



California Interfaith
Power & Light

December 6, 2016

Los Angeles City Council Energy and Environment Committee
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Attn: Councilmember Nury Martinez, Chair

Dear Councilmember Martinez,

California Interfaith Power & Light works with 700 congregations in California, an estimated three dozen of which are in LADWP territory. As part of the Repower L.A. coalition, under the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE), we were very pleased by the LADWP Board of Commissioners' decision on November 15 to approve the Solar Rooftop Program Lease Agreement, as part of LADWP Community Solar Program. We encourage your committee to support this initiative as well.

The faith community in Los Angeles is very active on sustainability issues, including implementing energy efficiency and renewable energy in houses of worship, hosting a myriad of educational workshops, and advocating for environmental justice initiatives, especially in areas that are impacted disproportionately by pollution sources.

As such, California Interfaith Power & Light and its affiliated members are strongly in support of LADWP's Community Solar Program, which has multiple benefits including inclusion of communities that are often excluded from solar energy in our region, the creation of jobs, especially for folks in high unemployment areas, and helping to meet LADWP's commitment to an increase in renewable energy. This program has been in the works for two years now, supported by active organizations committed to equal access to renewable energy. It should not only be approved but also be expanded upon and made more robust, which will eventually allow renters – who make up 60% of our city - to participate as well.

All major faith traditions share the common principle of caring for and protecting all life and the Community Solar Program assists the Los Angeles region in accomplishing this goal. We encourage the Energy and Environment committee to support this very important program.

Thank you for your consideration in this issue.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allis Druffel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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