



October 20, 2021

San Diego City Hall
2020 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101
Via Email

Subject: Climate Action Campaign Support for a City Net Energy Metering Resolution

Honorable Environment Committee Chair and Committeemembers,

On behalf of Climate Action Campaign, we urge the Environment Committee to adopt the resolution and send a clear message to the California Public Utilities Commission that the City of San Diego recognizes rooftop solar as a critical component to building an equitable, climate resilient 100% clean electricity system that must be protected for future generations of Californians.

As the climate crisis turns into a climate emergency, all governments must work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in an equitable and sustainable manner. California's Net Energy Metering (NEM) program has been a great success, giving millions the opportunity to not only reduce their carbon footprints, but also save money and help the state reach a 100% clean electricity future.

The City of San Diego, which has high solar adoption rates, needs rooftop solar to continue to grow to meet the City's legally-binding Climate Action Plan 100% clean energy goal. The City and California's ambitious climate goals will not be met with utility-scale renewables alone. We must maintain a strong NEM program, and invest in expanding rooftop solar and storage access to Communities of Concern to help alleviate the burden of skyrocketing energy bills and to provide backup power in case of climate disasters.

The climate emergency demands we do everything we can to expand rooftop solar and storage and transition away from dirty fossil fuels, including methane gas, which is contributing to climate injustice, harming public health, and accelerating climate change. Please support the resolution. Thank you, and we look forward to working with you on this and other important initiatives.

Sincerely,

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