

March 19, 2024

The Honorable Juan Carrillo  
Chair, Committee on Local Government  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 94249

**Subject: Support for AB 1852: Joint powers agencies: Clean Power Alliance**

Dear Chair Carrillo:

On behalf of the City of Carson, I am writing to express our support for AB 1852 (Pacheco). Carson is a member agency of Clean Power Alliance (CPA), a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), comprised of 35 local jurisdictions across Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. CPA serves over 3 million residents and businesses and provides residents and businesses with a choice of cleaner power and competitive rates.

CPA is governed by a Board of Directors composed of one elected official from each of its member agencies, and up to two alternate directors. As a community-driven entity, alternate directors may be municipal agency staff or qualified members of the public, often former elected officials. The predecessor to AB 1852, SB 355 (Portantino, 2019), enabled CPA to amend its bylaws to allow a designated alternate director who is not an elected official to participate in Closed Session meetings until a sunset date of January 1, 2025.

As a CPA member agency, we have seen the benefits firsthand of this bill's predecessor, SB 355. This policy has enabled CPA to conduct its business operations efficiently and hold effective meetings. AB 1852 would extend this authority for five years, ensuring continuity in CPA Board operations.

For these reasons, the City of Carson **supports** AB 1852.

Sincerely,

CC: Committee on Local Government  
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