

February 16, 2016

Dear Mayor Garcetti,

As Los Angeles neighborhood council members, we urge you to reach and exceed the local solar targets you've established for our city.

Thank you for your history of leadership on solar energy. Your Sustainable City pLAN's upper-range goal to achieve 1500 MW of installed local solar PV by 2025 is a good baseline target, and sets a minimum standard that should be built upon. With California's Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act mandate to achieve 50 percent renewable energy by 2030, we believe Los Angeles should continue to set a bold example to reach these goals through clean, local solar power.

By committing Los Angeles to expand solar power, we are investing in a virtually limitless energy source with no fuel costs. Furthermore, the price of solar has dropped more than 50 percent since 2011, making it an affordable and viable energy source for local electricity consumers. Most importantly, solar growth provides local jobs. More than 75,000 Californians work in the solar industry as of 2015, a 38 percent increase over 2014, and more than in any other state.

For the sake of our environment, our health, and our economy, we ask that you hold strong to the pLAN's solar targets as a minimum goal, and take every opportunity to push for a more ambitious local solar goal, and we pledge our support to help hit and exceed this goal.

Please continue to push for stronger goals for local solar power in Los Angeles to keep our city a clean energy leader.

Sincerely,