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Hi Shelia,

I, respectfully, would like the following be read at today's CEA workshop under Item #1:

In seeking both local projects and working toward greater social equity, I'd like the CEA board to consider community solar. This type of program can lead to greater equity for renters and lower-income community members, by crafting a community solar program that enables customers to check an extra box on their CEA power bill that adds a small additional fee. That fee is used to buy shares in new medium-scale solar projects built in the service community by the CEA and local labor. As consumers accumulate shares, their power fees are offset using virtual net metering, and their bills go down. These solar projects could include arrays built on leased commercial rooftops or solar canopies built over leased parking lots. They can be continually funded and expanded through the on-the-bill purchasing program, keeping the CEA's ownership minimal. The CEA could also choose to do the same with community electric storage. This will enable more community members to benefit from owning the infrastructure while they help to protect our environment and invest in our community. Financiers can attest that solar investments have a strong return. Locally-sited community solar can help fill in all the spaces that are missing solar here in our cities, and share in making power cleaner and cheaper for everyone.

Thank you.

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