From: Melinda Forbes

Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 8:44 AM To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: B-1

Council members-

My husband and I urge you to join CCCE. It looks to be a win-win for our cities & county as a whole. We will potentially have lower electricity rates and more importantly support a big step forward in the movement toward clean, renewable energy. The development of renewables in our community and beyond offers a healthy future for our children and our planet. It is a responsible and exciting opportunity.

This option can bring new jobs and the potential to take advantage of grants available through state and federal programs offered to communities shifting to renewable resources.

I grew up in SLO and never thought I would say that Atascadero was getting to be a cool place to live, but you have made changes to make it that.

Thank you for your hard work. Melinda and Glenn Forbes Garden Farms

Sent from my iPad

From: Jana Slezakova

Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 8:25 AM **To:** City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda Item B - Please support CCA for Atascadero

City Council Members,

As a resident of Atascadero I would like to express my support for expanding the options for consumers and providing a more sustainable and environmentally friendly option in our power supply. I strongly encourage you to support CCA!

Thank you for your consideration.

Jana Slezakova, Psy.D.

From: Catharine Young

Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 9:50 AM To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda Item B - Please support CCA for Atascadero

PLEASE SUPPORT CCS FOR ATASCADERO

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From: Bill Babka

Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 2:13 PM To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda Item B - Please support CCA for Atascadero

Dear Atascadero City Council-

I hope you will make the smart choice to embrace Central Coast Community Energy.

Being committed to clean and renewable energy is very important to me. Not only will joining CCCE help the environment, it will help us have control as a community and it will help us save money.

My husband and I are retired so we are concerned about energy costs. Also global warming is here and being environmentally responsible is crucial.

It also makes a lot of sense for us to follow what other communities in the Central Coast are doing. We live in a beautiful area, protecting our natural beauty should be a concern for all of us.

Please make the right choice. Don't deny Community Choice Energy to the city of Atascadero. We have a right to the same choices and rights as the rest of the Central Coast.

Thank you for reading my letter,

Sincerely, Barbara Babka

Sent from my iPhone

From: lois r merritt

Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 8:59 PM **To:** City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda Item B - Please support CCA for Atascadero

Turn your support to 3Ce

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: Kate Montgomery

Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 3:46 PM To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda Item B - Please support CCA for Atascadero

February 6, 2022

To the Atascadero City Council,

I am so happy to finally have another chance to begin to buy electricity from Central Coast Community Energy. It resonates so strongly with me because it's sources are green and renewable. The fact that it also supports new jobs and will most likely be quite a bit cheaper in the long run is appealing too.

Please, as my city government, don't stand in the way of letting me choose where to buy electricity.

Thank you for reading my plea.

Kate Montgomery

Atascadero

Sent from my iPhone

From: Beverly Hale

Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 7:50 AM To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda Item B - Please support CCA for Atascadero

We need clean energy and more competitive prices for energy from our utilities.

Sent from my iPad

From: star.thrower@juno.com

Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 7:39 AM To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda Item B - Please support CCA for Atascadero

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City of Atascadero 6500 Palma Ave. Atascadero, CA 93422

February 2, 2022

RE: Community Choice Aggregation

Dear Atascadero City Council Members:

As an organization that represents 550 members, the Atascadero Chamber of Commerce would like to encourage the Council to approve an ordinance and adoption of a resolution to join Central Coast Community Energy (3CE).

Our Chamber supports this move as it aligns with OUR vision in serving as a champion for a stronger business community and furthering solutions that support healthy economic growth and community resiliency. Because this program will allow residents and businesses to access carbon free energy, it will enable us to be part of a climate solution at an individual, community, and regional level.

Our Chamber met with representatives from 3CE, solar, and regional Chamber CEO's to learn the benefits of community choice aggregations and would like to share the following information that helped inform our decision on behalf of our business and residential community.

Business and Residential Benefits Benefit of 3CE:

• **Competition** – We believe competition is good for consumers. This will hopefully result in lower pricing eventually or possibly lower inflation rates in energy costs. Since beginning operations in 2018, 3CE has saved customers an estimated \$17.2M vs. the incumbent provider. We understand that lower prices aren't guaranteed but feel it's important to have choice.





