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### **Alameda County Recognized for Continued Commitment to Addressing Climate Change**

The Institute for Local Government (ILG) honored Alameda County with the prestigious Beacon Award during the Board of Supervisors Meeting on February 4, 2020. Alameda County was awarded for illustrating a comprehensive approach to adopting policies and programs that foster sustainability and help meet aggressive state climate goals.

“The economic and social impact of climate change on communities cannot be understated,” said Erica Manuel, executive director of the Institute for Local Government. “The cities and counties participating in ILG’s Beacon Program have been leading the fight against climate change for more than a decade, and we are thrilled to honor their strategy, dedication and accomplishments.”

ILG’s Beacon Program was founded to recognize local efforts in energy efficiency and sustainability. Over ten years later, California counties and cities are not only implementing these trusted best practices, but continue to find, test, and document promising and emerging new policies and programs. Alameda County is a prime example of the sustained forward thinking, innovative, and collaborative efforts of California’s local governments to address climate change. From creating a Clean Commute Program for employees to engaging their community through the Green Child Care Program and multi-lingual programs, the County is making great strides to create a healthy, sustainable and economically prosperous community.

Alameda County is receiving this award for their measurable achievements to address climate change including:

- 14% Community Greenhouse Gas Reductions
- 14% Agency Greenhouse Gas Reductions
- 13% Energy Savings
- 5% Natural Gas Savings
- Platinum Level Award in Sustainability Best Practices

“Climate leadership is a key responsibility of local government. We have a duty to our residents to do our part to combat climate change – and to help our communities prepare for the changes that are already happening,” said Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson.

Currently, 153 cities and counties throughout the state participate in the Beacon Program. The Institute for Local Government established the Beacon Program to create a framework to assist local governments in setting goals, documenting progress and sharing best practices that create healthier, more efficient, vibrant communities. To win a full Beacon Award, participants are required to demonstrate achievement in five areas: Agency Greenhouse Gas Reductions, Community Greenhouse Gas Reductions, Agency Energy Savings, Natural Gas Savings and Sustainability Best Practices. Over 30 cities and counties received recognition in at least one of the five categories this year. For a complete list of the 2019 winners, please visit [www.ca-ilg.org/award-winners](http://www.ca-ilg.org/award-winners).

### **About the Institute for Local Government**

ILG is the nonprofit training and education affiliate of the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties and the California Special Districts Association. Its mission is to empower local government leaders and deliver real world expertise to help them navigate complex issues, increase their capacity and build trust in their communities. The Beacon Program is funded by California utility customers and administered by Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Southern California Edison, under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission. Visit [www.ca-ilg.org/BeaconProgram](http://www.ca-ilg.org/BeaconProgram) for more information.