



2016 Accomplishments

The following list highlights some of the main achievements of the Local Clean Energy Alliance as of November 2016, in rough chronological order.

- Facilitated the East Bay Clean Power Alliance
 - Organized and facilitated monthly meetings of the East Bay Clean Power Alliance general membership, maintaining communication between the general membership and the Coordinating Committee and has helped set the political and organizing agenda for the Alliance as a whole.
- Provided leadership to the East Bay Clean Power Alliance Coordinating Committee
 - Organizing within the Coordinating Committee has resulted in a politically unified Committee, which takes collective responsibility for making decisions and carrying out the multitude of tasks aimed at shaping the Alameda County Community Choice program. In 2016 the Coordinating Committee worked collaboratively to produce several important documents and communications related to Alameda's Community Choice program: [Program Vision: A Community-Development Focused East Bay Community Energy Program](#) and [Proposals for Alameda County's Community Choice JPA Agreement](#).
- Organized a strategy session in early February in Washington, DC of energy democracy leaders from across the country.
 - The Local Clean Energy Alliance partnered with collaborators of the [Energy Democracy Project](#) to convene a day-long exploration of energy democracy issues for a group of about two dozen leaders of energy democracy projects from across the country.
- Coordinated the [California Alliance for Community Energy](#)
 - The Local Clean Energy Alliance chaired the Steering Committee of this statewide alliance of Community Choice advocates, which conducts monthly conference calls on issues of concern to incipient and established Community Choice programs and takes stands to defend and support Community Choice programs that advance local clean energy for the environmental and economic benefit of California communities. In March the Alliance took a strong [position on stranded utility contract fees](#) charged to Community Choice customers.
- Organized and hosted a March 15 Public Event: [Clean Power to the People](#)
 - This event was held to deepen the community's vision of a Community Choice energy program in the East Bay and to focus on program goals that advance economic, environmental, and racial justice. The event emphasized the critical moment for East Bay community energy, as the County was fast-tracking the establishment of a program that could leave our communities out in the cold.
- Organized and hosted a May 25 Public Event: [Strategy Session](#)
 - This event was held to engage community organizations in the East Bay and solicit ideas for community action to support the call for a JPA agreement that includes direct community involvement in the governance of the program and a stated commitment to community benefit

goals. Participants suggested a press conference, getting attention to the issue through social media, and rolling out a letter-writing campaign using an online platform for generating letters to the Board of Supervisors.

- Organized a [Democratizing Energy workshop track](#) at CommonBound 2016.

This workshop track at the New Economy Coalition's CommonBound 2016 conference in July, was organized by a coordinating committee led by the Local Clean Energy Alliance. The track included ten sessions on topics of importance to energy democracy: community engagement, the role of race in energy democracy, energy policy, confronting utility power, energy development models, financing, and labor.

- Signed up fifty-six organizations to call on County Supervisors to "[Put Our Communities in Community Choice](#)"

This accomplishment was the result of an intensive, months-long outreach effort to engage community organizations and requesting that they sign on to a call for a joint powers authority (JPA) agreement that includes direct community involvement in the governance of the Community Choice program and a stated commitment to community benefit goals put forward for the program. Fifty-six organizations signed on by July 27.

- Organized a successful [Web-based Letter Campaign](#) to County Supervisors

This campaign, organized with other members of the East Bay Clean Power Alliance, reached out to community members to write to Supervisors using a web-based letter-writing platform calling on the Supervisors to make sure our communities are at the center of the Alameda County's Community Choice program. The campaign resulted in 343 letters to County Supervisors as of August 1.

- Achieved a Solar Siting Survey for Alameda County

The Local Clean Energy Alliance, has been advocating for a business plan for the development of local renewable energy resources (sometimes called a build-out plan), both as a commitment to local investment in energy assets and as a guide to smart market procurement at the launch of Alameda County's Community Choice program. While not yet agreeing to a full build-out plan, the County staff has agreed to an important first step: an investigation of the technical potential for local solar development—a solar siting survey, which will be conducted at County expense.

- Secured commitments to local renewable resource development and community benefits in Alameda County's Community Choice program.

On October 4th, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, responding to community advocates, approved a Joint Powers Authority Agreement that includes a commitment to maximizing community benefits and including community input in the governance of the program. Specific achievements formalized in the JPA agreement include (a) a commitment to developing, within eight months of agency formation, a business plan for achieving local renewable energy development, union and family-supporting jobs, and other community benefits and (b) setting a new precedent by establishing a Community Advisory Committee whose chair sits on the JPA Board as a non-voting member.