out or reduce the percent of clean energy used by an individual account. In my over thirty years of living in Manhattan Beach I have experienced both having to watch every outgoing expense to feeling financially secure. I appreciate it when the city policy works to make it possible for long-time residents with limited means to continue to live in Manhattan Beach if that is what they want.

Kathy Clark

**Martha Alvarez**

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**From:** Kristen Weinstein <kristenwysh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:18 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Clean Power Alliance

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Hello,

Thank you for all you continue to do during these difficult times.  
I recently heard about the energy issue up for debate this evening.

**My family would support utilizing the Clean Power Alliance at 100 percent renewable energy for all of our energy needs.**

Thank You,  
Wysh Weinstein

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**From:** CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info on behalf of City of Manhattan Beach  
<CityOfManhattanBeach@citymb.info>  
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**To:** List - City Council  
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Message submitted from the <City of Manhattan Beach> website.

**Site Visitor Name:** Ricki Frand  
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The paper signs about mask wearing that were put up along the Strand months ago must be maintained! The flimsy paper signs have been torn off, there is graffiti scrawled on sawhorses Some sawhorses have been thrown into the bushes or folded up and placed next to trash cans.

When/if the signs are replaced:

- they must be much larger and of stronger material

-they must indicate that there are fines for not wearing mask and it must state clearly how much the fines are!

The City has to do a much better job of communicating with residents about spread of the virus. Residents continue to gather in large groups on the Strand, on the beach, on Manhattan Ave. heading south from 8th St and in front yards/ patios - it is not uncommon to see 10-15 people (not family members) partying outside without masks.. this makes it impossible for others to safely walk by on the street.

Thank you



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**From:** Tia Pappas <tia.pappas@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:58 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote for 100% Green Power!

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Dear City Council members,

I urge you to increase the default renewable energy for power customers in Manhattan Beach to 100% renewable energy. This step is extremely important in championing the fight against climate change, and will allow our city to serve as a model and influence other cities to also make a change, leading to an even bigger impact. This small change can have a big effect when everyone works collectively. Coming from a youth's perspective, the threat of climate change is extremely important to me. I believe that we as a city must take rigorous actions to combat the negative effects of GHGs. Please, vote for a more sustainable future.

Thank you,  
Tia Pappas



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**From:** Annabelle Stoker <annabelle\_stoker21@milton.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 7:10 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item #16

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Dear Mayor Montgomery and Manhattan Beach City Council,

I am writing to convey my family's and my support of utilizing the Clean Power Alliance at 100 percent renewable energy for all of our electrical power needs.

This move will both keep Manhattan Beach air clean for future generations of residents and uphold the city's status as a leader in environmental policy.

Thank you for your time!

Best,

Annabelle Stoker

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**From:** Shaya Kirkpatrick <shayakirkpatrick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 11:17 PM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Manager  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] City Council Renewable Energy

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Dear City Council Members,

I am in full support of 100% renewable energy for Manhattan Beach and keeping on track with the 2017 CPA vote. Switching our businesses and residents to 100% renewable energy will go a long way toward achieving the environmental goals of our community and continuing MB's legacy of environmental leadership in our state. It is also the right thing to do for our community and residents. Please join the 13 other local cities who have made this change and vote yes to switch our default energy tier to 100% green energy.

Best,



**Shaya Kirkpatrick**  
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**From:** Claire Koerber <clairekoerber@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 10:47 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 100% Renewable Energy Proposal 11/17/20

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City Council,

I am a Freshman at Mira Costa High School and I would like to provide a comment for the renewable energy topic that will be discussed at the meeting tomorrow, 11/17/20. I believe that making the default energy tier for our city 100% renewable energy would be a great accomplishment and hopefully lead other cities in making healthy decisions for the environment. If we make this change, the residents in Manhattan Beach will have the opportunity to change their tier if they would like, so there is no harm for those who want to opt out. As climate change gets worse every community can start with small changes to reduce greenhouse emissions and working with CPA is an important step for Manhattan Beach.

Thank you.  
Claire Koerber

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Lora <lora@dapoz.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 7:56 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda item 16. Consider Increasing the Default Renewable Energy Tier for Power 20-0308 Customers in the City to 100% Renewable Energy Under the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California

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Dear Mayor Montgomery and Manhattan Beach City Council,

I love our city for many reasons, but one near and dear to my heart is our commitment to environmental leadership. As environmental leaders, I urge you to VOTE to move the Clean Power Alliance energy tier default rate to 100% for the Manhattan Beach Community. It is the right thing to do and anyone not wanting 100% clean energy can easily change it back.

