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Feed-in-Tariff (FiT) Programs are intended to increase the adoption of renewable energy technologies, encourage the development of the renewable energy industry, and provide significant economic development benefits. A well-designed FiT can generate rapid growth for targeted renewable energy technologies by attracting needed capital and encouraging job growth.

The Department of Water and Power is in the process of formulating a FiT Program that seeks to encourage the development of solar installations in the City as well as in the region. The proposed FiT Program seeks to engage in significant power purchase with solar providers with the goal of developing large solar installations in the perimeter of the Los Angeles Region; and smaller installations in the City.

The proposed FiT Program is a positive step in that it will help foster significant solar power development in the City. However, it appears targeted towards larger solar providers. It is important that the Program be devised in a manner that is fair and equitable and allows smaller/local solar businesses to participate on equal footing with large commercial renewable energy developers.

In this manner, economic challenges facing the City may be overcome such as rising unemployment. The solar industry is expanding and this growth may help generate many new, well-paid jobs that unemployed and under-employed residents can take. To further this objective, the Program should consider a link with the Los Angeles Trade Technical College. In addition, the Program should be devised to maintain fair power rates for the ratepayers.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to develop a Solar Feed-in-Tariff (FiT) Program that is fair and equitable for both small/local solar providers and large commercial solar providers; and maintains fair and equitable power rates for the ratepayers.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to meet with the Los Angeles Community College District/Los Angeles Trade Tech on its proposed Solar FiT Program and ways to incorporate employment opportunities within the Program.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to report on the status of its proposed Solar FiT Program in 30 days and its efforts to meet these objectives.

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