

**Subject:** FW: Today's meeting comments

Received: Item 5  
for Aug.20, 2020  
Regular Meeting

**From:** Eric Fehrs < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** [secretary@thecleanenergyalliance.org](mailto:secretary@thecleanenergyalliance.org)  
**Subject:** Today's meeting comments

**Please read this email during public discussion under Agenda Item 5: Clean Energy Alliance Inclusive & Sustainable Workforce Policy**

My name is Eric Fehrs and I am a resident and taxpayer of Carlsbad. I spoke earlier this week at the Carlsbad City Council, and I would like to reiterate my points to

Thank you for all of the work getting the Clean Energy Alliance off the ground.

A local CCE that delivers 100% renewable energy, local clean energy programs and good, local jobs is a win-win for the community and our climate.

This includes a strong Inclusive and Sustainable Workforce Policy and is particularly important as we look to a post-COVID recovery.

Thank you to Councilmember Schumacher for championing a strong policy like this at CEA.

I support CEA moving forward on a strong Inclusive and Sustainable Workforce policy.

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**Mia De Marzo**

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**Subject:** FW: Lack of transparency

**From:** Lawrence Posner <>

**Subject:** Lack of transparency

**Date:** August 20, 2020 at 12:46:44 PM PDT

**To:** [secretary@thecleanenergyalliance.org](mailto:secretary@thecleanenergyalliance.org)

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Dear Sheila: Please read this email out loud and place it into the record.

Dear Council members and Staff.

As a resident of Carlsbad I have major concerns on how your board appears as a non functional board.

After watching your last meeting is was shocked, agenda #5, I say SHOCKED and appalled at Cori's lack of transparency regarding her strong desire to change the agreed to language of the Sustainable Workforce Policy without disclosing that, Ms Schumacher received a substantial donation from said union of over \$10,000.00. **The optics of this lack of transparency on Ms Schumacher part stinks to hi heaven, to put it mildly.**

The video of this board discussion was shown, to the entire Carlsbad City council last Tuesday night and Mayor Matt Hall commented that this new languages was not the agreed to by and would be rejected by other potential partners of new Clean Energy Alliance.

CEA Board-member Kristi Becker also had a very strong point that by adopting the new revision submitted by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 569 of San Diego and she indicated that by adopting this language it would, indeed, severely limit potential partners from participating.

Also I have urged the Carlsbad City council to reject co-signing, or guarantying or loaning funds to the CCA.

Right now is not the time to start up a new entity with no funds and no credit, in todays time of economic uncertainly.

I there for urge the board to do the following

- 1- Stop all forward movement of the CCA until the economy is back and functioning
- 2-Remove Ms. Schumacher and replace her with the alternate ASAP.

Thank you for your consideration of the above...

-Larry Posner

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**From:** Noel Kevin Breen < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 1:08 PM  
**To:** secretary@thecleanenergyalliance.org  
**Subject:** CEA

As an observer of the last meeting (July 23rd) of this Body, and noting the action taken by Carlsbad's City Council on July 28th, I am increasingly convinced that the CEA should merge with the already extant Joint Powers authority led by the City of San Diego.

Though I'm a lifelong proponent of unions, I do believe that Councilwoman Schumacher's move to make the CEA a closed union shop at this juncture is not conducive to the future of this JPA, and as there is already an alliance in the County that does have a membership base that is larger, the interests of the three communities involved with the Clean Energy Alliance will be better served by this step. In a time of great economic dislocations due to the ongoing pandemic, it seems the only logical alternative.

Please feel free to read or publish my comments.

Sincerely

Noel Breen

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**Subject:** FW: Meeting Item No, 5 Public Comments Secretary PLEASE READ

**From:** Lollie McIntire < >  
**Subject:** Meeting Item No, 5 Public Comments Secretary PLEASE READ  
**Date:** August 20, 2020 at 1:17:58 PM PDT  
**To:** [ceo@thecleanenergyalliance.org](mailto:ceo@thecleanenergyalliance.org)

PLEASE READ AT MEETING  
To the board of the CEA/JPT:

I am writing to you as a member of, and worker in the community of Carlsbad. I am a native of Encinitas and have lived in this area all my life. I have been here long enough to remember when Encinitas had just one stoplight (in the whole town!), and I occasionally still call Carlsbad Village Drive, Elm Avenue. I have watched this area grow significantly and, in the process, especially in the coastal communities, become a very affluent place.

The Clean Energy Alliance is a great step in our continuing growth, but for me, in building an organization that best supports the community, it is imperative that we also provide top quality jobs to local people.

The workforce standards that have been suggested by the IBEW 569 are put forth not to try and create any type of monopoly on future labor contracts, but because who knows the needs of workers better than a worker's union? The suggested standards have been developed over many years and many contracts, resulting in language that is very effective to meet the needs of the labor force.

Most people are aware of climate change and support the idea of clean energy. For this reason, when adopting standards for how the CEA will operate, I find it questionable that anyone would worry about this group not having the ability to attract other cities to something that is so positive for our ever-increasing energy needs.

I don't understand why people balk at setting good workforce policies from the beginning, or think that doing so will somehow hinder the group in any way. It has been my experience that when you support workers, you get the best people for the jobs, and therefore better-quality work. There will always be "bean counters" who will try and undercut the workers, and that is why strong standards are necessary from the outset in order to build a quality organization.

Some people will argue that they want to "wait and see" how things develop, or what is feasible, but my question is why? You are creating something progressive, so why not be progressive and set the course now? You are shaping the future by developing something new and better so now is the time to do it correctly.

We need jobs that provide security, and wages that allow people to live where they work, and not have to commute an hour or more to their jobs. We need jobs that provide good healthcare and training so that the best workers stay with the job. I know this from personal experience; I have worked at the Omni La Costa Resort for twenty-seven years, and the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club for thirty-eight years, and I am very grateful to have these two, good union jobs.

I encourage the CEA/JPT board to do the right thing for our workers and our community.

Sincerely,

Linda (Lollie) McIntire

Union Worker and Carlsbad Resident

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**Subject:** FW: Comment on Item #5 of today's agenda. Please read into record.

**From:** Barbara Diamond <[diamondbarb@gmail.com](mailto:diamondbarb@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 1:36 PM

**To:** [secretary@thecleanenergyalliance.org](mailto:secretary@thecleanenergyalliance.org)

**Subject:** Comment on Item #5 of today's agenda. Please read into record.

**Secretary:**

I urge the board to first develop a policy for fair employment practices guaranteeing a fair, prevailing wage. Then, other cities, if they choose to join, will be aware of the policy and therefore will not be in a position to object to established employment policy later on. Also, by delaying the policy for the purpose of attracting other cities could be viewed as disingenuous and could create mistrust in the newly joining cities and could lead to withdrawal or at least misgivings.

Barbara Diamond  
Carlsbad

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~Barbara Diamond~

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