- Revenue reinvestment As a non-profit energy provider, we have learned that 3CE has allocated \$26M in revenue toward energy programs (incentives, rebates, and grants) giving customers resources such as:
 - o Up to \$4,000 in electric vehicle rebates
 - Up to 50% of the cost to purchase electric tractors
 - o Up to \$200,000 for electric school buses
 - Over \$7 million secured to support the installation of electric vehicle charging stations
- **Critical Services Resiliency** 3CE representatives have communicated that the City's membership would unlock access to \$25M in direct, low-cost funding to create back-up energy resources, providing energy to police, fire, and emergency services when they need it most.
- **Economic Development** 3CE has contracted over \$1.1 billion in renewable energy and battery storage projects, including a 100-megawatt battery storage effort.
- Clean and Renewable Energy By 2025, 3CE customers will receive 60% clean and renewable energy. Reaching sustainability goals has never been easier. Local solar companies are excited about this goal as it is more aggressive than the current provider.
- Incentives 3CE has proven that they can and will put incentive programs together for their customers. Currently at least one local solar company participates in an EV program where customers get ~ 90% off the installation of an EV charger at their home or business. In Morro Bay, commercial development projects are taking advantage of 3CE grants to install EV. As of last week, 3CE has created a program for SLO residents to receive \$500 towards the purchase of an e-bike. These programs could possibly be replicated in Atascadero.





• **Opt-Out** – Businesses and residents can opt-out of the program if they do not feel the program is beneficial to them. However, 3CE reports that 94% of eligible customers choose to retain services.

As you are aware, Atascadero is the only city in the tri-county area (Monterey, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo) that is not currently a member of a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) or joint powers agency. Our community needs every competitive advantage as we try and attract private investment and grow our economic base. Offering a choice of energy providers would make our community more appealing when investors are conducting their due diligence.

Should the Council move forward with 3CE, the Chamber will be here to support the city in any marketing efforts to ensure customers are educated and aware of the choices they have regarding 3CE or PG&E.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration to this matter and we encourage you to move forward with an ordinance and resolution to join the joint powers agency and 3CE.

Sincerely,

Josh Cross

President/CEO



From: star.thrower@juno.com

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 8:44 AM To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda item B1

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Carol J. Athey Atascadero

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Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 12:27 PM **To:** City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda Item B - Please support CCA for Atascadero

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Helen Manning-Brown

Atascadero, CA

From: Julie Dunn

Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 3:19 PM **To:** City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda Item B - Please support CCA for Atascadero

To all City Council members ~

I am writing to let you know that my husband, Roger Combs, and I, Julie Dunn, are strongly in support of the implementation of a community choice aggregation (CCA) program. Atascadero is the only city in San Luis Obispo County that does not offer its residents a CCA program, and we should join with all of the other communities in our County!

CCA allows city and county governments to pool the electricity demands for their communities for the purpose of supplying energy. In SLO County, the CCA energy supplier is Central Coast Community Energy (3CE), and we VOTE for the Atascadero City Council to join 3CE.

We support ALL of the benefits provided!

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We're counting on all of you to join the rest of SLO County in moving forward for all the citizens in Atascadero!

Respectfully, Julie Dunn

Julie Dunn Fine Art

Atascadero, CA. 93422

www.JulieDunnFineArt.com

From: Chuck Hoffman

Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 4:28 PM **To:** City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda Item B - Please support CCA for Atascadero

It is time that Atascadero give its citizens more energy options. I would like to choose where my electricity comes from and how it is generated.

PLEASE SUPPORT CCA for Atascadero

Thank you, Chuck Hoffman Balboa road Atascadero

From: star.thrower@juno.com

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 8:35 AM To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda Item B1

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Thank you, Fred Athey - Atascadero. CA

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Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 8:25 AM

To: City Clerk < cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: B-1; Community Choice Aggregation

Please submit to the record my following statement.

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I hope the City of Atascadero remains with it's current energy provider.

I will be following along tonight to see what the final vote is.

Sincerely,

Randall Jordan



Randall Jordan Palomar Homes (805) 238 5514 ext.205 902 21st St. Paso Robles

From: juanita mcdaniel

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 8:28 AM **To:** City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Stay with PG&E

I implore the council to stay with PG&E. I don't need another layer of government or business between me and my source of energy when PG&E already has solar and renewable programs I can subscribe to.

Please submit to record. Juanita McDaniel Atascadero Resident From: Erich Fleck

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 9:05 AM **To:** City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org> **Subject:** Agenda Item B 1 (2/8/22)

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To the honorable Mayor and Council members,

A City Council's "in favor of" decision on this matter can provide more options for businesses and individuals regarding their energy providers. CCCE membership gives residences and businesses options that were not accessible before, such as more competitive rate options, cleaner energy, as well as access to robust location-based community energy programs. As a city, Atascadero would acquire a coseat with Paso Robles on the CCCE's policy board, giving our community a much greater voice in the changing energy transition than we currently have with PG&E.

Central Coast Community Energy is a community-owned public agency that sources competitively priced electricity from clean and renewable energy resources. CCCE is locally controlled and governed by board members who represent each community served by the agency. CCCE, as a non-profit, reinvests in the member communities all excess revenue through innovative energy programs that help keep electricity rates affordable for customers, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and overall stimulate local economic development. PG&E as an investor-owned utility distributes a substantial portion of this excess revenue as dividends to shareholders, most of which are not located on the Central Coast.

