

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA DECLARING SUPPORT FOR AN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY TO BE KNOWN AS "ENERGY PARTNERSHIP"

WHEREAS, the Energy Partnership represents the partnership between the City of Santa Barbara, Southern California Edison Company ("SCE"), and Southern California Gas Company ("SCG") and the parties' support of "energy efficiency" initiatives, policies, and construction standards in order to ensure that communities follow and encourage sustainable practices;

WHEREAS, local demand for electricity has grown, and it is expected that demand for electricity will continue to grow in the near future to support a growing population and economy;

WHEREAS, residents and businesses spend significant amounts for energy, it makes economic sense and good public policy to encourage energy efficiency in the City of Santa Barbara and our community;

WHEREAS, energy efficiency programs enhance our environment by improving air quality, reducing greenhouse gases and other pollution, and conserving natural resources;

WHEREAS, it is vital for our community to keep spending locally and to encourage innovations in the way we behave, build, and incorporate energy into our everyday business and personal lives;

WHEREAS, there is a growing movement within California communities and businesses to improve everyday practices and create more sustainable and "greener" cities;

WHEREAS, the communities comprising the Energy Partnership (Member Agencies) seek to promote innovative methods and state-of-the-art technologies used in the design and construction of new residential and commercial buildings within the region, in order to bring energy and natural resource consumption in line with our sustainability goals;

WHEREAS, the Energy Partnership brings together the City of Santa Barbara, SCE, SCG and the Energy Partnership Member Agencies in a cooperative program to promote energy efficiency, regional sustainability goals, and collaboration;

WHEREAS, the Energy Partnership provides the City of Santa Barbara, technical assistance, project development assistance and enhanced energy efficiency incentives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara, has participated in the Energy Partnership member since 2007 and would like to continue its participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Santa Barbara supports a commitment to sustainable practices through energy efficiency, and will provide leadership and guidance in promoting, facilitating, and instituting such practices in the region.

SECTION 2. That the City of Santa Barbara supports and endorses the Energy Partnership, a SCE and SCG Local Government Partnership, as an effective method to help meet long-term regional economic and environmental goals.

SECTION 3. That the City Santa Barbara of will support the participation of one or more City staff members in the Energy Partnership working group that will review progress regularly with the City of Santa Barbara, SCE, and SCG.

SECTION 4. That the City of Santa Barbara, with the assistance of SCE & SCG, and the Partnership will identify and support implementing the suite of programs and projects within the City of Santa Barbara municipal facilities and community energy efficiency and sustainability goals, hereinafter known as the South County Energy Efficiency Program (“SCEEP”).