

From: [Chawkins, Ken D](#)
To: [Matthew Rahn](#)
Cc: [Visconti, Robert A.](#); [McGivney, Daniel](#)
Subject: FW: Candidate search: Growing Inland Achievement
Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 9:44:49 AM
Attachments: [Position Description - Growing Inland Achievement.pdf](#)

Hey...good to see you yesterday and glad you'll join the C4BES effort. I'll get you more info as we move forward.

Thought I'd send this your way...you likely have more connections out there!

Let me know more details about when I'll be speaking to the class, etc...And if you'll resend the material, I'll get with Robert and Dan to see about who should attend from here AND if there are others who should attend as well.

Cheers!

Ken

From: Linda Fowells <lfowells@communitypartners.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 6:31 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Candidate search: Growing Inland Achievement

Hi friends,

Passing this along, in case you know of anyone who would be interested in the President and CEO position described in the attached announcement and in the recruiter's email below.

I hope you're well!

Linda Fowells
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-----Original Message-----

From: jberger@morrisberger.com [<mailto:jberger@morrisberger.com>]

Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2018 12:56 PM

To: Linda Fowells <lfowells@communitypartners.org>

Subject: Growing Inland Achievement

Dear Linda,

As you may recall from our recent e-mail, we are conducting the search for a Founding President & CEO for Growing Inland Achievement (GIA), a new initiative based in Rancho Cucamonga, California.

GIA is a bi-county (Riverside County and San Bernardino County) collective impact collaborative of top leaders in education, business, and civic sectors who are committed to working together in new and innovative ways to achieve economic success through increased educational attainment in the Inland Empire.

As the primary driver of this effort, the President & CEO will be expected to lead GIA's activities and is charged with advancing the organization's vision, strategic initiatives and priorities. The successful candidate will be a dynamic, forward-thinking, system-change leader who has shown success in achieving widespread support through a collective impact approach. Qualified candidates can come from a variety of professional backgrounds including higher education, K-12, nonprofit, or for profit. This includes former College or University Presidents, Provosts, Deans, and Superintendents.

In our efforts to identify exceptional candidates, we are sharing the information about this opportunity as broadly as possible with professionals in the field. To that end, we want to make sure you were aware of the search and had seen the detailed position description.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Any recommendations you might have would be appreciated.

Best wishes,

Jay

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From: [Chawkins, Ken D](#)
To: [Matthew Rahn](#)
Cc: jim@jamci.com
Subject: 3rd Party effort
Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 11:04:03 AM
Attachments: [C4BES The Case - FINAL.pdf](#)
[C4BES Principles - FINAL.pdf](#)

Dear Matt,

I want to welcome you aboard and thank you for joining Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions (C4BES). Whether you are a gas supplier or user, our goal is to achieve a reasonable and balanced approach to energy policy for California. Your insight and expertise will be invaluable to this mission.

Let me reiterate that this effort is not anti-electric power. Electricity generated by solar, wind, and hydro has an important role to play for the environment and the economy. However, we are concerned about the mistaken view that electricity should be the only acceptable form of energy without recognizing the value natural and renewable natural gas play in providing society's varied energy needs.

The "electric-only" approach ignores the impact of higher costs that will be imposed on households and businesses, the reduction of overall energy reliability, and the impracticality of replacing gas with electricity in thousands of households and businesses. The move toward a singular source of energy does not take into account the critical role of gas in fighting climate change, and would deny to millions of Californians the choice to use the energy that best meets their needs.

In the coming months C4BES will recruit others to join this broad coalition. We will tell the public and the media about the importance of natural and renewable natural gas and will emphasize the importance of energy choice, energy reliability, and energy affordability; essential elements in the fight against global climate change.

In anticipation of our official launch in January of 2019, I am attaching a Case Statement that highlights our position and objectives along with our guiding principles. Since we are in the formative stage of the organization and plan to publicly introduce the group in January, please do not forward these materials. We will finalize these drafts in the near future. We have shared them with you so that you may share your thoughts and comments with us.

In addition to the written pieces, we have developed a draft web-site that we would like you to see. Please use the following link and password to preview website. We would appreciate your feedback here as well:

Link: <https://quasiaut.com/>

Limited user access:

username and password: C4BES

Again, many thanks for your commitment. We look forward to working with you to achieve a balanced approach to our state's energy policy.

