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ALTO**  
UTILITIES

June 14, 2021

The Honorable Josh Becker, California State Senate  
The Honorable Marc Berman, California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SUPPORT for SCR 49 (Huesa): Public Power Week**

Dear Senator Becker and Assemblymember Berman:

On behalf of the City of Palo Alto Utilities Department, I write in support of SCR 49 regarding Public Power Week.

The City of Palo Alto's electric utility was established over 120 years ago and provides power to more than 65,000 residents and hundreds of businesses in our city. As you many know, the first week of October is seen as Public Power week, where publicly owned electric utilities highlight our service, affordability, and safety to our communities.

SCR 49 officially designates the first full week of October each year as "Public Power Week" in California. The resolution honors the work of public power utilities and our customer-owners, policymakers, and employees who work together to provide superior energy service for the benefit of our communities. Adopting this resolution allows municipal utilities to demonstrate our pride in our community service, while using the week to showcase our programs, low rates, and service to our customers.

For these reasons, we support SCR 49.

Sincerely,

Dean Batchelor,  
Director, City of Palo Alto Utilities Department

Cc:  
Ed Shikada, Palo Alto City Manager  
California Municipal Utilities Association  
Northern California Power Agency