



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC# 347-2015

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: September 4, 2015

SUBJECT: **CITY OF AVENTURA RESOLUTION**

Attached for your information is Resolution No. 2015-52, adopted by the Mayor and City Commission of Aventura on September 1, 2015.

A Resolution Of The City Of Aventura, Florida, Encouraging The Florida Legislature To Remove Barriers To Customer-Sited Solar Power; Providing For An Effective Date.

The City of Aventura has requested that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Miami Beach Mayor and Commissioners.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at 305.673.7411.

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Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO CUSTOMER-SITED SOLAR POWER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, solar power generates electricity with zero air emissions and no water use, thereby moving the County, State, and Country to a cleaner and more sustainable energy future; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has enormous potential for rooftop solar power, but has not yet focused on the realization for such potential; and

WHEREAS, the current law expressly denies citizens and businesses the freedom to purchase solar power electricity directly from someone other than a power company; and

WHEREAS, allowing non-utility solar providers to provide solar generated electricity, through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), directly to customers can remove the upfront cost for solar power systems to homeowners and expand solar power options to residential and commercial tenants, thereby expanding the choice for solar power to all Floridians; and

WHEREAS, as a Green Local Government, the Aventura City Commission would like to express its support of initiatives that support and encourage the use of solar power;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The City Commission of the City of Aventura hereby urges the Florida Legislature to remove barriers that limit the sale of solar-generated electricity directly to the customer by anyone other than a power company, so long it does not preempt municipal ordinances designed to protect the public health, safety and welfare, complies with utility tax and franchise fee agreements, and does not impede on a municipality's home rule authority.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit an electronic copy of this Resolution to the Florida Legislature, Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, all municipalities in Miami-Dade County, the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, and the Florida League of Cities.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Weinberg, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shelley, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Teri Holzberg	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Denise Landman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Marc Narotsky	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Robert Shelley	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Howard Weinberg	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Enbar Cohen	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Enid Weisman	<u>Yes</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st day of September, 2015.

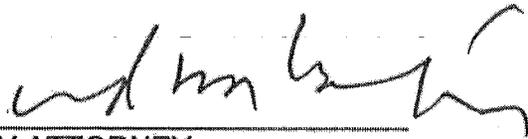



ENID WEISMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:


ELLISA L. HORVATH, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


CITY ATTORNEY