Sincerely,

Ken

From: [Matthew Rahn](#)
To: [Chawkins, Ken D](#)
Subject: Re: 3rd Party effort
Date: Friday, October 12, 2018 9:41:51 AM
Attachments: [csusm_share-logo_150x150.png](#)

This is a really good website. And it fits perfectly with your topic in a couple of weeks! I'm not sure when this is going live, but it would be good to highlight it for the students in the class!

Best,
Matt

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<KChawkins@semprautilities.com> wrote:

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The Case

California leads America's effort to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions with innovative policies that have achieved significant reductions. California households and businesses that support these policies include millions who rely on and enjoy the environmental and economic benefits derived from using Natural Gas (NG) and Renewable Natural Gas (RNG).

Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions (C4BES), a coalition of gas suppliers, users, and consumers, strongly supports efforts to reduce GHG emissions and air pollution and asserts that NG and RNG should continue to play vital roles in reducing GHG emissions and air pollution.

Gas is the most efficient and affordable clean energy source available. Millions prepare their meals, heat their water, and heat their homes and businesses with gas. NG plays a crucial role in manufacturing, industrial, and agricultural processes. Compressed NG in heavy duty vehicles is cutting air pollution. And combined with RNG, a non-fossil fuel, produces the cleanest heavy-duty vehicles commercially available. And because it is significantly more affordable than other prototype technologies, it achieves those benefits more efficiently as it becomes widely employed.

However, in their zeal to reduce GHG emissions some policy makers and regulators along with some environmental organizations want to curb and ultimately eliminate the use of NG and RNG and force Californians to rely only on expensive electric energy. This year legislation was introduced in Sacramento to outlaw the use of natural gas in all buildings constructed after 2030!

C4BES believes that this is a needless overreach and, in fact, is NOT the fastest or most efficient way to address climate change. Electrification does not make sense for every use or circumstance.

Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions (C4BES) believes the electric-only crusade is well-intentioned but seriously misguided. If successful, there will be harmful, unintended consequences including:

- Eliminating Californians' choice of the energy (gas or electricity) that best meets their needs.
- Raising drastically household utility bills between \$123--\$388 annually; this will affect severely California's lowest income residents.
- Mandating industrial, manufacturing, and agriculture users to switch to costly electricity which for some is not technically or economically feasible.
- Crippling the effort to reduce GHG emissions and air pollution by banning the use of Renewable Natural Gas which in many instances is far cleaner and cheaper than electrification.

C4BES seeks a reasonable and balanced approach to energy policy for California; one that will help reduce GHGs and air pollution quickly and efficiently with fewer impacts to residential, commercial and industrial users.

Join us to Oppose “One Size Fits All” Proposals and Help Spread the Word about Natural and Renewable Natural Gas by:

- ✓ Educating the public, the media, and policymakers about the importance of NG and RNG for California’s quality of life, economy, and environment.
- ✓ Educating the public, the media, and policymakers about the importance of balanced energy solutions that will protect the environment and foster a vibrant economy.
- ✓ Opposing proposals driven by perspectives that are not concerned with economic impacts on businesses or low-income residents nor are truly interested in achieving air quality improvements quickly or efficiently.
- ✓ Supporting energy policies that promote technology-neutral solutions not shortsighted “feel good” proposals.

And by Solutions that:

1. Preserve **Choice** so California households and businesses can select the kind of energy that meets their specific needs.
2. Promote energy **Reliability and Affordability** not mandates for electricity.
3. Maximize the use of **Renewable Natural Gas** to supplement Natural Gas in order to significantly reduce GHG emissions.
4. Employ the **Right Energy in the Right Place** to achieve the best result.

What can you do?

1. **Join CBES by going to the “website/sign up” so you receive updates about important energy issues need your attention (<https://quasiaut.com/>).**
2. **Increase your level of participation by joining a diverse and engaged Board of Advisors with invitations to special energy-focused events and private briefings on important energy policy issues facing California.**

Contribute! The “electrify all” campaign is increasingly well funded by organizations that demonize natural gas. We need you financial support to get the word out and oppose their misguided energy policies. Go to C4BES website to contribute and join our cause.



Core Principles

Safe, reliable, and affordable energy is critical to California's economic and environmental well-being.

California households and businesses now have the ability to choose the type of energy that meets their specific needs. California voters overwhelmingly support energy choice.

California requires balanced energy policies. The state should recognize that no single form of energy can power California.

Energy policies should promote reliable, affordable, and environmentally sound forms of energy that meet California's diverse needs.

