



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

Ken Stripling

DATE: April 27, 2021

SUBJECT: STATE LEGISLATION: ASSEMBLY BILL 418

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

PRESENTER: Masis Hagobian

RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council adopt the City Council Legislative Committee recommendation to support Assembly Bill 418 (Valladares) and transmit position statements to Assembly Member Valladares, Santa Clarita's state legislative delegation, appropriate legislative committees, Governor Newsom, League of California Cities, and other stakeholder organizations.

BACKGROUND

Authored by Assembly Member Suzette Valladares (R-38-Santa Clarita), Assembly Bill 418 establishes the Community Power Resiliency Program, pursuant to any future appropriation by the legislature, to support local preparedness and mitigation efforts in response to power de-energization events.

Administered by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the Community Power Resiliency Grant program was funded at approximately \$75 million through the 2019 Budget Act and \$50 million through the 2020 Budget Act. However, the Governor's 2021-22 Budget Proposal does not include any funding to the program.

Eligible uses of the grant funds include the procurement of generators and generator connections, portable vehicle-mounted charging stations, and equipping resource centers with back-up electrical support during power de-energization events.

At the February 23, 2021, Regular meeting, the City Council supported a budget request to fund the Community Power Resiliency Grant program in the 2021-22 state budget, upon the recommendation of the City Council Legislative Committee. The office of Assembly Member Valladares asked the City to support the state budget request.

Additionally, the recommendation to support Assembly Bill 418 is consistent with the City of

Santa Clarita 2021 Executive and Legislative Platform. Specifically, Component 3 under the “State” section advises that the City Council, “Support legislation, regulatory proposals, or administrative actions to accelerate the development and implementation of enhanced electrical utility infrastructure, including undergrounding of utility equipment, that ensures reliable utility service and public safety and prevents the use of public safety power shutoffs.”

Assembly Bill 418 unanimously passed the Assembly Committee on Emergency Management (7-0) on April 5, 2021, and was referred to the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy.

Notable supporters include the Association of California Water Agencies and Rural County Representatives of California.

There was no registered opposition on file at the time this report was developed.

The City Council Legislative Committee met on April 8, 2021, and recommends that the City Council adopt a “support” position on Assembly Bill 418.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Adopt an “oppose” position on Assembly Bill 418
2. Adopt a “neutral” position on Assembly Bill 418
3. Take no action on Assembly Bill 418
4. Refer Assembly Bill 418 back to the Legislative Committee
5. Other direction, as provided by the City Council

FISCAL IMPACT

The resources required to implement the recommended action are contained within the City of Santa Clarita's adopted FY 2020-21 budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Assembly Bill 418 - Bill Text