



# CITY OF CARSON

April 20, 2021

Honorable Ben Hueso  
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Communications  
State Capitol, Room 4035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 533 (STERN) ELECTRICAL CORPORATIONS: WILDFIRE  
MITIGATION PLANS: DEENERGIZATION EVENTS: MICROGRIDS –SUPPORT

Dear Chair Hueso:

The City of Carson is pleased support SB 533. This bill would require investor owned utilities (IOUs) to repair their infrastructure to prevent recurring power outages and to further plan and develop microgrid projects that meet the resiliency needs of local communities.

Microgrids are a solution to many of California's energy goals and facilitating their deployment should be a high priority for the state. The City of Carson is host to many critical facilities and infrastructure, including a police station, a state university, healthcare facilities, oil refineries, social service facilities as well as our municipal operations and Emergency Operations Center.

Cities are looking into ways to maintain power for critical operations during these shutoffs. One answer is to invest in the development of local microgrid systems. These systems allow cities to power up critical infrastructure when power is down. The City of Carson is interested in developing its own community microgrid system. The community microgrids will help serve critical facilities and infrastructure like nursing homes, fire stations and hospitals during outage events. Unfortunately, cities do not have the authority to develop microgrids, only utility companies.

SB 533 recognizes the importance of requiring more data collection on where critical facilities and infrastructure are located for better microgrid planning. SB 533 also ensures electrical corporations collaborate with local governments on developing microgrids projects. Taken together, these actions represent necessary next steps to ensure

electrical corporations can provide safe, reliable and resiliency electric power to serve their customers.

For these reasons, the City of Carson supports SB-533 (Stern).

Sincerely,

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