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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS KALB

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 366 (SENATOR LEYVA) THAT WOULD MAKE CALIFORNIA'S SHARED SOLAR PROGRAM, KNOWN AS THE GREEN TARIFF SHARED RENEWABLES (GTSR) PROGRAM, AFFORDABLE FOR LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS BY USING ELECTRICITY SECTOR AUCTION REVENUES TO ENSURE SAVINGS FOR LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS AND ENCOURAGE SOLAR DEVELOPMENT IN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, in 2013, Senate Bill 43 (Wolk) established the GTSR Program, which was implemented by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and launched in 2015. GTSR authorizes up to 600 megawatts (MW) of shared solar to be built and reserves 100 MW of that total for projects that are located in environmental justice (EJ) communities; and

WHEREAS, many low-income customers cannot put solar on their own roofs because they are renters or homeowners with unsuitable roofs; and

WHEREAS, in December 2016, the Energy Commission published the SB 350 Low-income Barriers Study which recommends, among other things, that the State make the economic advantages of shared solar more readily accessible to low-income and disadvantaged populations; and

WHEREAS, SB 366 would make California's shared solar program, known as the Green Tariff Shared Renewables (GTSR) Program, affordable for low-income customers by using Electricity Sector auction revenues to ensure savings for low-income customers and encourage solar development in disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, SB 366 will promote the development of more renewable energy projects in disadvantaged communities that will directly benefit low-income energy customers and help ensure that lower income residents have affordable opportunities to be part of our range of shared climate solutions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council supports Senate Bill (SB) 366 (Leyva), state legislation that will augment the GTSR program to ensure that it benefits low-income customers and has a strong environmental justice focus and will enhance outreach and education efforts so that low-income customers are aware of the benefits of the program. The auction revenue dollars that would fund this program would make renewable energy

affordable for low-income customers and incentivize more renewable energy development; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is directed to forward a copy of this enacted Resolution to state legislative elected officials representing Oakland, Governor Jerry Brown, and to the lobbyist for the City of Oakland to advocate for passage of SB 366.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN
AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City
of Oakland, California