

April 6, 2012

Assembly Member Steven Bradford
Chair, Assembly Committee on Utilities and
Commerce
State Capitol, Room 5136
Sacramento, CA 90301
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Re: AB 1990 (Fong) – Solar for All - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Bradford and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Local Clean Energy Alliance, I write to express our strong support for AB 1990 by Assembly Member Paul Fong, the Solar For All Initiative.

The Local Clean Energy Alliance is the Bay Area's largest clean energy coalition, with 90 affiliated member organizations, including environmental justice, social justice, environmental, business, and community groups. The Alliance believes that it is through integrating energy demand reduction resources and local renewable generation resource that communities can achieve their full greenhouse gas reduction and climate adaptation potential while enhancing local economies, providing clean energy jobs, and improving community health.

California leads the way in developing robust renewable energy policy with the potential to create thousands of green jobs. Unfortunately, California's most vulnerable communities – those that have suffered first and worst from dirty energy industries and nearby power plants – have not benefited from existing renewable energy policy.

AB 1990 helps address this gap by creating a pilot program to install solar in the most impacted and disadvantaged communities through clean energy contracts (long-term, fixed rate contracts) with a preference for local hire.

AB 1990 creates local green jobs, revitalizes neighborhoods, and gives people some control over their energy future. AB 1990 will ensure that disadvantaged communities are not left behind in the new green economy.

We urge your support for AB 1990 when it is heard in your committee.

Sincerely,

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