



CITY OF SAN DIEGO MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 9, 2020
TO: Honorable Mayor Kevin Faulconer
FROM: Georgette Gómez, Council President
SUBJECT: Gas and Electric Franchise Agreements Extensions

The time to extend the current gas and electric franchise agreements is upon us. The purpose of this memo is to respectfully request that staff bring forward for the City Council's consideration a one-year extension to the current agreements to ensure that an extension is in effect prior to the January 17, 2021 expiration. I will not be docketing the responses to the Invitations to Bid.

As a City Council, we must work to ensure maximum transparency, inclusion, equity, and accountability, especially when making decisions that would impact all San Diegans in a profound way for years, as contemplated under the currently proposed 20-year agreements.

Also, as I have stated previously, my priorities for any new franchise agreements include the implementation of the City's Climate Action Plan, moving forward with an eye to equity, and protecting workers, particularly those tied to this industry.

Granting these franchises is a momentous decision for the City Council that should not be rushed, especially when a new Council and a new Mayor are about to be inaugurated. Unfortunately, the ambitious timeline and process initially presented to the Council and the public was not followed¹ and, at this juncture, this is the most appropriate path forward.

cc:

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Aimee Faucett, Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor

Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst

Rolando Charvel, Chief Financial Officer

¹ Staff Report to Council, August 5, 2019, "Approvals of the (a) Award of Contract #10089559-19-K to NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC for Electric and Gas Franchise Agreement Consultant Services and of the (b) Award of Contract #10089572-19-K to JVJ Pacific Consulting, LLC for Strategic Pathway Consultant Services".