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Board of Supervisors  
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San Francisco, CA 94102

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
1155 Market St.  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Mayor Edwin Lee  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl. Room 200  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Urgent need for local, affordable clean electricity and jobs, as the *foundation* of CleanPowerSF

Dear Supervisors, Commissioners, and Mayor Lee,

The profound continuing dual crisis of global environmental and economic collapse demands that all communities rebuild local energy infrastructure on a rock solid foundation of strongly localized, affordable renewable electricity and energy efficiency through employing the large and able workforce required to construct and install that new infrastructure, within the next decade.

However, the CleanPowerSF program which the SFPUC proposes to roll out includes purchase of green power on the market but no significant development of local energy resources.

A CleanPowerSF program which does not include a robust development of local energy resources will fail to create a large-scale shift to clean local energy quickly enough to help counter the climate crisis and provide hundreds of desperately needed local jobs. It will also be economically unsound, relying solely on high-cost market-purchased electricity at rates that will alienate consumers and businesses. Furthermore it will exclude low income residents from joining in a new clean energy future, dangerously setting the stage for a slow moving patchwork era of clean energy 'haves' and 'have nots'.

If San Francisco outsources the CleanPowerSF program without a plan for a local build-out, City ratepayers will see no return on their clean energy investment.

We, the undersigned organizations, urge you in the strongest possible terms to:

- Make local, affordable, renewable electricity, energy efficiency, and green jobs the foundation upon which CleanPowerSF will be launched
- Reject any San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) CleanPowerSF program which does not follow this local development model, which is the basis for the Implementation Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors in July 2007 (Ordinance 147-07)
- Ensure that a comprehensive scope of work is completed by Community Choice energy experts, which carefully lays out and prepares for such a local build-out of renewables and efficiency, before any CleanPowerSF program is finalized and initiated.

Sincerely,

Sierra Club    Global Exchange    Local Clean Energy Alliance    Laborer's Local 261    Greenpeace USA  
San Francisco Green Party    Brightline Defense Project    PODER    Bay Localize    Greenlining Institute  
Luminalt    Harvey Milk Democratic Club    District 3 Democratic Club    Anders & Anders Foundation  
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