

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill 523 (Reyes) - Electric Program Investments  
2 Charge: Allocation-Equity in Clean Energy Investments]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill 523, Electric Program**  
4 **Investments Charge: Allocation-Equity in Clean Energy Investments, authored by**  
5 **Assembly Member Reyes, dedicating a minimum of 25% of the available funds**  
6 **administered by the California Energy Commission in the Electric Program Investment**  
7 **Charge for clean energy projects located within and benefiting individuals living in**  
8 **designated disadvantaged communities and an additional 10% of the funds to low**  
9 **income communities.**

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11 WHEREAS, The California Public Utilities Commission created the Electric Program  
12 Investment Charge (EPIC) in December of 2011, authorizing investor owned utilities to collect  
13 funds for innovative investments in clean energy; and

14 WHEREAS, A report released in December 2017 by the CEC found that individuals  
15 living in disadvantaged communities and low income communities face significant barriers to  
16 fully participate in the State’s clean energy programs like EPIC; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2015, EPIC funded 12 projects out of 81 research and deployment  
18 projects in disadvantaged communities and by this measure only 14% of EPIC’s programs are  
19 reaching disadvantage communities even though DAC constitute 25% of the state,  
20 demonstrating a need for more clear targeted investment; and

21 WHEREAS, Disadvantaged communities and low-income households below eighty  
22 percent of the statewide median income pay triple of what higher income households pay for  
23 all their utility services; and

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1           WHEREAS, Renewable energy spending, research and programs are not reaching  
2   disadvantaged and low income who are the most impacted by negative fossil fuel energy  
3   production; and

4           WHEREAS, It is critical that as the green economy develops, communities who are  
5   most impacted by pollution are included on economic impacts of the renewable industry; and

6           WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 523, known as the Electric Program Investment Charge:  
7   Allocation-Equity in Clean Energy Investment, is currently being considered by the California  
8   State Legislature, and would require the CEC to allocate at least 25% of the EPIC funds to  
9   disadvantaged communities and an additional 10% of the EPIC funds to low-income  
10  communities; now, therefore, be it

11          RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California State  
12  Legislature to pass AB 523, such that the California Energy Commission ensures that clean  
13  energy projects funded by the EPIC program benefit disadvantaged and low-income  
14  communities; and, be it

15          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed  
16  to forward this resolution to the office of Assembly Member Eloise Gomez-Reyes, Chair of the  
17  Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee, Speaker of the Assembly and President Pro Tem  
18  of the Senate of the California State Legislature.

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