

Department of Energy Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
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Attn: Maria Robinson

As the chair of the East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) Community Advisory Committee (CAC), I am pleased to commit to the success of Power Up the People, EBCE's initiative to deploy microgrids across our member's critical infrastructure. This project will improve grid reliability, enhance community resilience, and create economic opportunities for our residents.

The CAC is a diverse body selected based on location, population, work experience, and community interest. We serve as the liaison between key stakeholders and the EBCE Board of Directors and give the community a voice in its choice for electricity services, clean energy resource investments, and local energy projects. We advise the Board on choices that affect lives within the community, in particular:

Jobs, economic development and workforce training

Community resiliency

Social equity and local investment

The CAC pays close attention to the impacts of projects and programs on community resilience and social equity, particularly in low-income communities and communities of color. As such, we are committed to ensuring that Power Up the People uses climate action to address long-term equity issues and support a Just Transition to a carbon-free economy.

In addition to driving our clean energy future, Power Up the People will serve as a model for other municipalities and institutions. As the largest Community Choice Aggregator in Northern California, EBCE is ideally positioned to disseminate information about the project and share expertise to ensure this program lessons can inform action beyond our own member communities.

The CAC is committed to bringing our expertise and experience to the project and sharing information about Power Up the People with other stakeholders.

Thank you,

Anne Olivia Eldred
Chair