CCCE serves more than 400,000 customers throughout the Central Coast, including residential, commercial, and agricultural customers in Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz counties. Atascadero is currently the only major city in San Luis Obispo county that is not a member of this not-for-profit clean energy choice program.

Our family hopes that our beautiful city becomes a member of CCCE to ensure we residents have access to their programs and incentives and our city has a choice in the ongoing discussion around energy.

Sincerely,

Erich Fleck - resident on Portola Rd.

From: The Rippler

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 9:35 AM To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org> Subject: B-1: Community Choice Aggregation

To be placed on the record

I understand the effort to move towards renewable energy. I have made personal choices to help reduce carbon emissions based on my purchasing behaviors. However, I do not think that community choice energy is the best fit for me or Atascadero.

I did my research with my current utility provider. If I choose, I can opt into a solar program where I chose a percentage of my energy consumption to be converted with solar credits at a small fee.

My personal choices and independent freedoms should not impact the choices of those around me. Forcing others to opt out of a program instead of giving them a choice to opt in limits the freedom of the

purchase power for others around me, especially when there is not a guarantee of savings to the people making the payments.

I also take issue with the structure of the governing with this organization. There are two boards and a council. Our city representatives get half a vote with the policy board and operations board. This means we rotate representatives with the city of Paso Robles. How do we make sure our voice is heard?

What I find really hard to swallow is how much this looks like a middle man to our energy payment as well as an additional layer of government.

This is an election year with another one coming up in just two short years for the rest of the council. I am paying attention to how my representatives vote in meetings. My votes in November 2022 and November 2024 will be guided by your votes tonight.

Thank you for your consideration, Nyle Ketcherside Atascadero resident and voter

From: Larry McDaniel

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 10:48 AM **To:** City Clerk < cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Community Choice Energy

Last year the city council was considering going with community choice energy because of the cost savings to local businesses and ratepayers. Unless I read the agenda packet incorrectly, we are only assuming that there will be savings, but there is no guarantee. I also read in there that two community choice energy groups have failed recently. This is a great cause of concern for me. I ask that you vote against adopting this program.

Submit to record, Larry McDaniel Atascadero Resident

From: Randall Jordan

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 8:48 AM

To: Heather Moreno hmoreno@atascadero.org; Heather Newsom hnewsom@atascadero.org; Charles Bourbeau cbourbeau@atascadero.org; Mark Dariz hnewsom@atascadero.org; Susan Funk

<sfunk@atascadero.org>; City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Fwd: B-1; Community Choice Aggregation

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From: J Conner

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 9:20 AM **To:** City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org> **Subject:** Re Community Choice Aggregation

Dear City Council,

I love the innovative ideas our city brings to the table for our small community. I moved here nearly three years ago to be near my children and grandchildren, who live here in Atascadero. It has been abundantly apparent that you generally do a good job of listening to the citizens/voters that actually LIVE in your boundaries.

That being said, I am puzzled as to why you are again revisiting (albeit renaming) "3CE" (which used to be called Monterey Power).

It has been discussed extensively, and the Council, in my opinion, made the right initial decision to stick with PG&E (who is continuing to pursue their green energy sources). Change simply for the sake of change is not a healthy or productive avenue by which to advance this city.

Please continue to listen to the people and not the special interests and stay with PG&E.. There is a lot of other work to be done that could use your attention instead.

Respectfully, JoAnn Conner Resident of Atascadero

From: ron walters

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 10:49 AM **To:** City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Subject B1

Subject: B-1: Community Choice Aggregation

Submit to the record my following statement.

As a business owner in Paso Robles, I made the decision to opt out of the community choice energy program adopted by our Paso Robles City Council. I am proud that the city I live in, Atascadero, has not opted into the program. As a business owner that works with the public, I saw that many people were unable to opt out of the program in the 30 day period due to lack of knowledge. I do not want to see the same issues happen to my friends and neighbors in my hometown.

Please remain with your current energy provider.

Ron Walters - Paso Robles Business Owner and Atascadero Resident

From: Carole Mintzer

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 11:35 AM **To:** City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda Item B - please support CCA for Atascadero

Dear Atascadero City Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to adopt Community Choice Aggregation for your city. As a resident of a county-unincorporated area, I am envious of the opportunity you have to provide this service to your city. CCA, as provided by Central Coast Community Energy (3CE), provides residents with competitive electricity rates, options to choose green energy, incentives for choosing electrification, local jobs, and community control. Last year, when we installed a level 2 charging station at our home, we would have greatly appreciated incentives that were offered through 3CE, but as a PG&E customer, no such incentive was available to me. The same is true as we prepare to purchase an electric vehicle.

