



AGENDA REPORT

Mayor's Office

DATE:	April 5, 2022
TO:	Members of the City Council
FROM:	Tom Butt, Mayor
Subject:	California State Assembly Bill 1814 (Support)
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	N/A
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	N/A
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	Assembly Bill 1814, introduced by Assembly Member Tim Grayson, allows Community Choice Aggregators to submit applications to the California Public Utilities Commission to receive funding to support transportation electrification.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution urging the California State Legislature to enact California State Assembly Bill 1814 – Office of the Mayor (Mayor Tom Butt 510-620-6503).

DISCUSSION:

Transportation electrification is a vital component of the State of California's climate change mitigation strategy, which includes an ambitious goal of achieving five million zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2030 and 250,000 electric vehicle charging

stations by 2025. Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs), as local government agencies themselves, have a proven track record of serving communities with programs and service options tailored to meet local needs and priorities and are particularly well-suited to deploy transportation electrification infrastructure.

Currently, all customers pay into programs administered by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), but only investor-owned utilities can access these funds to support their own programs, and under Assembly Bill 1814 (AB 1814), CCAs would also be able to apply for these funds, correcting this funding inequity and allowing all customers to fully benefit from the programs their monthly bills support. AB 1814 adds more effective and nimble administrators to the CPUC's programs, makes its transportation electrification more successful, expands upon successful CCA transportation electrification offerings, and ensures ratepayer fairness for CCA communities.

Since 2013, the City of Richmond has been a member of Marin Clean Energy (MCE) and supported efforts to ensure that CCAs have the tools necessary to confront the climate crisis, eliminate fossil fuel greenhouse gas emissions, and create equitable community benefits. Adopted in 2016, the City of Richmond's Climate Action Plan identified our transportation sector as the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, with the majority generated by vehicles traveling on state highways and city streets, contributing to air pollution and climate change, and threatening the health of our residents and the sustainability of our planet. The City of Richmond, through its Climate Action Plan, is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for impacts of climate change on public health, infrastructure, ecosystems, and public space, focusing on health equity and climate justice.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Resolution