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May 24, 2021

Bill Miranda
Mayor

The Honorable Suzette Valladares
California State Assembly, District 38
State Capitol Building, Room 3149
Sacramento, CA 94249

Laurene Weste
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: AB 418 (VALLADARES): SUPPORT

Dear Assemblywoman Valladares:

Jason Gibbs
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am pleased to express our support for Assembly Bill 418, related to establishing the Community Power Resiliency Program. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure at the regular meeting on April 27, 2021.

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

Cameron Smyth
Councilmember

As you know, the City has experienced several Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events, at times impacting over 25,000 households and businesses at periods of over 24 consecutive hours of power loss. Two major PSPS events occurred in Santa Clarita on December 23, 2020, and December 24, 2020, that left thousands of residents without power and many with damaged devices or forced to discard perishable food items during a major holiday week.

This critical piece of legislation establishes much needed resources to support local agencies in mitigating the impact of power outage events and improving electrical service reliability.

We have applied to the Community Power Resiliency Program in the past but, unfortunately, have not been awarded a grant. Assembly Bill 418 will ensure that a greater number of local agencies can leverage state resources to support local mitigation efforts in response to PSPS events.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita firmly supports Assembly Bill 418. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our support for Assembly Bill 418, please feel free to contact



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Sincerely,



William A. Miranda
Mayor

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