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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 81861 C.M.S.

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City Attorney

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SB 7 LEGISLATION EXPANDING
ELECTRIC UTILITIES' OBLIGATIONS TO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY
FROM CUSTOMERS WHO GENERATE MORE ELECTRICITY IN A
TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD THAN THEY CONSUME**

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland and the Oakland community are impacted by limited electricity supplies which result in high electricity costs to residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City may face costs to implement policies to address global climate change resulting, in part, from the use of fossil fuels to generate electricity; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland City Council has taken actions that promote producing and using electricity from renewable sources, including building 1 MW solar power at City facilities and requiring LEED Silver certification for certain City projects; and

WHEREAS, SB 7 (Wiggins) will (1) require Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to purchase electricity from customers who generate more electricity in a twelve-month period than they consume, by providing them an option to sell the electricity to PG&E at the same price they would have paid to buy it from PG&E, or to receive a credit for the surplus kilowatt-hours of electricity produced to apply in the future; and (2) limit monetary incentives for systems to sizes that do not produce more electricity than the customer's recent PG&E records show they consume on site; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland would benefit by approval of this measure, which is expected to increase demand for products from renewable electricity industries, and create green collar jobs in Oakland by supporting the increased production and use of renewable electricity locally; and

WHEREAS, an opportunity if presented, to amend the legislation to allow customers to build systems that include future capacity for an electric vehicle, without paying the customer any system construction-related incentives for the capacity associated with such a vehicle, would be beneficial; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: The City of Oakland declares its support for SB 7 (Wiggins) to allow customers to size systems to produce power beyond their present consumption when the customer commits to using an electric vehicle or plug-in hybrid and forgoes payment for the portion of surplus generation attributed to the system capacity for a vehicle until they demonstrate that the capacity is being used for such a vehicle; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby directs the City Administrator and the City's legislative lobbyist to advocate for the above position in the California State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAR 17 2009, 20


PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID and PRESIDENT BRUNNER - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST: 
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California