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Agenda Item #11

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Please note this submission, Adrian. Thank you!

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To: Board of Directors, CAC members, and Staff, Ava Community Energy

From: Audrey Ichinose, People's Clean Power Alliance (PCPA) and the California

Alliance for Community Energy (CACE)

Re: Agenda Item #11

As an early supporter of EBCE/now Ava, I am shocked that Ava would consider contracting with any entity in Deloitte's loosely structured global network for any of its services, however "neutral" one considers an accountant or planner/manager to be.

Apart from DeLoitte's purported association with services rendered to the Trump administration's ICE operations, Ava Community Energy should for their accounting services simply on the basis of Ava's founding intent. EBCE, and now Ava pledged to foster local development and the local economy. Are the local companies listed for contracting truly local? Are we opting for price and ease of subcontracting at the expense of developing truly local labor and small business?

I think more discussion is in order before any contracts are signed.

Thank you.