Resolution 2021-11 in Support of Enhanced Access to Rooftop Solar and Net Metering
Adopted Nov. 18, 2021

WHEREAS, Over the past two decades, over one million Californians have invested in rooftop solar to combat climate change, lower energy bills, and invest in local communities; and

WHEREAS, The State of California encouraged these investments via policies like net metering, which lets solar users share their extra energy with their neighbors for a bill credit and today rooftop solar, often paired with battery storage, is an increasingly affordable investment embraced by working class communities as a common and increasingly affordable solution to wildfires, blackouts, and rate increases; and

WHEREAS, Net metering and, therefore, rooftop solar is at risk of being jeopardized by California's investor-owned utilities, who are opposed to the growth of rooftop solar and storage because it threatens their business model, which depends on building an ever bigger and more expensive grid at the expense of ratepayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee (SMCDCC) calls on the Governor and California Public Utilities Commission to maintain growth in rooftop solar as means to combat climate change and grid resiliency; prioritize equity by investing in rooftop solar and storage for low-income residents and disadvantaged communities; standardize rooftop solar and battery storage in new construction by 2030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SMCDCC calls on the Governor and California Public Utilities Commission to reject any proposals by investor-owned utilities or organizations to reduce financial savings or impose new fees on solar users that collectively would set back California's climate change and environmental justice goals, consign the public to annual power outages, reduce customer bill savings, and harm access to solar energy by lower-income ratepayers.

Introduced by the SMCDCC Climate Committee
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