

Council Meeting of
November 25, 2008

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: City Manager – Adopt a RESOLUTION declaring the City’s support for the energy partnership between Southern California Edison and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION in support of the energy partnership between Southern California Edison and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Funding

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

At the Council meeting of November 18, 2008, Your Honorable Body directed staff to bring forth a Resolution in support of the energy partnership between Southern California Edison (SCE) and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG).

This energy partnership focuses on regional energy efficiency activities. Shortly after being formed in 2004, the partnership established the South Bay Energy Savings Center as a comprehensive source of energy information. Thereafter, participants made efforts to deliver significant energy savings through project facilitation. From 2006-08, the partnership was enhanced to deliver information regarding demand response, self-generation and low income programs, and to identify retrofit opportunities in municipal facilities.

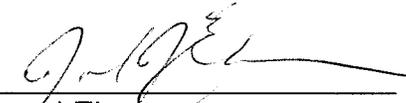
SBCCOG will be entering into a new contract with SCE to continue their environmental services programs for the next 3 years - from 2009 to 2011. SCE has asked each city within the partnership to pass a resolution confirming their participation in the program and endorsing the goals of the program and the partnership.

The partnership seeks to optimize opportunities for the fifteen local governments of the South Bay and their communities to work toward the common goals of achieving short- and long-term energy savings, reduced utility bills, and an enhanced level of comfort in municipal and commercial buildings as well as homes.

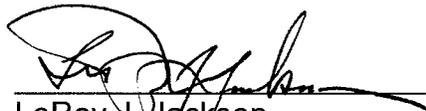
The partnership continues to promote an energy efficiency 'ethic' by increasing awareness and participation in energy efficiency, demand response, self generation, California Energy Commission, Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, and energy management assistance (low income energy efficiency and California Alternative Rates for Energy) programs. The City's support of this partnership will help SBCCOG and SCE to continue guiding the South Bay toward a more efficient and sustainable pattern of energy use.

Respectfully submitted,

LeROY J. JACKSON
CITY MANAGER

By 
Jered Elmore
Management Aide

CONCUR:


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachments: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-___

A RESOLUTION BY THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL DECLARING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR AN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON AND THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the City Council supports "energy efficiency" initiatives, policies, and construction standards in order to ensure that as one of the cities of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, it follows and encourages sustainable policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, new housing starts and population growth in California are considerably higher than past history, and are expected to outpace the national average through the year 2010 ; and

WHEREAS, local demand for electricity has grown substantially, and it is expected that demand for electricity will continue to grow in the near future to support a growing population; and

WHEREAS, since most residents and businesses spend an increasing amount on their energy bills it makes economic sense and good public policy to encourage energy efficiency where ever possible in the cities of the South Bay; and

WHEREAS, energy efficient programs enhance our environment by improving air quality, reducing pollution, and conserving natural resources; and

WHEREAS, it is vital for our community to keep dollars local and to encourage innovations in the way we behave, build, and incorporate energy into our everyday business and personal lives; and

WHEREAS, there is movement within the California communities and businesses to improve everyday practices and to create more sustainable and "greener" cities; and

WHEREAS, the City, working with and through the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, seeks to promote innovative methods and state-of-the-art technologies used in the design and construction of new residential buildings within the city, in order to bring our energy and natural resource consumption in line with our sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, the City, working with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, through the operation of its Environmental Services Center, will utilize the SCE Local Government Partnership Program to advance the city's customer service goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HEREBY declares its support for an energy partnership between Southern California Edison and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 25th day of November, 2008.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers
City Clerk