California's electric rates are 45% higher than the national average. Californians shouldn't have to choose between the environment and high-cost energy, and with affordable, reliable Natural and Renewable Natural Gas they do not have to choose.

Natural and Renewable Natural Gas must remain components of California's balanced energy portfolio. They complement electricity, solar, wind, hydrogen, and hydro-generated energy in powering our economy and fighting climate change.

From: Ronald Loveridge <rloverid@ucr.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:05 AM
To: PublicRecords
Subject: Fwd: Welcome to Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions
Attachments: C4BES Board Formation.pdf; C4BES Principles.pdf; C4BES The Case.pdf

FYI. ROL

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Matt Rahn – Chair, C4BES <chair@c4bes.org>
Date: Thu, Jan 31, 2019 at 1:52 PM
Subject: Welcome to Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions
To: ronald.loveridge@ucr.edu <ronald.loveridge@ucr.edu>

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the board of Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions (C4BES). The initial response to C4BES has been terrific. We've recruited a solid Board of Directors, have a web-site that is almost ready to go public and – with your help! – are nearly ready to launch.

Now we need to get to work. Our goal is to educate gas users and the public about the crucial role that natural gas, and increasingly renewable gas, plays in daily life as well as helping the state achieve its environmental goals. While we are not against renewable electricity and/or electrifying sectors where it makes sense like personal transportation, we do oppose misguided efforts to eliminate all uses of natural and renewable gas in favor of an “electric only” approach to energy policy. The availability of natural and renewable gas provides Californians with energy choice, affordability, and reliability for our economic well-being and quality of life. They have and will continue to play key roles in the state's effort to reduce emissions to address the challenges of climate change.

First, our legal counsel, the Kaufman Legal Group, has recommended that Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions be formed as a nonprofit organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(4). This week we received our Articles of Incorporation from the Secretary of State. We're official!

Second, **I am pleased to announce that our first board meeting will be held via Skype on Thursday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m.** You will receive the agenda and call-in information approximately one week prior to the meeting but we ask that you please hold this date/time on your calendar. Among other information items to be covered at the Board meeting, we will provide an update and assessment on the strategy being employed by anti-gas forces, a draft public/media rollout plan for discussion, and an upcoming events schedule.

Third, enclosed is the list of board members with titles and affiliations. Please review your name, title, and affiliation. Please contact Jorge Flores (jflores@marathon-com.com) as soon as possible with any corrections or changes. We will list the board on the letterhead and the website. The website will go “live” in approximately two weeks.

Fourth, even before the public announcement about C4BES we will begin the crucial work of building the membership. Your early participation is critical. When the website is completed, we will prepare template communications for your use. We ask that you share them with your colleagues and members of organizations with whom you are affiliated. In addition, we will communicate with several hundred community and business leaders who have opposed past efforts to ban natural and renewable gas and urge them to join C4BES by visiting the website. You will see this communication prior to its being sent. I have also attached revised versions of the Principles and The Case. Please discard previous versions you may have received.

You will receive communications directly from me or from either Jim McDermott or Jorge Flores of Marathon Communications. Marathon is the consulting firm that is guiding this effort and Jim or Jorge can answer any questions you might have. They can be reached directly at:

Jim McDermott – jmcdermott@marathon-com.com or jim@jamci.com / 213-804-6423

Jorge Flores – jflores@marathon-com.com / 213-434-1476

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or comments you might have. **I look forward to our meeting on February 28.**

Sincerely,

Matt Rahn - Chair, Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions (C4BES)



BOARD OF DIRECTORS (IN FORMATION)

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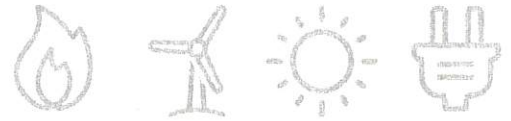
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Core Principles

Clean, safe, reliable, and affordable energy is critical to California's economic and environmental well-being.

Today, all California households and businesses can choose the type of energy that meets their specific needs. And, in opinion survey after survey, California voters overwhelmingly support continued energy choice.

California's future will require balanced energy solutions. The state should support policies to ensure all forms of clean energy solutions are available to customers.

Policies should promote reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible forms of energy that meet California's diverse needs, including both air quality and climate change emissions reduction goals.

Californians shouldn't have to choose between what's good for the environment and what makes sense. Clean, safe, affordable and reliable Natural Gas and Renewable Gas can do both -- meet customer needs and protect California's environment. These clean energy resources should continue to be available for customers to choose.

