



**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

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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