

**MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO
THE LOS ANGELES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

SUBJECT: Allow Use of Solar Power at District Schools

DATE NOTICED: 10-14-08

PRESENTED FOR ACTION: 10-28-08

PRESENTED BY: Ms. Galatzan,
Dr. Vladovic, Ms. Korenstein

MOVED/SECONDED BY: Ms. Galatzan
Ms. Flores Aguilar

MOTION:

RESOLUTION: x

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District is one of the two largest customers of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP);

Whereas, The current expiring electricity supply agreement with the LADWP prohibited the installation of any on-site electrical generation systems, including solar photovoltaic systems, in District schools and sites in the LADWP service territory;

Whereas, On-site renewable electrical energy generation systems can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

Whereas, New school sites are being built with the infrastructure to accommodate future installation of solar panels;

Whereas, Existing schools that have the structural capabilities to support solar panels should be used when feasible;

Whereas, These systems can serve as educational tools for science, mathematics, and economics for students at all levels;

Whereas, The use of renewable energy equipment also reduces the United States dependence on foreign sources of energy, and is an important strategy in the process of creating a truly secure and sustainable energy future;

Whereas, Recent price reductions in renewable energy systems, in combination with State-Sponsored Utility Incentives, provide improved economic benefits and returns on investment;

Whereas, The District's current electricity supply agreement with the LADWP is expected to expire on November 27, 2008;

Whereas, The District is seeking to renew the electricity supply agreement with LADWP to provide mutual benefits, including lower utility costs for the District, and facilitate the LADWP reaching its renewable energy goals;

Whereas, LADWP has not yet agreed to the District's request to renew the electricity supply agreement that maintains reduced electricity rates; and

Whereas, The District has a mandate to increase graduation rates and protect classrooms from the financial crisis in California, and must exhaust every opportunity to maximize fiscal resources; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District requests that the Superintendent instruct staff to continue ongoing negotiations with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to extend a supply contract discount, including an agreement to encourage through acceptance and improved incentives, the installation of solar energy and any other type of renewable energy sources at school sites and District facilities within their service area; and be it

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Resolved further, That the District investigate all possibilities for government incentives for installation of environmentally healthier and beneficial generation of energy to offset expenses.

AYES **NOES** **ABSTAIN** **ABSENT**

Ms. Canter				x
Ms. Korenstein	x			
Ms. LaMotte	x			
Dr. Vladovic				x
Ms. Galatzan	x			
Ms. Flores Aguilar	x			
Ms. Garcia	x			
TOTAL	5			2

ACTION: ADOPTED