

## Community Energy Department

### For Immediate Release

April 22, 2019

### Contact

Zachary Struyk, Deputy Director, Account Management and Marketing

408-535-4868

zachary.struyk@sanjoseca.gov

## San José Clean Energy Celebrates Successful Launch of Service

*City commemorates launch to over 300,000 customers, 98.8% retention rate, and major business customers who upgraded to 100% renewable energy*

<b>Event:</b>	<p><b>San José Clean Energy (SJCE) Launch Celebration</b>            April 25, 2019, 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30-11:00 a.m.: refreshments</li> <li>• 11:00-11:45 a.m.: speeches, “flip of the switch,” and photos</li> </ul>
<b>Where:</b>	<p>Mayfair Community Center            2039 Kammerer Ave, San José, CA 95116</p>
<b>Speakers:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor Sam Liccardo</li> <li>• Vice Mayor Chappie Jones</li> <li>• Council Member Raul Peralez</li> <li>• Council Member Sylvia Arenas</li> <li>• Council Member Johnny Khamis</li> <li>• City Manager Dave Sykes</li> <li>• County Supervisor Dave Cortese</li> <li>• Samsung Semiconductor Corporate Senior Vice President Jim Elliott</li> <li>• Director of San José Clean Energy Lori Mitchell</li> </ul>
<b>Background:</b>	<p>In February 2019, SJCE became the city’s official electricity generation provider, bringing residents and businesses cleaner energy at lower rates.</p> <p>Operated by the Community Energy Department, SJCE is the City’s Community Choice Energy program. Through Community Choice, local governments like the City of San José buy electricity from cleaner sources, while the investor-owned utility (PG&amp;E, for San José) continues to distribute the electricity, maintain the powerlines, respond to power outages, and provide billing.</p>

Customers were enrolled in GreenSource, SJCE's default power service which includes 45% renewable energy from solar, wind and geothermal and 35% hydropower at rates 1% lower than PG&E. SJCE's rate discount adds up to more than \$2 million in community-wide savings each year. Customers can also upgrade to TotalGreen, SJCE's 100% renewable energy service, or opt out of the program to remain entirely with PG&E.

SJCE's cleaner power mix helps meet the greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets set in Climate Smart San José, the city's climate action plan. It also helps reduce air pollution and preserve the planet for future generations.