

April 19, 2016

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

Subject: Energy Commission Community Choice Energy Public Workshop

The Energy Commission, in conjunction with the City of Berkeley's Office of Energy and Sustainable Development, will conduct a public workshop on Community Choice Energy. The workshop will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Berkeley Public Library Main Branch Community Room, at 2090 Kittredge Street.

The goal of the workshop is to provide community members with an overview of Community Choice Energy and to solicit public comments to inform the Commission's recommendation to Council.

Community Choice programs allow local governments to buy electricity for residents and businesses. A Community Choice program can build and fund local clean energy projects, buy renewable energy, offer energy efficiency services and incentives to customers, and set electricity rates. Currently Alameda County is conducting a technical study of the feasibility for a countywide Community Choice program. The City of Berkeley will have the opportunity to vote to join Alameda's Community Choice program in the fall.

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Attachment 1: Community Choice Energy Workshop Flyer

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# **Community Choice Energy** Public Workshop

**\***Saturday May 14, 2016

10AM - 1PM (library doors open at 10am)

Berkeley Public Library, Main Branch Community Room

2090 Kittredge Street, Berkeley CA 94704 (1 block from the Downtown Berkeley BART Station)

Get energized! Learn about Community Choice Energy (CCE) at this public workshop hosted by the Berkeley Energy Commission. Provide input on priorities, governance structure, portfolio of renewable energy sources, economic and sustainability benefits, and costs. Free and welcome to all. Light snacks will be provided.

For more information: www.cityofberkeley.info/communitychoice/





### Community Agency

buying and building energy supplies and set rates

delivering energy, repairing lines, serving customers

## customer



benefitting from cleaner energy. local control

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