



CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Council Member Marty Campbell  
**COPIES TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, Interim City Manager; Executive Leadership Team; file  
**SUBJECT:** Residential Solar  
**DATE:** April 4, 2017

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**ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

**The following item will be scheduled on the agenda of the earliest available Study Session:**

I respectfully propose the City Council approve a resolution asking that the Tacoma Public Utilities Board of Directors (TPU Board) write a plan to increase the use of residential solar in the City of Tacoma. This plan should address economic inequality and ensure an equitable increase in the number of residential solar users from all income levels. I request the TPU Board be ready to present this plan to a Study Session of the Tacoma City Council no later than October 1, 2017.

**BRIEF BACKGROUND:**

Solar energy is a sustainable way to deliver electricity to private homes but can involve significant costs, particularly at installation. These systems derive clean, pure energy directly from the sun and help reduce our society's dependence on fossil fuels. With high installation costs, low-income Tacomans often times do not have easy access to the benefits of residential solar, leaving this technology inequitably dispersed throughout our community.

**FUNDING REQUEST:**

None

*Marty Campbell*

**SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Marty Campbell

**SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES OPTIONAL)**

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