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October 2, 2007

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to adopt resolution in support of distributed solar electric power in Long Beach. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request of September 18, 2007, the attached resolution has been prepared and is submitted for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

By

MICHAEL J. MAIS  
Assistant City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF DISTRIBUTED  
SOLAR ELECTRIC POWER IN LONG BEACH

WHEREAS, California's energy crisis is real, and requires cooperative effort on the part of cities, utilities, and residents, and this required effort has been recognized by the California legislature; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2006, the Governor signed SB1, the California Solar Initiative, to set a target of 3,000 megawatts of solar power to be installed on California homes and businesses by 2018. In September of 2004, the Governor signed AB2473, which requires cities and counties to issue building permits for solar installation unless there is a specific threat to public health and safety.

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2006, the Governor signed AB32, the first statewide effort in the United States to limit emissions from every major source of global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Long Beach is a major economic engine for California, but air emissions from the port negatively impacts Long Beach, while port electrification remains only a goal until more daytime peak electric power is available; and

WHEREAS, distributed solar rooftop power is uniquely suited to meet daytime peak loads, produced where and when the power is needed, while Long Beach has an overabundance of unused rooftop solar resources; and

WHEREAS, State funds and tax incentives also exist to assist in furthering solar power, but the majority of the money required for each rooftop solar installation comes from the owner. The local investment, job creation, environmental stewardship, marketing and branding impacts, and overall increase to Long Beach's economic vitality from clean solar technology could facilitate the largest regional economic engine in the

1 21st century; and

2 WHEREAS, it should be noted that the conference on "Solar Power 2007"  
3 which is sponsored by the Solar Electric Power Association and Solar Power Energy  
4 Industries Association, was held on September 24, 2007, at the Long Beach Convention  
5 Center; and

6 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
7 follows:

8 Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach supports and  
9 recognizes the environmental, social and economic benefits of rooftop residential solar  
10 electric systems;

11 Section 2. That the City Manager is requested to direct all departments  
12 of the City to reduce unnecessary impediments to solar electric installation in Long Beach  
13 and to report yearly to the Council on what has been done to encourage permit  
14 applications to consider installing solar in new construction and roof permits.

15 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
16 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007. by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City Clerk