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The Honorable Kevin de Leon, President Pro Tempore
Chair, Senate Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento CA 95814

Dear President Pro Tem de Leon:

RE: AB 813 (Holden) Community Choice Aggregation - **OPPOSE**
(as amended September 8, 2017)

The City of West Hollywood opposes AB 813 (Holden) regarding Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) energy programs. AB 813 eliminates the ability of cities to maintain existing local governance and procurement decisions, making it inconsistent with existing state laws such as AB 117 (Chapter No. 838, Statutes of 2002) and SB 790 (Chapter 599, Statutes of 2011). The City strongly believes in the right of cities to serve as aggregators for their municipal operations or the community at large.

CCAs help California achieve a carbon-free electricity future by empowering local and regional action on climate change. Aggregators may combine the electric loads of various users and negotiate the purchase of electricity for end users. As partners with the state in achieving policy goals, the operating CCA programs across California currently have an average renewables content of 50% in 2017—achieving state mandates over a decade early.

The City of West Hollywood opposes AB 813 as it would require the Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) to sign new renewable energy contracts while passing on the costs of this procurement to CCA customers. Mandating IOU procurement of renewable energy is unnecessary. CCAs are buying and building new California renewable energy projects at a fast pace. CCAs have contracted for over 1,000 MW of new California renewable resources—these contracts represent an over \$1.6 billion investment in California procurement and clean energy infrastructure.