For California, Natural Gas and Renewable Gas should continue to be part of California's balanced energy portfolio. These clean energy resources complement California's clean electricity, including solar, wind, and hydro-generated power. And, they can ensure the state's climate goals are met, while California remains the Golden State.



The Case

California leads the nation in its efforts to address climate change with innovative policies that have achieved significant reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. California households and businesses that support these policies include millions who rely on and enjoy the environmental and economic benefits derived from using Natural Gas and Renewable Gas.

Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions (C4BES), a coalition of gas users and consumers, strongly supports efforts to reduce GHG emissions and air pollution; and demands that Natural Gas and Renewable Gas should continue to be utilized as part of California's continuing effort to reduce GHG emissions and air pollution.

Gas remains the most efficient and affordable clean energy resource available to many. Millions of people heat their homes and water and cook their food with gas. Gas plays a crucial role for business and buildings, and in manufacturing, industrial, and agricultural processes. Compressed gas in heavy duty vehicles is cutting air pollution. And when using RNG, a non-fossil, renewable fuel, heavy-duty vehicles can become the cleanest commercially available today. Importantly, because these vehicle engines are significantly more affordable than other prototype technologies, they achieve these benefits more efficiently as they become widely employed.

And finally, when the sun goes down and the wind stops blowing, gas powers our electricity grid, providing the reliability Californians can count on. California's important nighttime economy – dining, dancing, music, theatre, movies, or sitting at home with the family, is almost entirely powered by gas.

Unfortunately, shortsighted zeal to fight climate change has led some policy makers, regulators and environmental groups to seek to curb and ultimately eliminate the use of natural and renewable gas and mandate that Californians rely only on electrical energy. This year legislation was introduced in Sacramento to outlaw the use of gas in all new buildings and to mandate replacement of existing appliances with electric only appliances by 2030!

C4BES believes that this is a needless overreach and, in fact, is NOT the fastest or most efficient way to address climate change. Electrification simply does not make sense for every use or circumstance.

And Promote Solutions that:

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Gwyn Flores

From: Matt Rahn – Chair, C4BES <chair@c4bes.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 5:49 PM
To: mboccadoro@westcoastadvisors.com; rdowns483@yahoo.com; johannes@rngcoalition.com; kfranks@mca-tile.com; Mitchell.Frieder@LAHTA.org; jelisavetag@car.org; pgranillo@ieep.com; Bguge@californiasteel.com; gg@thedvba.org; jhakil@socalworks.org; mhargrove@cbpa.com; hyepin@gmail.com; bjensen@sgvpartnership.org; BillLaMarr@msn.com; Thomas@cngvc.org; ronald.loveridge@ucr.edu; kmills@cfbf.com; Minter, George; molina_andy@hotmail.com; Rob@clfp.com; Steve.Olson@sprecklessugar.com; jeff@pacdiecast.com; garyp@seniors.org; bpullen@pechanga.com; Matt Rahn; LFIA@mail.com; leah.silverthorn@calchamber.com; james@metalscoalition.com; scot.twitch.cwa@gmail.com; sworthley@co.tulare.ca.us
Subject: Website is live. Join Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions

Dear fellow Board Members:

I'm excited to let you know that we launched the Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions website – www.c4bes.org.

Now that the website is live, we will be emailing the letter below to approximately 700 individuals and organizations who, like you, are engaged in this critical issue.

The letter is meant to encourage like-minded parties to join our broad coalition. Please feel free forward this information to your own lists.

I look forward to discussing this in further detail on Thursday, February 28th at 2pm via our virtual inaugural board meeting. We will be forwarding log-in instructions and other information to you in the coming days.

Best,

Matt

From: Matt Rahn – Chair, C4BES
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 4:39 PM
To: Matt Rahn – Chair, C4BES
Subject: Join Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions

Californians for    
Balanced Energy Solutions



Last year special interests and state officials tried to outlaw the use of natural and renewable gas – first in LA County, then state-wide! Together, we beat the CPUC’s proposed moratorium on winter gas hook-ups, and then turned around AB 3232, a bill originally designed by building electrification advocates to mandate the construction of “zero emission” buildings.

There is a well-orchestrated campaign designed to pass mandates to tell builders what to build, restaurants how to cook, businesses how to operate facilities, local governments how to set building standards and homeowners how to heat homes and prepare the family meals. These anti-gas forces are not giving up. In 2019 they are escalating their “electric-only” campaign, not just at the legislature, but now at the state’s energy and environmental agencies, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California Energy Commission (CEC). These days, anti-gas fervor and commentary is also witnessed at every board meeting of the South Coast AQMD.

