



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: July 17, 2001
TO: Board of Supervisors
SUMMARY:

Overview

Sunshine is one of San Diego's most precious resources. Our sunny weather adds to our quality of life and makes our region a world-renowned tourist destination. Now our famous sunshine may also help us do something more to enhance our energy independence.

Due to the energy crisis that California is currently experiencing, this Board of Supervisors is actively seeking ways to assist the public with obtaining reliable and economical energy. Part of the solution is to help make alternative energy sources -- like solar photovoltaic systems which convert the sun's radiation into electric power -- more viable. Our climate and the rising costs of traditional energy sources make installation of solar photovoltaic energy systems a reliable and environmentally friendly alternative that San Diego residents should consider for their homes and businesses.

This letter proposes to encourage use of photovoltaic energy systems by directing the Chief Administrative Officer to eliminate the fees for obtaining permits for solar photovoltaic energy systems, and to streamline the process for plan review and building permits.

Recommendation(s)

SUPERVISOR ROBERTS:

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to do the following:

1. Draft an ordinance amending the County Administrative Code to eliminate the building permit fee for photovoltaic electrical installations;
2. Review current County regulations and procedures in order to streamline the permitting process for photovoltaic electrical installations;

Fiscal Impact

Business Impact Statement

Advisory Board Statement

BACKGROUND:

Sincerely,

DIANNE JACOB

Supervisor 2ND District

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

CONCURRENCE(S)

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW Yes

Written disclosure per County Charter § 1000.1 required? Yes No

GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR Yes N/A

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER Yes N/A

Requires Four Votes Yes No

GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION

TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR Yes N/A

CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER Yes N/A

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES Yes N/A

Other Concurrence(s):

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