

ATTACHMENT 4

Public Comments

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Contra Costa County Planning Commission  
30 Muir Road  
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I enthusiastically support the adoption of general plan and zoning amendments regarding solar generation facilities (agenda items 4b and 5a, at your Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting). These actions will support the Contra Costa County Climate Action Plan (2015), by providing opportunities to build solar generation facilities that will lower green house gas emissions associated with electric power generation.

The recent action of the County Board to join a community choice energy (CCE) joint power authority has further reinforced the need to adopt general plan and zoning amendments for solar generation facilities, because there will now be a feed-in tariff opportunity that will incentivize local solar production facilities with favorable rates paid to generators.

During the public process for CCE, there was a great deal of community and Board of Supervisor support for the development of local solar projects in underutilized industrial sites. These general plan and zoning amendments are an important step to enable beneficial renewable energy facilities in our county. Please vote to support these amendments with a favorable recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

Howdy Goudey

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Howdy Goudey', with a stylized, flowing script.

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