You have the opportunity to move your city to a greener, more sustainable energy future, with new options for electrification, including their Ag electrification program and training for contractors so they can participate in electrification projects.

Please vote to implement CCA for Atascadero - give your residents the option that is the envy of the unincorporated areas!

Thank you,

Carole Mintzer Los Osos, CA

From: Miki Gillman

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 9:03 AM **To:** City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda Item B.1.: CCCE

I favor choice in energy resources available to the public.

Sincerely, Miki Gillman

10 year Atascadero resident

From: Elaine Bertolette

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 11:22 AM To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda item B1

My husband and I firmly support the city of Atascadero joining Central Coast Community Energy. We believe it would benefit all community members by saving money and helping our climate issues.

Thank you, Elaine and Logan Bertolette

Atascadero

Sent from my iPad

From: Kathy Reid

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 12:15 PM

To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>; City Council <CityCouncil@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda item B-1

Dear City Council,

I am strongly in favor of joining the Central Coast Community Energy! I will joining the meeting tonight to hear the discussion and hope to hear the council approve it.

Sincerely yours, Kathryn Reid

Atascadero, CA 93422

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: Tasia Trevino-Hill

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 11:55 AM

To: Lara Christensen < lchristensen@atascadero.org>

Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item B1

To the City Council,

I am writing as a resident of Atascadero in strong support of the city participating in Central Coast Community Energy. It is the most responsible choice we can make to our community and region at large as we face an ever-changing future. Please consider not only what is happening in Atascadero today, but what it will be like in 5, 10, and even 50 years from now. Renewable energy will soon be the way of the world and Atascadero should seize this opportunity to be a part of that positive change.

Thank you, Tasia Trevino-Hill

From: Margi Bauer

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 10:55 AM To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Subject: B-1: Community Choice Aggregation

Atascadero City Council Members:

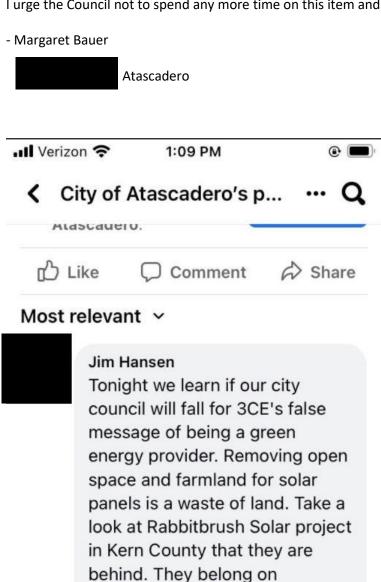
I urge you to vote NO for the Community Choice Aggregation.

In a previous year, the Council wisely voted to wait and see how this plan worked out for other cities. It has not played well...some programs have failed. There is no guarantee of savings for customers.

This arrangement adds another layer to the acquisition chain of providers.

PG&E offers clean energy options for customers.

I urge the Council not to spend any more time on this item and vote NO.



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buildings and parking structures.

The only thing that 3CE does well is their false marketing.

From: Suzie Anderson

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 2:24 PM To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org> Subject: Community Choice Aggregation

I submitted an email last year to public record and I am disappointed that I have to send another one today. We are spending all of these city resources at the taxpayers expense for a program that may or may not reduce our utility bills. My statement from last time still stands. I am against joining the community choice energy program.

Suzie Anderson

From: John Smigelski

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 2:45 PM To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Agenda item B1

My name is John Smigelski, I am with the SLO Climate Coalition and the California Alliance for Community Energy. I previously spoke to the Atascadero Council a few years ago about joining MBCP now Central Coast Community Energy. I was disappointed for the residents of Atascadero when the council declined to not even study joining.

With 20/20 hindsight everyone can see that was a poor decision. 3CE has continued to be financially stable and was even able to provide relief to their customers during covid. Their cost of electricity continues to be lower than PG&E's plus customers are eligible for rebates for purchasing EV's, Fast Charger's, E Bikes and more. This year the city is missing out on sharing over 7 million dollars being allocated to initiatives at member agencies like the other cities in the county.

With a big increase in PG&E rates coming this year, 3CE will be able to provide significant savings in particular for commercial and agricultural customers.

I encourage the council to do the right thing for the residents and businesses in Atascadero and provide them the opportunity to save on their electricity bills.

Thank you.

John Smigelski

From: Amanda Hawkins

Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 3:48 PM To: City Clerk <cityclerk@atascadero.org>

Subject: Subject: B-1: Community Choice Aggregation

To Whom it May Concern:

I do not support this community choice energy proposal. There is too much risk associated with no guarantee of reduced rates. Please vote no.

Thank you,

Amanda Hawkins - Resident of Atascadero