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Mayor and City Councilmembers,

In December, 2025, the City Council adopted the Optimized Strategic Plan which requires 20MW of local, municipally owned solar by 2030. As stated in the Optimized Strategic Plan (OSP), municipally-owned solar is the most equitable form of solar and so we as PASADENA 100 stand strongly behind this goal. We greatly appreciate the recent progress of 0.6MW of municipal solar being approved by the City Council using existing Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds and an alternative delivery method to ensure fast-paced progress on achieving this goal.

Despite this early achievement, we still have a long way to go to achieve our goal. **The 2026 CIP is the last opportunity for the city to appropriate the funds needed to build the remaining 19.4MW of municipal solar required by the OSP and at this time does not include sufficient appropriations.**

Importantly, **projects that begin prior to July 2026 will receive at least a 30% direct cash payment option from the federal government as a result of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). If utilized, this 30% discount on the project could save the city tens of millions of dollars.** Acting on implementing these municipal solar projects immediately will unequivocally save the city & ratepayers money.

We urge you to use this opportunity to provide direction to Pasadena Water and Power and Public Works to begin the process to request the necessary funds to acquire the remaining 19.4MW of municipally owned solar by December 2030, and urge immediate project formulation to claim the substantial benefits currently enacted through the IRA

In solidarity,
Sam Berndt
On behalf of PASADENA 100