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CLEAN ENERGY

Board of Directors June 17, 2020

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State Capitol, Room 4032
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: SB 862 - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Dodd:

On behalf of Valley Clean Energy (VCE), a community choice aggregation (CCA) program serving Yolo County, I write to express our support for your SB 862, a bill that seeks to increase coordination between local governments and investor owned utilities (IOUs) in response to IOU implemented public safety power shutoffs (PSPS).

VCE is the official electricity provider for customers in the cities of Woodland and Davis, and unincorporated Yolo County¹. We are a not-for-profit public agency focused on reducing the carbon footprint of the energy we provide, increasing the resiliency of Yolo County's electricity sector, and improving the communities we serve by reinvesting our revenues into those communities. In addition, the local officials on our board and local residents working for VCE drive us to find solutions to local problems.

IOUs, particularly PG&E, initiated an unprecedented level of PSPS events last year, causing Californians to wonder if a lack of power for days or even weeks at a time will be an annual occurrence. VCE, working with our member jurisdictions, have identified more than 20 facilities throughout Yolo County that are suitable locations to serve as community resource centers (CRCs), gathering points for our communities to access basic needs such as water and electricity during a PSPS event.

We are very pleased to see that SB 862 provides for a collaborative effort between local governments and our incumbent IOU to identify CRCs, meaning our local efforts to identify CRCs that work for our communities and citizens will be worthwhile. Further, we appreciate the bill's provision to give the county emergency services officer, and not PG&E, the authority to determine what is the appropriate amount of time each day for CRCs to be open and operating. As the fire season once again draws nearer in California, and thus the PSPS season as well, it is imperative that we have the necessary pieces in place to minimize the detrimental effects of PSPS events as much as possible and we believe SB 862 is one part in realizing that goal.

VCE is pleased to support SB 862 for the reasons stated, and we thank you for your leadership in bringing this bill forward.

Sincerely,

Don Saylor
Chair of the Board
Valley Clean Energy

¹ VCE will begin providing electricity for the City of Winters in January 2021; the City of Winters is represented on VCE's Board of Directors.