



Memorandum

To: City Council

Date: November 18, 2024

From: Mayor Donna Colson

Subject: Committee Report

Report Out From Peninsula Clean Energy CEO Shawn Marshall

Mayor Colson received the below message from Ms. Marshall

“I am writing to you in the aftermath of our national election, the results of which will have some direct and indirect implications for Peninsula Clean Energy. The following is not an exhaustive analysis of all the potential impacts of a Trump Administration but offers our initial view of the issues and areas that we are tracking. This information was compiled by members of our senior management team, outside legal counsel, and industry sources.

Federal Policy/Impacts

The themes affecting PCE under a Trump Administration are “repeal, roll-back and suspension,” all of which will have the general effect of **slowing our progress** in key areas such as fossil fuel transition and phase out of methane gas, electrification, and new renewables development. For PCE, repeals or rollback of Federal climate policy will have both direct and indirect impacts:

1. **Repeal of limitations/regulations on fossil fuel development and usage.** Although PCE is more directly impacted by State regulation and regional policy in this area, the “unleashing” of restrictions on fossil fuel development and gas usage will shift the market by increasing supply and lowering costs of gas and oil, thereby slowing the shift to electric transportation and adding further price pressure on efforts to electrify. An expansion of oil and gas investments could also displace investments in out-of-state wind and other utility scale wind resources located in northern Mexico that have been contemplated for PCE’s portfolio. A shift in investment to oil and gas infrastructure could also slow key transmission projects which potentially affects energy resource availability and commercial operation dates. And finally, if there is a significant drop in gas prices, this typically has the inverse effect of increasing the power charge indifference adjustment (PCIA), which directly impacts customers’ rates.
2. **Restructuring of US Environmental Protection Agency and US Dept of Energy.** This is contemplated in Project 2025, a policy document sponsored by the Heritage Foundation and informed by several former Trump staffers. It is currently unknown how much restructuring would occur, but PCE and CCAs generally are just starting to make inroads

with both Agencies (particularly the DOE), and any dismantling or restructuring will certainly affect regulations on GHG emissions, PCE's developing business relationships, and significant future funding opportunities that flow through both agencies.

- 3. Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)/Investment Tax Credit (ITC).** This all comes down to funding vulnerability for PCE. While pundits and subject matter experts believe that it will be difficult to claw back funds that have already been appropriated through the IRA and similar stimulus programs under the Biden Administration, there are tens of billions of dollars yet to be appropriated. These are funds that are at risk of repeal and for which PCE has started to develop strategies and partnerships to support revenue diversification for new and ongoing energy programs. Thus, it's likely we'll see a significant reduction in available Federal funds, which over time could affect State funding, to support our building and transportation electrification, energy efficiency and other energy program efforts.

Regarding the ITC, the most direct impact for PCE would be an inability to collect on ~\$7M in ITC direct pay provisions used by GovPV. Rafael's take is that while it's possible we will lose this funding, it's probably unlikely. However, he reports other indirect budget impacts including the high possibility that PCE will have to increase its customer incentives to offset the loss of personal tax credits such as the Federal EV and heat pump tax credits. Also, in the event that ITC or PTC (Production Tax Credits) are restricted in any way, it will have a profound impact on all new renewable developments across the country, resulting in higher costs for PCE to contract new renewable projects.

- 4. Tariff Increases.** PCE has received legal analysis which reports a high likelihood of a tariff increase to 60% (up from an existing 25%) on Chinese imports starting in April 2025. Separately from Chinese imports, Trump has floated an overall 20% tariff on most imports from all countries other than China and a 100% tariff on imports from Mexico. Such broad sweeping tariffs would face pushback, and such a tariff on Mexican imports would likely require exiting the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement. Roy reports that most developers have not included the potential incremental tariff increase in new price offers, but some have indicated that it could be a price opener. For PCE contracts already under contract, the risk is relatively low as most have tried to mitigate this risk by advanced procurement. And, while negotiation is currently ongoing with a few new projects, we don't expect to sign any new contracts before the new year, so there will be time to re-evaluate our project selections if/when a new tariff is imposed.

The Bright Side

We should take some comfort in the fact that PCE is a regional organization operating within the 5th largest economy in the world with some of the most progressive environmental policies in the nation. A Trump Administration is difficult for many reasons including the fact that it may slow the momentum of our programs and electrification efforts, could materially impact some of our clean energy goals and strategies, and will likely have a range of budget and rate impacts.

Subnational action, particularly at the local and state level, will need to fill the gap to scale innovative approaches nationally and internationally. PCE's spirit of innovation and cutting-edge

approach to electrification will continue to be a model for the state. In the next four years, California will become more important than ever in our global fight against climate change, and thanks to the passage of Proposition 4, California will invest another \$10 billion into climate action. Thus, our mission-focused work continues unabated, and we will need your leadership and vision in the battles ahead.

In closing, here are three recent articles from *Utility Dive* and *Canary Media* that you may find interesting and informative.

<https://www.canarymedia.com/articles/politics/how-trumps-second-term-could-derail-the-clean-energy-transition>

<https://www.canarymedia.com/articles/clean-energy/chart-renewable-energy-could-close-to-triple-by-decades-end>

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/market-gear-renewable-energy-stocks-plummet/732225/>

Report Out From CORA Regarding the Speak Up Program in Burlingame

See attached

Final Report

City of Burlingame Speak Up Program

Reporting Period: August 26th, 2024 – November 1st, 2024

Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) is grateful to the City of Burlingame for its generous partnership in launching and piloting CORA’s Speak Up Program. This report covers a retrospective of what work was accomplished during the pilot period.

Program Goals

Reeling from the murder of a San Carlos mother in broad daylight during September 2022, the City of San Carlos teamed up with CORA to create the Speak Up program. CORA developed and piloted a tailored program for those who live, work and operate businesses in San Carlos through the Speak Up Program. This program was designed to provide local businesses with education to be effective and timely in helping their employees and customers who are impacted by domestic violence by using a three-module training designed to:

- (1) help them **understand** domestic violence;
- (2) teach them how they can **recognize** when customers and employees are experiencing domestic violence (the red flags); and
- (3) provide useful tips on what to say (or not say) so they can **Speak Up** when they see someone is in need due to domestic violence.

After trainings, the team conducted a one question survey to gauge the extent to which the presentation was helpful: after the trainings, 92% said they now know how to recognize and respond to domestic violence.

In addition to presentations, the program staff handed out Speak Up bags that included bathroom stickers and business cards with CORA QR codes and “Teach Sheets” that provide an ongoing resource for businesses to refer to. The Teach Sheets feature information shared in the presentations, including the useful things to say/not say and CORA’s contact information so businesses know to refer people in need to CORA.

The image shows three educational cards from the Speak Up program. The first card, titled 'Understand', features a lightbulb icon and explains that intimate partner abuse is about the intentional and consistent use of power and control over a partner. The second card, titled 'Recognize', features a flag icon and lists signs of abuse: Isolation, Controlling Behavior, Love Bombing, and Survivor Blaming. The third card, titled 'Speak Up', features an icon of hands holding a heart and contains a circular diagram with five questions: 'Never Say Why don't you leave?', 'Remember the survivor is the expert in their own relationship', 'I can't have to listen if you never want to talk.', 'I hear what you're saying as I believe you.', and 'What can I do to help you right now?'. The diagram also includes 'Proactive Statements: It's not your fault.' and 'Dismissive Responses: It's not your fault.'

CORA's Speak Up Program in Burlingame by the Numbers

TOTAL	August 26 th , 2024 – November 1 st , 2024
Education Events	60 Presentations
Business Participants	351 Business Participants

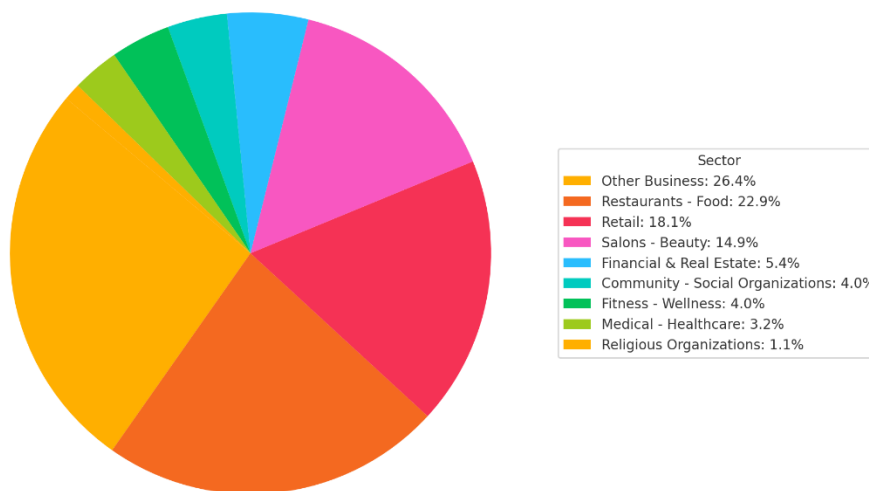
The Top 5 Businesses Trained in Terms of Employees Served

	Business/Org	Attendees
1	Get Connected Burlingame	40
2	Burlingame Chamber of Commerce	15
3	United Studios of Self Defense	15
4	Broadway Senior Advisory Committee	15
5	Downtown Burlingame Business District	8

Diversity of Burlingame Businesses Served

The pie chart provides a visual summary of the organization’s engagement across various business sectors, detailing the relative percentage of contacts in each category. The **Other Business** sector, accounting for 26.4%, represents the largest share, indicating broad engagement with a range of general business types. The different types of businesses included in this category are hotels, pet care, hardware stores, art studios and tattoo parlors. **Restaurants - Food** follows closely at 22.9%, reflecting strong connections within the local food and hospitality industry.

Breakdown of Business Sectors



Retail makes up 18.1%, highlighting the organization’s visibility in commercial and shopping environments, while **Salons - Beauty** represents 14.9%, underscoring ties to the beauty and wellness community. Smaller portions include **Financial & Real Estate** at 5.4%, **Community - Social Organizations** and **Fitness - Wellness** each at 4.0%, and **Medical - Healthcare** at 3.2%, suggesting specialized but valuable connections in these areas. Finally, **Religious Organizations** make up 1.1%, indicating limited yet targeted outreach in faith-based communities. This sector breakdown illustrates a diverse network, with a strong presence in broad commercial sectors while also reaching niche community and service-based organizations.

Community Support

We received a very warm welcome from the Burlingame business community, who were eager to support the cause and raise awareness in their local community.

Timely Help



Local business owners immediately responded to the training as something needed at their company. Comments we have heard again and again sound like “Oh! We need this information!” and “We have heard from a customer recently about this!” and “Can you train us now?”

Following the presentation, a business owner approached the Community Educator to express her gratitude. She shared that the presentation had profoundly impacted her, inspiring her to take steps toward leaving her abusive partner, seeking support, and pursuing a divorce. The business owner explained that hearing the presentation brought to light the many red flags within her relationship, giving her the clarity and courage needed to make a change.

Future

The Speak Up Program, developed by the City of San Carlos in partnership with CORA, has catalyzed a county-wide movement to address and prevent domestic violence. An additional ten cities, including the City of Burlingame, adopted the Speak Up campaign during 2024, thereby amplifying the reach and influence of what we learned during the San Carlos Pilot program. This collaborative effort indicates a growing acknowledgment of how important it is to have proactive education to cultivate “community immunity” to domestic violence.



And there’s more. CORA has heard from educators and librarians who recognize the value of prevention. In response to this call, CORA has begun to conceptualize “Speak Up Schools”—an extension of our current Speak Up program, which is tailored to the experiences and needs of younger audiences. If funded, this program will foster a culture of



awareness on our local school campuses and empower our youth to champion healthy relationships.

We are committed to updating the City of Burlingame on our ongoing progress related to Speak Up. Thanks to the foresight, dedication, and support of Burlingame’s leadership, our communities are benefitting from what we piloted last year. During 2024, with support from the City of Burlingame, we sowed the seeds for community transformation throughout the County, converting bystanders to upstanders. We envision a future where Speak Up is not just a program, but a fundamental part of our community's DNA—cultivating resilience, understanding, and solidarity against domestic violence.

