

1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-07-0132

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF DISTRIBUTED
5 SOLAR ELECTRIC POWER IN LONG BEACH
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7 WHEREAS, California's energy crisis is real, and requires cooperative effort
8 on the part of cities, utilities, and residents, and this required effort has been recognized
9 by the California legislature; and

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, State funds and tax incentives also exist to assist in furthering
25 solar power, but the majority of the money required for each rooftop solar installation
26 comes from the owner. The local investment, job creation, environmental stewardship,
27 marketing and branding impacts, and overall increase to Long Beach's economic vitality
28 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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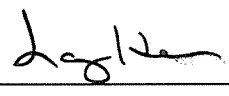
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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of October 2, 2007. by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: B. Lowenthal, S. Lowenthal, DeLong,
O'Donnell, Andrews, Reyes Uranga, Lerch.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Schipske, Gabelich.



City Clerk

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