

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is anticipated to consider a proposal in February 2022 that would effectuate two significant changes to California's long-standing commitment to the Rooftop Solar Program:

- Cut the credits on electric bills for excess power generated by rooftop solar systems by up to 80% - credits which are given to homeowners for returning excess renewable power they produce; and
- Charge rooftop solar producers a monthly "grid participation charge" averaging \$48 which would be the highest such fee in the nation; and

WHEREAS, these changes are proposed in order to upgrade California's electric grid and to address the investor-owned utilities (IOUs) budget crises due to devastating recent climate fires caused by an antiquated energy system; and

WHEREAS, these changes would serve to limit solar access to low-income communities of color by making it harder for residents, businesses, houses of worship and other establishments to afford rooftop solar; and

WHEREAS, communities of color are the most energy burdened and suffer the worst health consequences from burning fossil fuel, and the CPUC and IOU's fiscal challenges should not be solved on the backs of underserved communities who need access to renewable energy the most; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to rooftop solar access will reproduce the inequities that were experienced by the same communities not being able to fully participate in the digital economy, the suburban economy, and even the industrial and agriculture economies; moreover, communities of color should not be left out of the clean energy future and the opportunities for health, wealth and climate resilience;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to regulatory action by the California Public Utilities Commission that would disincentivize the adoption of rooftop solar in disadvantaged and low-income communities.

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