

Councilmen, Councilwomen,

My name is Art and I'm here to ask the city council to make it easier for residents to go Solar in Long Beach. I got my solar in 2017 and I love it. We were able to add a Plug In Prius, we use it a-lot to run us around town and it's charged by our rooftop solar panels. Most months our electricity bill is only a few dollars. Even during the heatwave in September it was only \$15.

Solar is a win win win. Rooftop solar panels mean No pollution, Negligible carbon footprint and Generating Power from the sun that basically pays for itself.

But right now, only 7% of Long Beach homes have solar and less than 1% have a battery.

One of the biggest problems to Solar growth is the cost and time it takes to get a permit for installation. Don't get me wrong, Permit's are good, they ensure safety.

Simply Streamlining the Permit Process can cut red tape and make it less expensive and faster for my neighbors to get solar and for me to add a battery to my existing system.

There's a new online permitting system called Solar APP+ that local governments can use to Issue permits instantly to most residential rooftop solar projects that meet state codes.

Solar APP+ was developed by the federal Department of Energy and leading building organizations.

When the city of San Jose adopted streamlined permitting, Solar adoptions increased six-fold. Solar APP + is free for the city to use and grants are available for your building department to cover the cost of the man hours to install the platform. But the funds are limited and our time is running short to hit our state's clean energy goals.

My Solar has been great for me and it can be great for other people. The road to get there shouldn't be impinged in any way. It should be easy. We need everybody who can possibly get Solar to get it Now! Time is running short. Let's get all the solar on roofs that we can to help Clean up our Air, Keep our Grid running and Help People cut Expenses. We can do that by Removing the Obstacles by Streamlining the Permitting Process through Solar APP+.

Thank you for your time.

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