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The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 7630
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 833 (Dodd) Community Energy Resilience Act of 2022.
City of Lafayette – Notice of Support**

Dear Senator Portantino:

On behalf of the City of Lafayette, I write in support of SB 833 (Dodd), which would require the California Energy Commission (CEC) to develop and implement a grant program for local governments to develop community energy resilience plans to address power outages. These resiliency plans would identify critical facilities and locations where the construction of microgrids could meet local resilience needs and potential funding sources.

In recent years, California has become increasingly susceptible to catastrophic wildfires. Heat and wind risks, coupled with drought conditions, often necessitate communities having to shut down grid functions in order to prevent utility damages that could spark fires. These planned and unplanned power outages affect critical city operations, such as public safety, water quality and supply, and emergency communications.

Furthermore, outside of emergency situations, there is also a desire from California cities to transition towards a clean and green energy future. This future can be better realized through planning and collaboration with our city residents and energy providers. SB 833 kickstarts the development of this transition by creating a grant program to help cities move toward a cleaner and more sustainable energy system by providing critical dollars to create plans and develop sustainable microgrids.

SB 833 not only mitigates public safety concerns in the immediate future by allowing cities to circumvent planned and unplanned power outages, but takes a step forward in creating a resilient and clean energy future.

For these reasons, the City of Lafayette supports SB 833.

Sincerely,

Teresa Geringer
Mayor
City of Lafayette

cc: Senator Steve Glazer
Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan