

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 26-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA SENATE AND ASSEMBLY BILLS RELATING TO UTILITY AFFORDABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE 2025-2026 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION.

WHEREAS, Rising utility rates in California continue to increase the cost of living for millions of residents. Between 2020 and 2025, residential rates for the three largest investor-owned utilities increased at a rapid pace, far exceeding inflation: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) rates increased by an average of 13.3% annually, Southern California Edison (SCE) by 12.3%, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) by 9.1%. SCE rates have more than doubled since 2016 – up 101%. One in five SCE customers are \$829 behind on their electric bills on average. These increases are driven largely by shareholder profits, and SCE collected over \$10 billion in profits from residents between 2021 and 2025. SCE's profit margin was 26.11% in 2025, making it the third-most profitable investor-owned electric utility in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Proposed legislation currently in the California Senate and Assembly during the 2025-2026 session aims to lower utility costs and hold investor-owned utility companies accountable. The following are the pending state bills:

- a. **Assembly Bill 2463 (Petrie-Norris)** requires the CPUC to conduct a comprehensive, systemwide review of methodologies used to determine the cost of capital and authorized return on equity for electrical and gas corporations to bring greater consistency and ratepayer protection.
- b. **Senate Bill 1098 (Perez)** limits the use of balancing and memorandum accounts to bring more spending decisions into General Rate Cases, reducing unlimited corporate overspending.
- c. **Senate Bill 943 (Becker)** directs the CPUC to develop a more equitable methodology for calculating high-voltage transmission charges and authorizes rate adjustments for industrial customers who switch to clean electricity.
- d. **Senate Bill 913 (Becker)** Strengthens grid reliability and reduces new infrastructure costs by allowing home batteries and EVs to coordinate as "virtual power plants" that sell clean energy back to the grid.
- e. **Assembly Bill 1761 (Rogers)** requires the CPUC and investor-owned utilities to publicly disclose all data and methodologies used to calculate the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) to identify billing errors.
- f. **Senate Bill 1138 (Padilla)** gives load-serving entities flexibility to meet up to 25% of resource adequacy obligations through short-term transactions, reducing unnecessary procurement costs passed to ratepayers.

- g. **Assembly Bill 2516 (Petrie-Norris)** establishes the California Grid Manufacturing Initiative to aggregate demand, coordinate procurement of critical grid components, and incentivize in-state manufacturing.
- h. **Senate Bill 886 (Padilla)** requires all data centers to cover 100% of their costs upfront for building new transmission and distribution power lines and procuring additional energy; and

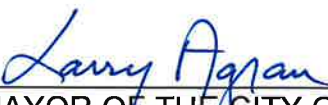
WHEREAS, collectively, passage of these legislative bills will help lower costs, ensure fair electricity pricing, and advance equitable and affordable energy for residents across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Irvine DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

SECTION 1. The Council declares its full support for Senate Bills 886, 913, 943, 1098, 1138, and Assembly Bills 1761, 2463, and 2516, pending before the California Legislature for the 2025-2026 regular session.

SECTION 2. The Council requests the City's Government Affairs Department staff transmit this Resolution to the City's state lobbyists and other appropriate individuals to ensure this Resolution is received by state representatives and made part of the official record of support for the aforementioned bills.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Irvine at a regular meeting held on the 28th day of July 2026.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS
CITY OF IRVINE)

I, CARL PETERSEN, City Clerk of the City of Irvine, HEREBY DO CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Irvine, held on the 28th day of July 2026.

AYES: 5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Go, Liu, Mai, Martinez Franco, and
Treseder

NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll and Agran

ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE