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### ACTION CALENDAR

December 8, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmembers Kriss Worthington and Max Anderson

Subject: Joint Workshop with Berkeley and Oakland City Councils on Community Choice Energy

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council approve participation in a joint workshop, in early 2009, on Community Choice Energy with the Oakland City Council.

#### BACKGROUND:

In November 2006, Berkeley voters adopted Measure G, which set a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by the year 2050. According to the draft Climate Action Plan, commercial and residential energy use in Berkeley make up 54% of our greenhouse gas emissions.

Community Choice Energy presents an exciting opportunity to invest in more renewable and cleaner sources of energy which will further our Measure G goals.

Several cities in the East Bay (Berkeley, Oakland and Emeryville) are currently studying the feasibility of implementing a Community Choice Energy (CCE) model. These cities conducted feasibility studies in 2004-2005 and recently received a comprehensive business plan which presents a proposal for these different cities to join together to form a regional CCE program.

Because the business plan was recently released and because this is a complex and important issue, Berkeley should join Oakland in participating in a joint discussion on Community Choice Energy.

The workshop could provide a forum to not only answer questions but to also look at different ways in which CCE could be implemented, including hearing from the East Bay Municipal Utility District about their capabilities to administer an East Bay CCE program in their service territory, as well as looking at Marin's Joint Powers Authority which was recently formed to implement CCE in Marin County.

This joint workshop proposal was unanimously approved by the Public Works Committee of the Oakland City Council on October 28, 2008.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

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