



City Council

Special Recognition - Olympia Community Solar Solarize Thurston Campaign

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Recognize the launch of the solar group-purchasing program, Solarize Thurston.

Report

Issue:

Whether to recognize the launch of the solar group-purchasing program, Solarize Thurston.

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Background and Analysis:

Through Sept. 1, 2021, Thurston County residents and businesses can access solar at prices more than 25 percent below market rates through the solar group-purchasing program Solarize Thurston. The program will support 50 Thurston County homes and businesses in installing clean energy. The program will also support energy equity: For every 50 kilowatts installed, solar capacity will be donated through the program to low-income families.

Solarize Thurston will help make it easier to install solar energy on homes and business and is consistent with the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan strategy to increase the production of local renewable energy. Shifting the production of electricity from fossil fuels to renewable sources like wind and solar is one of the most important steps to reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions.

The Solarize Thurston group-purchasing program is provided through a partnership between Olympia Community Solar, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit, and CapStone Solar, a local solar energy installer.

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Attachments:

None