

RESOLUTION NO. 22-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE BROWARD SOLAR CO-OP; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE IN-KIND SUPPORT FOR INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS AND OUTREACH ON THE CO-OP AND ALLOWING THE CITY TO BE IDENTIFIED AS A PARTNER OF THE BROWARD SOLAR CO-OP; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, as a city on the front lines of climate change, it is imperative that the City of Fort Lauderdale ("City") join communities across the globe in the effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lessen those impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City has set goals to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2040 in government operations and by 2050 in the community; and

WHEREAS, increased use of renewable energy, particularly rooftop solar photovoltaic systems, will be a key part of the efforts to achieve those net-zero goals; and

WHEREAS, there is growing interest from homeowners in the City in installing solar panels on their homes, to reduce their energy bills, generate pollution-free renewable energy, and to be resilient to storms; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Florida ("State") and in other parts of the country, neighborhood solar purchasing co-ops have been created through entities such as Solar United Neighborhoods ("SUN"), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; and

WHEREAS, solar purchasing co-ops are voluntary groups that use bulk buying power to make solar panels or other solar infrastructure more affordable and accessible to the members of solar co-ops; and

WHEREAS, solar purchasing co-ops may also offer technical expertise and individualized assistance to property owners who are interested in solar power; and

WHEREAS, SUN has established over 70 solar purchasing co-ops in the State since 2016, including co-ops in Broward County, Miami-Dade County, Sarasota County, Orange County, St. Petersburg, and the Space Coast region; and

WHEREAS, this Commission wishes to support the Broward Solar Co-op and to provide venues and other in-kind support for informational meetings and outreach on the Co-op and for the City to be identified as a partner of the Co-op, including use of the City name and logo for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby expresses its support for the Broward Solar Co-op.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, directs the City Manager or Manager's designee to provide venues and other in-kind support for informational meetings and outreach on the Co-op throughout the City, and to allow the City to be identified as a partner of the Broward Solar Co-op, including use of the City name and logo for that purpose.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage and adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

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