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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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April 04, 2017 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Tang and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/4/2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

4/14/2017

Mayor

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Clerk of the Board