



## 2019 Legislative and Regulatory Policy Platform

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### **Overview and Purpose**

The Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Legislative and Regulatory Policy Platform serves as a guide to the CPA Board of Directors and CPA staff in their advocacy efforts and engagement on policy matters of interest to CPA. The Platform allows both Board members and staff to pursue actions at the legislative and regulatory levels in a consistent manner and with the understanding that they are pursuing actions in the best interest of the organization and its mission, its member agencies, and its customers. The Platform will also enable the organization to move swiftly to respond to events in Sacramento (Legislative / Executive) and San Francisco (California Public Utilities Commission). The Platform also provides firm guidance to the Executive Director on what positions should be taken on legislative and regulatory matters that come before the California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) Board of Directors.

Except under the circumstances approved by the CPA Board on June 7, 2018, when the Chair, Vice-Chairs, Legislative & Regulatory Committee Chair, and Executive Director may act on behalf of the organization, all CPA positions on individual bills will be presented to the full Board for approval.

### **Policy Principles**

The Legislative and Regulatory Policy Platform is centered around four basic principles:

1. Protecting CPA's local control and autonomy by its members, especially with regards to finances and power procurement.
2. Ensuring fair treatment of CPA customers by the CPUC and other state agencies.
3. Supporting recognition that electricity is an essential service and that CPA should have the ability to set electric rates that are affordable for all.
4. Pursuing environmental initiatives that exceed prescriptive State mandates, promote the growth in renewable energy capacity at the local level, and reduce fossil fuel dependency.

## **Policy Platform**

### Local Control, Finance, and Power Procurement

CPA will pursue legislative and regulatory activity that:

- Supports the authority of CPA and its Board to retain local control over its activities
- Supports the protection of CPA's procurement autonomy
- Supports the ability of CPA to maintain control over its financial decisions

### Equitable Treatment of CPA Customers

CPA will pursue legislative and regulatory activity that:

- Supports the fair treatment of CPA customers by the CPUC
- Supports the development of a State regulatory environment that is appropriate for community-owned energy providers

### Ratepayer Advocacy and Social Justice

CPA will pursue legislative and regulatory activity that:

- Supports the protection of all ratepayers, particularly low-income customers, disadvantaged communities, and other vulnerable populations in CPA service territory
- Supports supplier diversity among CPA activities
- Supports workforce development with a focus on new stable, well-paying local jobs, and participation in the Green Economy
- Supports the ability for CPA to set appropriate benchmarks for performance measurement using accepted industry standards

### Environmental Leadership

CPA will pursue legislative and regulatory activity that:

- Supports the ability of CPA and its members to meet and exceed State goals for greenhouse gas emissions reductions (e.g. encouraging movement towards 100% renewable energy), climate action planning, and fossil fuel independence
- Supports the ability for CPA to promote growth in renewable energy capacity and electrification at the local level