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Sustainable San Rafael letter

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To: "board@mcecleanenergy.org" <board@mcecleanenergy.org>

Greetings MCE—Please distribute the attached letter from Sustainable San Rafael to the MCE Board of Directors for consideration at the October 6 Executive Committee meeting and the next full Board meeting.

Thanks very much.
Bill Carney, SSR Vice President



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RE: MCE Finance Committee

MCE Board of Directors,
Sustainable San Rafael was a steadfast voice in favor of establishing MCE fifteen years ago, both at our City Council and at the Marin Board of Supervisors. We remain strong supporters, recognizing that fossil-fuel-free electricity is foundational to eliminating greenhouse gas emissions from our vehicles and buildings, which represent more than 85% of Marin's carbon footprint.

We write now to express our concern about recent surges in MCE's energy procurement and operating costs, and to urge you to establish a Board Finance Committee to guide MCE through these challenging financial times and continue to grow the availability of clean energy and effective community energy incentives, at reasonable rates to customers.

We are especially concerned that community energy incentives be sustained and expanded, in particular for low-income communities. These local incentives are more important than ever, given draconian cutbacks at the federal level. Directing a meaningful portion of MCE revenues to help people switch their cars and appliances from gas to electric is key to achieving MCE's goal of reducing climate change.

Keeping the cost of electricity affordable for ratepayers is also critical to this transition. Finally, maintaining MCE's reserve funds at recently attained levels remains challenging, along with analyzing procurement costs against the uncertainties of investing in generation infrastructure.

For all these reasons, we believe that MCE would be well served by establishing a standing Board Finance Committee to weigh financial policy alternatives in a public forum.

Thank you for your stewardship of MCE and its mission of eliminating greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely,

William Carney

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Vice President