I am committed to the reducing our dependence on fossil fuel. I divested my retirement account of any investment directly or indirectly supporting fossil fuels and I feel good about that decision. Fossil fuel is the #1 source of pollution in the United States, and guiding our community's energy use to renewable sources is one of the many steps that can be taken to reduce such dependence. REFERENCE—[EPA.gov](https://www.epa.gov/reported-emissions-by-sector) “[Reported Emissions by Sector](https://www.epa.gov/reported-emissions-by-sector)”

The cost of changing to 100% renewable sources is small in comparison to the incredible impact the City of Manhattan Beach will make each year, resulting in a net reduction (based on Manhattan Beach 2016 energy data) of approximately 18% of Manhattan Beach's green house gas emissions which comes from a combination of 20,421 metric tons of carbon dioxide from commercial sources and 24,141 metric tons of carbon dioxide from residential sources per year. **This means we can make a SIGNIFICANT reduction in our Green House Gases by more than 44,000metric tons per year. In TEN YEARS the reduction will be almost HALF A MILLION metric tons.** REFERENCE Manhattan Beach Staff Report 20-0308 Version 1

Thank you for caring about people and planet today and for future generations.

Lora Ricca (Dapoz)  
725 35th St., MB

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Kathy Binks <kathybin7@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 6:29 PM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Clean Power Alliance

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To the MB City Council,

My family supports utilizing the Clean Power Alliance at 100 percent renewable energy for all of our electrical power needs.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely,

Katherine Binks

301 Marine Ave

Sent from my iPhone

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**To:** List - City Council  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CPA to 100%

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Hello again, City Council Members.

I am writing to voice my strong support for clean energy in Manhattan Beach. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, I urge to you vote yes on the proposal to switch the Clean Power Alliance default energy tier for Manhattan Beach businesses and residents to 100% renewable energy. Manhattan Beach prides itself on being a green leader in Southern California. In order to continue leading the way and fighting climate change, we must make impactful strides towards lowering our city's carbon footprint and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions.

Switching our businesses and residents to 100% renewable energy will go a long way toward achieving the environmental goals of our community and continuing Manhattan Beach's legacy of environmental leadership in our state. It is also the right thing to do for our community and residents. Please join the 13 other local cities who have made this change and vote yes to switch our default energy tier to 100% green energy.

Thank you!  
Chrissie Clay

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**From:** Lisa Coppedge <lisa.coppedge@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** List - City Council  
**Cc:** Will Coppedge; Stuart Coppedge; Chase Coppedge  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote AND Vote YES for 100% Energy Tier Default Rate for the Manhattan Beach Community

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Dear Mayor Richard Montgomery and Manhattan Beach City Council,

I am writing regarding the agenda item #16 on the upcoming November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the Clean Power Alliance ([cleanpoweralliance.org](http://cleanpoweralliance.org)). I urge you to hold a vote on this agenda item and VOTE to move the energy tier default rate to 100% for the Manhattan Beach Community. My reasoning is as follows:

1. This is the right thing to do for the Manhattan Beach community. Our children, grandchildren, and generations to come who will inherit our Earth deserve this. As tenants of this planet, we must reduce our dependence on fossil fuel for many reasons, not the least of which is the fact that manufacturing of fossil fuel is the #1 source of pollution in the United States, and guiding our community's energy use to renewable sources is one of the many steps that can be taken to reduce such dependence. REFERENCE—EPA.gov "[Reported Emissions by Sector](#)"
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3. The sooner we do this, the better. Through its actions, the City of Manhattan Beach has consistently demonstrated that it is one of the leading cities in the United States in caring for the environment. We were one of the first cities in California to ban the plastic bag, we have one of the most stringent Styrofoam bans in the country, and we authored the Manhattan Beach Green Team Report all the way back in 2007. As a community, we need to continue to show other cities what environmental stewardship and leadership is, and what is possible. Please proceed with voting on this agenda item, and VOTE to continue to lead the way for clean air for EVERYONE. I urge you to leave YOUR LEGACY and POSITIVE MARK on our community by setting a precedent in making a stand for clean air.

Warm Regards,

Coppedge Family - Lisa, Stuart, Chase and Will





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As a resident, I strongly support this as an important step in creating the clean energy revolution we need to improve both local air quality for the communities who bear the brunt of environmental pollution and to combat climate change.

Manhattan Beach has the opportunity to be an environmental leader, and should seize upon it.

As a Board member of Grades of Green, I am so proud that a local non-profit started by four Manhattan Beach moms now helps students across the globe make impactful changes to improve the environment in the communities. This is the kind of community we live in, and I strongly believe many residents are willing to pay a few extra dollars a month to support California's transition to a clean energy future, and be an example for the rest of the state and the rest of the country. And as an opt-out program, any resident who cannot afford the small additional charge can switch to a different plan.

If not us, who? If not now, when? Please do not pass on your opportunity to make positive change. The issue of climate change is important to residents - here is a concrete step you can take to be on the right side of the issue.

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**Martha Alvarez**

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**Keron Magness and Matthew Williamson**

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