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In an effort to meet a 100% carbon free renewable energy future as prescribed by the LA100 study, the City must look at every tool at its disposal, and create tools where none exist.

In December 2021, the Board of Public Works approved a design-build on-call bench for solar photovoltaic and energy storage contractors. Since that time, the City has set ambitious goals, including fully electrifying new construction and decarbonizing 1,000 existing City buildings and over 400 City parks by 2035. To ensure that the City meets its self-imposed, as well as mandated obligations, it must consider how it can enlist the expert assistance of Labor, developers, funders, as well as general contractors.

It's important to look at the feasibility and potential benefit of expanding the language in the RFQ for solar photovoltaic and energy storage pre-qualified design - build contractors to include developers and funders, thereby creating an exhaustive list of experts who could stand ready to develop a photovoltaic project from soup to nuts and assist the City as it works toward its sustainability goals. Such expansion has the potential of creating a pathway for a true public private partnership that more evenly distributes scarce resources and accelerates timelines.

Additionally, the Bureau of Engineering is in the process of developing a Building Decarbonization Workplan which aims to catalog every City building and calculate the cost, time and labor it will take to decarbonize a real estate portfolio of this magnitude. Beyond decarbonizing city buildings, the Bureau of Engineering should also include an evaluation of City facilities that could contribute to the acceleration of the City's Feed-in-Tariff program goals. It stands to reason that effectuating the results of this tall task will require additional resources; resources that the City likely cannot afford.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering report to the Public Works Committee on the feasibility and if there are benefits that could be achieved within the Building Decarbonization Workplan and the City's ambitious sustainability goals by reopening and expanding the solar photovoltaic and energy storage pre-qualified design - build contractors list to include developers and funders.

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