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City of Santa Clara councilman receives American Public Power Association's public official award

New Orleans, La., June 19, 2018 —Patrick Kolstad, member of the city council for Santa Clara, California, received the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award at the American Public Power Association's national conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. This award recognizes elected or appointed local officials who have contributed to the goals of the American Public Power Association.

Patrick has been active in the American Public Power Association for more than 16 years. He has helped the local electric utility, Silicon Valley Power, become a nationally recognized leader. He has advocated for public power on the federal level—often traveling to Washington, D.C. to participate in the American Public Power Association's Legislative Rally. He advocates with members of the Bay Area Congressional Delegation. He encourages his city council colleagues, city staff, and fellow commissioners for the Northern California Power Agency to participate in the Association's conferences and stay on top of public power policy issues.

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The American Public Power Association is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. We represent public power before the federal government to protect the interests of the more than 49 million people that public power utilities serve, and the 93,000 people they employ. Our association advocates and advises on electricity policy, technology, trends, training, and operations. Our members strengthen their communities by providing superior service, engaging citizens, and instilling pride in community-owned power.

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