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Robert Parkhurst Assumes Role as Chair of Clean Power Alliance Board of Directors

Sierra Madre Councilmember Succeeds Outgoing Board Chair Deborah Klein Lopez; New Executive Committee Constituted

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Los Angeles, Calif. – Sierra Madre Councilmember Robert Parkhurst has been unanimously elected as the next chair of the Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Board of Directors. The election took place at the board's regularly scheduled meeting on April 2, 2026, and Parkhurst will assume the role on July 1, 2026. He will serve a two-year term through June 30, 2028.

Parkhurst succeeds Agoura Hills Councilmember Deborah Klein Lopez who served on the CPA board since 2018 and as board chair from March 2024-June 2026.

CPA is governed by a board of directors composed of locally elected officials representing each of the 38 communities it serves, providing local oversight and leadership for the nation's leading green power provider and California's largest community choice energy aggregator.

Parkhurst began his involvement with CPA as a member of the organization's Community Advisory Committee, has served on CPA's Board of Directors since February 2021 and has been a member of the Executive Committee and chair of the Energy Planning and Resources Committee since June 2021. In these leadership roles, he helped guide CPA's long-term energy procurement strategy, reliability planning and investments in renewable energy resources that support CPA's mission to provide affordable, reliable



and clean electricity to over three million residents and businesses across Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

"Clean Power Alliance has demonstrated that communities can lead the transition to a cleaner energy future while maintaining reliability and delivering value to customers," said Parkhurst. "I am honored to serve as board chair and look forward to working with my fellow board members and CPA staff to build on that success, expand access to clean energy and continue investing in innovative solutions that benefit the communities we serve."

Parkhurst was elected to the Sierra Madre City Council in 2020 and previously served on the city's Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission. He brings more than 25 years of experience in climate policy, greenhouse gas accounting, sustainability strategy and environmental program development.

Throughout his career, Parkhurst has helped organizations develop and implement greenhouse gas inventories, climate action strategies and sustainability reporting programs. He was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the California Climate Action Registry Board in 2005 and received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Protection Award in 2007 for his leadership and advocacy on greenhouse gas policy. His work has spanned the public, private and nonprofit sectors, including efforts to advance climate-smart agricultural practices, carbon sequestration strategies and emissions reduction programs throughout California and across the country.

"Robert has consistently been a thoughtful and effective leader throughout his time on the CPA board, helping guide critical decisions that have strengthened our organization and advanced our mission," said outgoing Board Chair Deborah Klein Lopez. "His deep expertise in climate policy and commitment to public service make him exceptionally well suited to lead CPA into its next chapter."

Deborah Klein Lopez has served on the Agoura Hills City Council since 2018 and has been a member of CPA's Board of Directors since 2018. She served as board chair from March 2024 through June 2026 after serving on CPA's Executive Committee since 2020 and as chair of the Legislative & Regulatory Committee beginning in 2022. During her tenure as board chair, Klein Lopez helped guide the continued growth of CPA's clean energy portfolio, customer programs and long-term resource planning while advancing the organization's commitment to affordable, reliable and clean energy for the communities it serves.



"Board Chair Deborah Klein Lopez has been an extraordinary leader for Clean Power Alliance, as well as a valued colleague and friend," said Los Angeles County Supervisor and CPA Vice Chair Lindsey P. Horvath. "During her tenure, CPA expanded service to six new communities and lowered rates five times - all while strengthening our financial position and earning national recognition as a leading clean energy provider. Deborah successfully brought together our diverse member agencies and helped build consensus around our shared mission, and CPA is in its strongest position yet as a result of her leadership."

"Deborah Klein Lopez has provided exceptional leadership during a pivotal period of growth for Clean Power Alliance," said Ted Bardacke, Clean Power Alliance Chief Executive Officer. "Robert Parkhurst brings a unique combination of energy policy expertise, environmental leadership and strategic vision that will help guide CPA as we continue advancing our mission on behalf of the three million plus residents and businesses we serve."

As incoming chair, Parkhurst reappointed Camarillo Councilmember Susan Santangelo as chair of CPA's Finance Committee and Carson Mayor Pro Tem Cedric Hicks as chair of the Legislative and Regulatory Committee. He also selected Alhambra Mayor Jeffrey Koji Maloney to succeed him as chair of the Energy Planning and Resources Committee.

The board also reelected Santa Paula Vice Mayor Jenny Crosswhite and Hawthorne Councilmember Alex Monteiro, and chose Monrovia Councilmember Edward Belden, to join CPA's Executive Committee as at-large members.

About Clean Power Alliance

Clean Power Alliance is the locally operated, not-for-profit electricity provider serving 38 communities across Los Angeles and Ventura counties. CPA is the fourth largest electricity provider in California and the number one green power provider in the United States. CPA provides clean renewable energy at competitive rates for approximately three million residents and businesses, along with innovative programs that promote resiliency, electrification and customer bill savings. CPA has an investment-grade credit rating of A from S&P Global Ratings.

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