

PUBLIC COMMENT for Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors and Citizens Advisory Committee

Sat, Mar 20, 1:40 PM

Dear Board, Alternates and CAC members,

I read the two page summary of SB 67 in the CEO Report section of the March 25 Agenda and am thrilled that this legislation has been introduced. It is bold, practical, and necessary step toward truly decarbonizing California's electricity supply. I intend to ask all the grassroots environmental groups I belong to to endorse it.

I am equally thrilled to learn that PCE's Executive Committee has already voted to endorse SB 67.

It is my hope that PCE will be the first CCA to add its official endorsement of this vitally needed legislation. To that end, I hope you will add "Endorsement of SB 67" as an agenda item for your April 22 (Earth Day!) Board Meeting.

Cheers, Bruce Karney



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Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 2:58 PM

Dear PCE Board,

First, thank you again for unanimously passing the resolution supporting Joint Venture Silicon Valley's Beyond Gasoline initiative goal of cutting gasoline sales 50% by 2030 in San Mateo County.

I wanted to address a concern that was raised in the Board discussion preceding the vote on that resolution. The concern was that cutting gasoline sales in their city might directly impact city revenues. My research shows that in fact this is not the case.

Reducing gasoline taxes from the retail fueling stations in the city will not directly impact gasoline sales tax revenue. Rather, gasoline taxes are collected at the state level and apportioned to cities based on *population* and *number of registered vehicles*, but NOT based on city gasoline sales. This means even cities with zero gas stations such as Atherton receive gasoline sales tax revenue.

Here is a good explanation: http://californiacityfinance.com/LSR2005.pdf. Scroll to page 24 for a forecast of gas tax revenues for each city in San Mateo County for FY 2019-20. Also note that gasoline sales tax revenue is a small portion of total city revenues. For instance, in Menlo Park, the gasoline sales revenue made up 1.3% of total revenue (\$1.45m out of \$105m total).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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