March 1, 2018

Honorable Kevin De León
President pro Tempore
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 100 (De León): California Renewable Portfolio Standard Program - SUPPORT

Dear President pro Tempore De León:

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we thank you for your leadership and offer our support for SB 100, which would put California on a path to 100% clean electricity.

SB 100 revises California’s Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Program targets to achieve 60% renewable energy by 2030 and sets as state policy the goal of achieving 100% carbon-free electricity by 2045.

The City of Sunnyvale adopted its first Climate Action Plan (CAP) in 2014 and led the formation of Silicon Valley Clean Energy, a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program now serving 12 communities. Dramatically reducing the greenhouse gas emissions from our power supply is the single largest action identified in Sunnyvale’s current CAP. We are pleased to share that Silicon Valley Clean Energy is providing carbon-free electricity to 97% of our residents, showing our community’s commitment to clean energy.

Sunnyvale believes that CCAs play a critical role in the achievement of California’s carbon-free electricity future. As SB 100 and other bills related to clean energy are considered for 2018, we strongly encourage that the legislature continues to regard the value of CCAs and ensures that any related law passed does not undermine local governance; asserts an even playing field and avoids unfair cost allocation between CCAs and other load serving entities; and provides CCAs equitable participation in
markets and programs related to clean energy such as the Distributed Energy Resources (DER) market.

Sunnyvale is deeply committed to climate action and advancing the state’s decarbonization goals. We very much appreciate your leadership in forging SB 100 (De León) and are proud to offer our support.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Melody Tovar, Interim Director of Environmental Services, at (408) 730-7740 or mtovar@sunnyvale.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Glenn Hendricks
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Jerry Hill, State Senate
The Honorable Marc Berman, State Assembly
City Council
Kent Steffens, City Manager
Melody Tovar, Interim Director of Environmental Services