Proposed LAFCO Work Projects for 2021-22

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Utility Debt Crisis

- Thousands of San Francisco residential and commercial customers are behind on their utility bills
- CleanPowerSF is currently not returning customers to PG&E service if they’re behind on their bills
- Could face power disconnections when the moratorium on power shuts ends on June 30, 2021
California Utility Debt Relief Efforts

Moratorium on power shut offs ends on June 30, 2021

CPUC Covid debt rulemaking process

Governor Newsom request to provide utility debt relief

State lawmakers urging stimulus funds for utility debt forgiveness
Utility Debt Relief: Recommendation

- Develop a scope of work and engage a consultant to conduct research, community outreach and provide recommendations
- Identify funding sources and strategic partners
- Work with CleanPowerSF and SFPUC
- Monitor CPUC’s rulemaking process
- Funding source: SFPUC MOU fund or identify other source

- **TIMELINE: MARCH - JUNE 2021**
Solar-Plus-Storage for Community Resilience

• Pilot solar-plus-energy storage that allows islanding (grid-connected backup power)
• Prioritize siting at affordable and senior housing sites.

Solar + Storage Demonstration Project

- Engage a consultant to develop a scope of work for a solar + storage demonstration project
- Enhance community resiliency in a neighborhood disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and high disconnection rates
- Garner lessons-learned for future expansion and potential reduce utility costs
- Funding source: SFPUC MOU funds or identify another source

TIMELINE: MARCH - OCTOBER 2021
CleanPowerSF Oversight

Mandated by Board of Supervisors in 2007 to monitor CleanPowerSF

Advisory body on CleanPowerSF’s development, operation and management

Work order balance: $137,096
Commission Worker-Led Research on “Gig” Jobs

• Advance LAFCo recommendation for City to explore a ridehail or delivery cooperative
• Create jobs for 20 ridehail and delivery workers by hiring and training them as Worker Researchers
• Research how the City can support worker-owned cooperatives and provide legislative recommendations
• Advance equity by creating shared ownership and empowering workers to lead
Oakland-based cooperative staffing agency

- Committed to inclusion, equity, diversity and fair pay
- Pioneered Groundbreaking worker-led research
Main Research Question

What is a quality job from the worker's perspective?

- One that provides economic ownership and career autonomy
- Compared to most employment models, those qualities are more likely found in worker-owned co-ops
Research Plan

• Commitment to enabling and empowering workers to lead
• Outreach to job training networks and community-based organizations
• Training, planning and preparation
• Analyzing data using research tools
Co-op Research Outcomes

• Rigorous findings on the viability of a ridehail or delivery business with shared ownership
• Clear learning, motivation and buy-in from Worker Researchers
• Clear, compelling case for the City of SF and other stakeholders
• Deep understanding of need, viability and roadmap
Timeline 2021-22

**Fundraising: March - September**  
Goal: $300,000

- **October 2021**
  Worker-researcher hiring and training, research design, and program setup

- **November 2021 - January 2022**
  Data collection

- **February - March 2022**
  Data analysis

- **April 2022**
  Reporting and reviewing

- **May 2022**
  Reflection and next steps

- **June 2022**
  Final report
New Survey of App-Based Workers

- Executive Officer would act as project liaison
- Driver’s Seat Cooperative app will help illuminate these important questions
  - What are delivery workers effective hourly wages when all of their work time is accounted for?
  - What mileage-based expenses do delivery workers incur?
- Complement Driver’s Seat data with in-person survey using previous methodology
- Understand the impact of Proposition 22

TIMELINE: MARCH - OCTOBER 2021
Public Bank

- Legislation assigns LAFCo a significant role with the San Francisco Reinvestment Working Group
- Ordinance states LAFCo would “provide support and facilitation in according with state law.”
- Details on exact role LAFCo would play are still being worked out and would require LAFCo Commission approval
- Would require 20 percent of the executive officer’s time
E-Bike Rebate Program for Delivery Workers

- Pilot would shift delivery and ridehail drivers to e-bikes
- Would provide a model for a broader City e-bike rebate program
- Not proposed in LAFCo projects due to lack of funding and staff capacity
- City and Board of Supervisors should explore other avenues for sponsorship
Executive Officer’s Time

2021-2022

- CleanPowerSF Oversight: 20%
- Public Bank: 20%
- Co-op Research Project: 20%
- Post-Prop 22 Survey: 5%
- Utility Debt Project: 10%
- Solar + Storage Project: 10%
- Administrative and Other Duties: 5%
- Intern Supervision: 10%
Recommendation

Authorize the executive officer to proceed developing the proposed projects, and bring them back to the Commission for final approval.
Thank You