



## Staff Report Item 12

**TO:** East Bay Community Energy Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Melissa Brandt, Senior Director of Public Affairs and Deputy General Counsel  
**SUBJECT:** Approve EBCE Legislative Program  
**DATE:** July 18, 2018

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### Recommendation

Approve EBCE's Legislative Program.

### Background and Discussion

EBCE staff surveyed several city legislative platforms and programs to guide development of a legislative program that provides a framework for EBCE's regional, state, and federal legislative priorities. Going forward, EBCE's Legislative Program will serve as a reference guide for legislative positions and objectives that provide direction for the EBCE Board and staff. The Legislative Program outlines the legislative priorities and stances of EBCE with the intent to inform customers, representatives, and policymakers of EBCE's stances on the myriad of public policies that intersect with EBCE's priorities, programs, and services. These priorities are applicable to legislation, state-wide referenda, grant funding opportunities, and local ballot initiatives.

EBCE staff recommends Decarbonization, Affordability, Community Benefit, and Reliability serve as the guiding principles for EBCE's legislative priorities.

EBCE staff recommends three major legislative priorities: Accelerating Decarbonization, Promoting Local Development, and Maintaining Community Choice Autonomy. EBCE support of legislation will be contingent upon that legislation adhering to these priorities as well as EBCE's priorities.

The Legislative Program provides additional specific guidance in the form of five public policy positions regarding: (1) nonbypassable charges, (2) disadvantaged communities, (3) environmental sustainability, (4) finance/human resources, and (5) educational, neighborhood, and social services.

This Legislative Program is intended to provide direction to EBCE's legislative advocates in Sacramento. Additionally, this document will serve as the foundation for any EBCE Board action regarding Federal or State legislation or funding opportunity. Staff may draft letters, direct our legislative advocates, or speak on behalf of EBCE regarding the legislative priorities this document outlines.

Any correspondence signifying EBCE's support or opposition of a given bill must be approved or delegated by the EBCE Board of Directors.

**Fiscal Impact**

None.

**Attachment**

EBCE Legislative Program