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[Exempt Photovoltaic Systems from CPUC Exit Fees]

Resolution urging the California Public Utilities Commission to exempt all solar energy systems from exit fees and pursue policies that promote solar and other renewable energy sources.

WHEREAS, The California Public Utilities Commission will soon determine if customers that generate their own electricity using solar energy systems and other clean renewable resources will be responsible for paying a share of the State's cost for long-term electricity procurement contracts through exit fees; and

WHEREAS, Imposing exit fees on customers that choose solar energy systems will significantly increase costs for customer-owned solar energy systems; and

WHEREAS, Exit fees would result in new and potentially significant barriers to further development of clean, renewable generation, contrary to policies and programs established by the California Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Solar energy helps California reduce air pollution, increase energy independence, create jobs and fight global warming; and

WHEREAS, California should be doing everything possible to encourage rather than penalize customers who seek to install solar energy systems; and

WHEREAS, California represents 60% of the nation's market for solar panels and plays a critical role in the growth of solar energy; and

WHEREAS, The California Legislature recently enacted and Governor Gray Davis signed a Renewsable Portfolio Standard (RPS) bill (SB 1078) requiring California to generate 20 percent of its electricity from renewable energy no later than 2017; and

WHEREAS, Imposing exit fees on customers who install solar energy systems will hinder rather than assist in meeting California's RPS goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California Public Utilities Commission to exempt all solar energy systems from exit fees and pursue policies that promote solar and other renewable energy resources; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to send a copy of this resolution to the California Public Utilities Commission.



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February 11, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval
Excused: 1 - Ammiano

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 11, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.