



Date: September 6, 2005
To: Honorable Mayor O'Neill and Members of the City Council
From: Frank Colonna, Councilmember, Third District *FC*
Subject: **Solar-Energy Plan**

Background

Long Beach unveiled its first Solar-Powered Fire Station on Saturday, August 27, 2005. Station 8 in Belmont Shore is now the city's first Fire Station equipped with photovoltaic panels that produce clean and sustainable energy.

The Third District Council Office contacted British Petroleum about funding a solar demonstration project about a year and a half ago and BP agreed to fund the \$30,000 project and installation.

The new solar powered building is a big step for our Fire Department and our city. Long Beach needs to start looking at all available opportunities to encourage the use of solar energy. Our city, with our frequent sunshine can become a healthier and sustainable city through a stronger commitment to clean sources of energy.

Suggested Action

Request the City Manager to 1) present the City Council with a comprehensive inventory of all solar-powered buildings and projects in the city, 2) report on federal, state and private grants that the city has or is currently pursuing regarding solar energy, and 3) give recommendations on how the city can expand its use of solar energy.