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**IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL
 AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT:	DISCUSSION/ACTION: CSCDA OPEN PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM		
	1. APPROVE RESO. NO. 2016-16 CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES INTO THE OPEN PACE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS		
DEPARTMENT INVOLVED:			
BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:	<p>The City Council previously adopted a Resolution related to the HERO PACE Program which allows property owners to finance renewable energy, energy water efficiency improvements, seismic improvements and electric vehicle charging infrastructure on their property. California Statewide Communities Development Authority's (CSCDA) Open PACE is similar to the HERO Program. Participation in the assessment is 100% voluntary by the property owner. The improvements installed on the owner's property are financed by the issuance of bonds by CSCDA. The bonds are secured by a voluntary contractual assessment levied on the owner's property. Property owners who wish to participate in PACE agree to repay the money through the voluntary contractual assessment collected with property taxes. The voluntary contractual assessments will be levied by CSCDA and collected in annual installments through the applicable county secured property tax bill. Inclusion into the Open PACE Program provides homeowners with another option.</p>		
FISCAL IMPACT: None	F.O. INITIALS: _____		
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.		
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL	MANAGER'S INITIALS JG		
MOTION:			
SECONDED:	APPROVED ()	REJECTED ()	
AYES:	DISAPPROVED ()	DEFERRED ()	
NAYES:			
ABSENT:	REFERRED TO:		

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-16

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL
CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TERRITORY
OF THE CITY IN THE CSCDA OPEN PACE PROGRAMS; AUTHORIZING THE
CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO
ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS, CONDUCT
CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS AND LEVY CONTRACTUAL
ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING
RELATED ACTIONS**

WHEREAS, the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (the “Authority”) is a joint exercise of powers authority, the members of which include numerous cities and counties in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is implementing Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs, which it has designated CSCDA Open PACE, consisting of CSCDA Open PACE programs each administered by a separate program administrator (collectively with any successors, assigns, replacements or additions, the “Programs”), to allow the financing or refinancing of renewable energy, energy efficiency, water efficiency and seismic strengthening improvements, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and such other improvements, infrastructure or other work as may be authorized by law from time to time (collectively, the “Improvements”) through the levy of contractual assessments pursuant to Chapter 29 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code (“Chapter 29”) within counties and cities throughout the State of California that consent to the inclusion of properties within their respective territories in the Programs and the issuance of bonds from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the program administrators currently active in administering Programs are the AllianceNRG Program (presently consisting of Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., CounterPointe Energy Solutions LLC and Leidos Engineering, LLC), PACE Funding LLC and Renewable Funding LLC, and the Authority will notify the City] in advance of any additions or changes; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 29 provides that assessments may be levied under its provisions only with the free and willing consent of the owner or owners of each lot or parcel on which an assessment is levied at the time the assessment is levied; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to allow the owners of property (“Participating Property Owners”) within its territory to participate in the Programs and to allow the Authority to conduct assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 within its territory and to issue bonds to finance or refinance Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the territory within which assessments may be levied for the Programs shall include all of the territory within the City’s official boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will conduct all assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 for the Programs and issue any bonds issued in connection with the Programs; and

WHEREAS, the City will not be responsible for the conduct of any assessment proceedings; the levy of assessments; any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies in such assessment payments; or the issuance, sale or administration of any bonds issued in connection with the Programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Imperial as follows:

Section 1. This City Council hereby finds and declares that properties in the territory of the City will benefit from the availability of the Programs within the territory of the City and, pursuant thereto, the conduct of special assessment proceedings by the Authority pursuant to Chapter 29 and the issuance of bonds to finance or refinance Improvements.

Section 2. In connection with the Programs, the City hereby consents to the conduct of special assessment proceedings by the Authority pursuant to Chapter 29 on any property within the territory of the City and the issuance of bonds to finance or refinance Improvements; provided, that

(1) The Participating Property Owners, who shall be the legal owners of such property, execute a contract pursuant to Chapter 29 and comply with other applicable provisions of California law in order to accomplish the valid levy of assessments; and

(2) The City will not be responsible for the conduct of any assessment proceedings; the levy of assessments; any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies in such assessment payments; or the issuance, sale or administration of any bonds issued in connection with the Programs.

Section 3. The City Council hereby approves the Joint Powers Agreement adding the City of Imperial as a member of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority.

Section 4. The appropriate officials and staff of the City are hereby authorized and directed to make applications for the Programs available to all property owners who wish to finance or refinance Improvements; provided, that the Authority shall be responsible for providing such applications and related materials at its own expense.

Section 5. The appropriate officials and staff of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such certificates, requisitions, agreements and related documents as are reasonably required by the Authority to implement the Programs.

Section 6. The City Council hereby finds that adoption of this Resolution is not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act, because the Resolution does not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant

physical impact on the environment, as contemplated by Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15378(b)(4).

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Authority at: Secretary of the Board, California Statewide Communities Development Authority, 1400 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Imperial, this 18th day of May 2106.

Douglas A. Cox
Mayor of the City of Imperial

ATTEST:

Debra Jackson, City Clerk