If this “electric-only” mandate monopoly is successful, then residential, commercial and industrial energy choice will be gone, energy costs will increase, already high housing costs will skyrocket, and energy reliability will be jeopardized. In addition, businesses and industry will be forced to raise prices to pay for costly mandates or leave the state jeopardizing thousands of jobs. Ironically, banning combustion of gas will set back California’s efforts to reduce air pollution and fight climate change.

We believe gas users and providers must respond.

We have formed [Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions \(C4BES\)](#) to educate gas users and the public on this future agenda and to rally support for the crucial role that natural gas, and increasingly renewable gas, plays in California’s energy future, and its peoples’ daily lives. The availability of natural and renewable gas provides Californians with energy choice, affordability, and reliability for our economic well-being and quality of life. And it has and will continue to contribute to the state’s effort to reduce emissions to address the challenges of climate change.

C4BES is not an “anti-electric” crusade. On the contrary it is a pro energy choice campaign. California needs smart, balanced policies that value diverse energy sources— including electricity and gas—not misguided one-size-fits-all mandates.

C4BES is building a [broad coalition](#) that includes families, local government, commercial and industrial gas users, for-profit and nonprofit housing developers, community organizations, healthcare providers, and schools and other institutional facilities, agriculture, and labor – all of whom rely on gas energy, and seek to continue to rely on gas, while still making a difference in our environment. We embrace energy choice. Electricity is not the only acceptable form of energy.

Won't you answer the call? Please [join Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions](#) to promote energy choice, energy affordability, and energy reliability. We believe balanced energy solutions are essential for our environment, our economy and our daily lives.

Become a member by visiting www.C4BES.org/join.

Sincerely,

Matt Rahn
Chair, Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions (C4BES)





Gwyn Flores

From: Matt Rahn
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Matt Rahn – Chair, C4BES
Subject: Accepted: Inaugural C4BES Board Meeting - via Skype

Gwyn Flores

From: Matt Rahn <mattrahn@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2019 9:17 AM
To: Matt Rahn
Subject: C4BES JOIN.pdf
Attachments: C4BES JOIN.pdf

Matt Rahn PhD, MS, JD




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Sincerely,

Matt Rahn

Chair, Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions (C4BES)

Gwyn Flores

Subject: UPDATE: Inaugural C4BES Board Meeting - via Zoom
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Start: Thu 02/28/2019 2:00 PM
End: Thu 02/28/2019 3:30 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Matt Rahn – Chair, C4BES

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Subject: Yesterday's SoCal Gas announcement and subsequent email exchange

Board Members,

I want to take this opportunity to provide my perspective about the email exchange between board members George Minter and Michael Boccardo regarding SoCalGas' announcement of a plan to replace 20% of its traditional natural gas supply with renewable gas by 2030.

Michael raised some important caveats about this program including whether supplies of renewable gas would be available to achieve the goal and about the price of this gas, especially for large customers.

I am on record supporting this move by SoCalGas which will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. However, the points made by Michael should be taken seriously and it deserves careful review as the program is implemented over the next ten years. As with all energy and climate solutions being proffered in California and nationally, balanced energy (from my perspective) also must include a discussion of equity, economic considerations, and environmental justice. And to that end, the discussion must be fair, open, and transparent.

In relation to Californians for Balance Energy Solutions, we have board members who champion either natural gas, renewable gas, or both. It is not necessary that C4BES choose between or endorse one or the other. That is up to households and business consumers based on their respective needs and interests.

Certainly, no single climate or energy solution is going to address all issues and concerns. I think it is safe to say that decisions made today by agencies, legislators, and others must be dynamic and will necessarily evolve as we begin to understand the implications, costs, and benefits as they emerge. The importance and urgency requires an adaptive and thoughtful evolution.

Finally, I think it is important to note that despite good science and research, opposition to gas use often fails to distinguish between natural or renewable gas. Opposition often wants to eliminate the use of both! I urge us to continue working together through C4BES to continue what can become a very robust and informative dialogue on balanced energy solutions, and fosters a respect for diverse perspectives. It is my goal to help facilitate a forum where we can reach consensus where we can,

and embrace our differences where they exist. This issue and our state deserve to hear our collective voice on this very important issue.

Thank you,

Matt Rahn, Ph.D., MS, JD