

## FW: Request to Defer Item 6.1

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 2/12/2024 10:11 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Joey Rezonable [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2024 9:05 AM  
**To:** Joey Rezonable [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Javier Casillas [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Request to Defer Item 6.1

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Good morning,

Please see the attached correspondence from IBEW Local 332 Business Manager Javier M. Casillas.

Thank you,

*Joey M. Rezonable*

Office Manager  
IBEW Local Union 332

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February 12, 2024

Re: Requesting Deferral of Item 6.1 Long Term Power Purchase Agreement with Zeta Solar, LLC.

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

On behalf of IBEW 332, we respectfully request that the City Council defer this item until the next City Council meeting to allow time to complete negotiations that are underway and close to agreement.

The Zeta Solar project in Merced is in the final stages of negotiations with local unions for a Project Labor Agreement that would provide protections for workers on the project, support apprentice hiring and training, and help ensure reliable and quality construction of the project. We expect the remaining details of this agreement to be finalized soon.

At a total cost of \$224,540,000, this is a major long-term investment toward the City's goals of equitable economic development, greenhouse gas reduction, and affordable, reliable power for San Jose's residents and businesses. It is important to take the time to get it right. Deferring until the agreement is finalized will help the City to ensure the project is designed for long-term success. Please contact me at [REDACTED] if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Javier M. Casillas

Business Manager/Financial Secretary

CC: South Bay Labor Council

# FW: Public Comment: Item 6.1 Long Term Power Purchase Agreement with Zeta Solar, LLC

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Tue 2/13/2024 10:48 AM

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Here's the [CCA Alliance\\_Public Comment Letter\\_Item 6.1\\_Zeta Solar\\_021324.pdf](#) for you to review.

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**From:** Leslie Austin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 10:00 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Eric Veium [REDACTED]; Tim Frank <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Public Comment: Item 6.1 Long Term Power Purchase Agreement with Zeta Solar, LLC

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Dear San Jose City Council and San Jose Clean Energym Staff,

Please see the public comment attached, on behalf of the CCA Workforce and Environmental Justice Standards Alliance.

Thank you for attaching our comments under "Letters from the Public" to the Council Item.

~Leslie

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Leslie Austin (she / her)  
Director, Let's Green CA!  
[www.greencal.org](http://www.greencal.org)

[REDACTED]

Land Acknowledgment: I live and work on the traditional, unceded lands of the Uypi Tribe of the Awawas Nation, today represented by the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, who are dedicated to caring for this place through the Amah Mutsun Land Trust.

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February 13, 2023

Honorable Mayor Mahan and City Council  
 City of San Jose  
 200 E. Santa Clara Street  
 San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Item 6.1: Long Term Power Purchase Agreement with Zeta Solar, LLC

Dear Mayor Mahan and Councilmembers,

We, the undersigned alliance of over 40 labor, environmental justice, and climate advocates, are writing to express our collective support for the adoption of strong workforce and environmental justice standards within California's Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs. Our alliance has successfully championed these standards at three neighboring CCAs, and we are committed to working in collaboration with the remaining Northern CCAs and their joint-procurement agency, California Community Power.

San Jose Clean Energy is uniquely positioned to advance clean energy projects to meet the City of San Jose and CA's climate goals, while also protecting and supporting workers and communities that host those projects. As a mission-driven public agency, we believe San Jose Clean Energy has a responsibility to prioritize workforce development and environmental justice in your clean energy procurement processes. By doing so, you can contribute to local economic benefits, empower workers, and address historical inequities in environmental justice communities.

We understand and support staff's efforts to amend the Zeta Solar Project agreement to include updated workforce standards language. This amendment process provides a valuable chance to reflect on procurement, evaluation, and selection of projects. We have successfully collaborated with neighboring CCAs to proactively establish standards to ensure benefits to workers, the environment, and communities, while reducing avoidable stakeholder friction that might inadvertently cause project delays or other development risks.

Last month, Ava Community Energy adopted [this leadership](#) CCA Workforce & EJ Clean Energy Project Selection Criteria Policy.

We had the pleasure to work directly with CEO Nick Chaset to craft a policy that staff and stakeholders supported. The policy was adopted unanimously by Ava's board with high praise for developing a leadership policy through such a collaborative approach.

We ask for your support to collaborate with your staff in earnest to bring to your Council a Workforce & Environmental Justice Project Selection Criteria Policy that aligns with your agency's values and captures the best practices that we believe should be adopted as standard at CCAs across CA. .

Sincerely,

*Endorsement list of alliance organizations follows:*

Susan Penner, Co-Chair, Legislative Working Group, 1000 Grandmothers for Future Generations

Alan Weiner, Coordinator, 350 Conejo / San Fernando Valley

Nora Privitera, Chair, Federal Climate Team, 350 Bay Area Action Transition Team, California Alliance for Community Energy

Lucas Zucker, Co-Executive Director, Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy

Ana Rosa Rizo-Centino, Network Manager, Central Coast Climate Justice Network

Lynda Marin, Chapter Lead, Citizens' Climate Lobby, Santa Cruz Chapter

Michael Chiacos, Policy Director, Community Environmental Council

Jordan Ackerman, Sr. Policy & Public Affairs Manager, Construction Trades Workforce Initiative

Ratha Lai, CEO, Critical Impact Consulting

Rita Casaverde, Executive Director, Diversity Coalition, San Luis Obispo County

John Foran, Founding Editor, Eco-Vista

Andy Carman, Director, Environteers

Leah Redwood, Action Coordinator, Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area

Tim Frank, Representative, Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda  
Bart Pantoja, Building and Construction Trades Council of San Mateo County  
John Doherty, Business Manager, IBEW Local 6  
Paul Guitierrez, Business Manager, IBEW Local 234  
Bill Baker, Business Manager, IBEW Local 413  
Greg Bonato, Business Manager, IBEW Local 595  
Scott Wein, Business Manager, IBEW Local 617  
Mark Simonin, Business Manager, IBEW Local 639  
Hector Huezco, California Director, Jobs to Move America  
Veronica Wilson, CA Organizer, Labor Network for Sustainability  
Leslie Austin, Director, Let's Green CA!  
Jessica Tovar, Steering Committee Member, Local Clean Energy Alliance  
Gopal Shanker, President, Récolte Energy  
Nancy Faulstich, Executive Director, Regeneración Pajaro Valley  
Sara Nelson, Executive Director, Romero Institute  
Alex Lansberg, Director, Research & Advocacy, San Francisco Electrical Contractors Assoc.  
Jill ZamEk, Board Member, San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace  
Robert M. Gould, MD, President, San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Joni Eisen, Representative, San Francisco Climate Emergency Coalition  
Ken Hough, Executive Director, Santa Barbara County Action Network  
Pauline Seales, Educator Organizer, Santa Cruz Climate Action Network  
Eric Veium, Chair and Co-Executive Director, SLO Climate Coalition  
Melissa Yu, Senior Energy Campaigns Representative, Sierra Club  
Timothy Duda, Director, Terra Advocati  
Woody Hastings, Fossil Fuel Phaseout Manager, The Climate Center  
Kristin Kusanovich, Founder, tUrn Climate Crisis Awareness & Action  
Bijan Ashtiani-Eisemann, Organizer, UC Green New Deal Coalition  
Louise Auerhahn, Director of Economic & Workforce Policy, Working Partnerships USA