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TO: Oakland City Councilmembers and Members of the Public

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NET ENERGY METERING FOR MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING AND SCHOOLS TO PROTECT CALIFORNIA RENTERS' AND SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ACCESS TO BILL CREDITS AND THE ENVIROMENTAL BENEFITS OF ROOFTOP SOLAR

DATE: July 18th, 2023

Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

We are introducing this resolution to express concern about proposals from California utilities and from the Public Advocates Office of the California Public Utilities Commission that would impact the ability of multifamily housing, schools, and farms to install on-site solar generation and energy storage.

The Commission recently issued a decision that changed the rules for rooftop solar in California. The changes vastly reduced the credit value for energy exported to the electric grid, but importantly, still allow customers to buy less energy from the utilities when they use their generated or stored energy on-site in real time.

The CPUC's decision only applies to customers that install solar in association with a single utility meter. The Commission is now considering related changes for properties with multiple utility meters. It is essential that California gives multimeter properties the same opportunity to install on-site clean energy as single-meter properties.

Proposals made by the utilities would deny multimeter properties the ability to buy less power from the utilities when they consume power directly from on-site solar. It would force tenants, schools and farms to buy all of their power from the utility even when it is generated on their own rooftop or field. It would be fundamentally unfair to allow customers with only one electric meter to distinguish between on-site usage and exports while not allowing customers with multiple meters to do the same.

We urge the Commission to reject both of these proposals and instead approve a tariff that includes property netting as well as a transition toward lower export rates to ensure a reasonable glidepath for the customer solar market.

Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

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