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[Urging the United States Congress to Oppose the Protecting Americans from Credit Entanglements Act of 2017]

Resolution urging the United States Congress not to pass the Protecting Americans from Credit Entanglements Act of 2017 as it would undermine consumer protections, an essential component to Property Assessed Clean Energy programs.

WHEREAS, San Francisco has long led the way in taking action against climate change by implementing successful energy efficiency and renewable energy programs; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is internationally renowned for following through on ambitious climate action strategies by setting and meeting climate goals; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's current climate goal is to derive 50% of the state's electricity from renewable resources by 2030; and

WHEREAS, In California, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) has been approved by more than 450 local communities because of its wide range of environmental and economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, Over 100,000 homeowners have used PACE to finance highly effective energy and water-saving improvements; and

WHEREAS, Home upgrade funding by PACE are estimated to save enough energy to supply over 1.3 million California households with electricity and reduce carbon emissions that are equivalent to taking more than 800,000 passenger vehicles off the road for one year, over the duration of the products' useful life; and

WHEREAS, PACE-financed water-conserving retrofits are projected to save 8.6 billion gallons of water, while helping homeowners reduce their utility bills; and

WHEREAS, PACE is generating positive economic benefits through local economic stimulus, increased home values, and creation of local jobs that cannot be outsourced or automated; and

WHEREAS, Under San Francisco's PACE program, GreenFinanceSF, the city alone has saved over \$4 million in utility bills, 3.68 million KWHs from energy efficiency measures, reduced carbon emissions equivalent to taking 1,300 cars off the road for one year, and created jobs for our local economy; and

WHEREAS, Setbacks in PACE funding, which has been instrumental in making solar roof expansion feasible, will make it tremendously more difficult to reach that goal; and

WHEREAS, We strongly urge Congress to take into account the following principles before voting on the Protecting Americans from Credit Entanglements Act of 2017; these principles will help to ensure that people will be able to continue using PACE programs to finance water and energy-saving improvements; and

WHEREAS, We urge Congress to allow continued use of property tax assessments and municipal bonds, as these are important tools local governments utilize in order to enable PACE programs. Restrictions on these key mechanisms will severely hinder efforts to continue successful iterations of PACE funding; and

WHEREAS, We urge Congress to ensure local government programs have appropriate consumer protections, as Congress should defer to local control and state-enacted consumer protections instead of overly burdensome federal regulations that are not tailored to local communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That funding from PACE programs are instrumental in enabling solar roof expansion and meeting San Francisco's goal of reaching 100% renewable energy by 2030; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, We encourage Congress to consider the implications of this legislation and look forward to a responsible legislative process that considers a meaningful alternative that would truly help PACE and protect consumers; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the United States Congress to Oppose the Protecting Americans from Credit Entanglements Act of 2017.

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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors of Mayor SAN TEANUTS

Time stamp hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one)? IN JUL 18 FM 4: 30 or meeting date 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment). 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. inquiries" 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor 5. City Attorney Request. from Committee. 6. Call File No. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission Building Inspection Commission Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Supervisor Mark Farrell Subject: Resolution - Urging the United States Congress to Oppose the Protecting Americans from Credit Entanglements Act of 2017 The text is listed: Attached.

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