

Memo

To: Mayor Khan and the City Council
From: Larry Agran, Councilmember
(A second is needed)
Date: November 15, 2021
Re: **Resolution Calling for 100% Renewable Electricity from the Orange County Power Authority**

Please place a resolution on the November 23rd City Council agenda calling for 100% Renewable Electricity from the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA). This request is prompted by an outpouring of public comments from individuals and organizations demanding that Irvine take action.

On December 10, 2019, the City of Irvine gave approval to establish the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA), which was later joined by the Cities of Fullerton, Buena Park and Huntington Beach. The OCPA aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide customers electricity at a competitive rate. Despite committing \$7.725 million of public funds to the creation and organization of the OCPA, Irvine's ratepayers have yet to receive any commitment that they will enjoy reliable, affordable energy from carbon-free sources.

Without accelerating toward 100% renewable energy sources at a quicker pace, Irvine will be unlikely to meet the goals of its ambitious Climate Action and Adaptation Plan to reach carbon neutrality by 2030. Please place the aforementioned resolution on the November 23rd agenda so the City can initiate public transparency and accountability from its principal energy partner, OCPA.

cc: City Council
City Clerk
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 21-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY POWER AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the City of Irvine has endeavored to achieve a zero-carbon local economy consistent with 2030 targets based on the most recent climate science; and

WHEREAS, in pursuit of that goal, on December 10, 2019, the City of Irvine gave approval to establish the Orange County Power Authority, a Joint Powers Authority and Agreement that later included the Cities of Fullerton, Buena Park, and Huntington Beach; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Agreement was to establish an independent public agency that would implement a Community Choice Aggregation, also known as Community Choice Energy program, and to implement sustainable energy initiatives at economies of scale; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives include reducing energy demand, increasing energy efficiency, providing consumer choice and cost savings, and advancing the use of clean, efficient, and renewable resources for the benefit of Irvine and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Irvine has committed to issuing the Orange County Power Authority \$7,725,000 in unsecured loans; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2021, the City Council resolved to strive to offer 100 percent renewable electricity to its residents and businesses through the Orange County Power Authority's Community Choice Energy service;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Irvine, California, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Orange County Power Authority should set public targets and public timetables for the renewable energy sources it will purchase and deliver residents, and itemize the projected costs of its proposals.
2. The Orange County Power Authority should purchase and deliver 100% renewable energy for all ratepayers by no later than 2030.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Irvine at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2021.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

ATTEST:

INTERIM CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS
CITY OF IRVINE)

I, CARL PETERSEN, City Clerk of the City of Irvine, HEREBY DO CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Irvine, held on the ____ day of _____, 2021.

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS: