

# YES ON H • CAMPAIGN FOR SOLAR NEIGHBORHOODS

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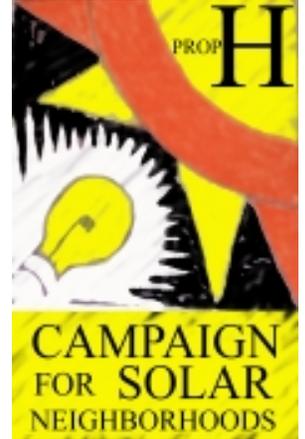
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## Want solar power on your roof ? Protection from the next wave of blackouts?

**PROPOSITION H** is a city charter amendment which will give San Francisco's Board of Supervisors the long-term ability to make solar power and other clean energy technologies affordable for residents, businesses and government facilities. Community buying power will allow wholesale purchasing, getting the best possible deal for all.

Why? Because SF needs clean local power now. In addition to wild changes in prices and rolling blackouts, San Franciscans have an inadequate supply of locally-generated electricity. With only one transmission corridor connecting The City to the state power grid, we could face prolonged blackouts in an earthquake or other disaster. By building a citywide network of solar power on homes, businesses and government buildings, we provide more reliable energy, price stability, and security against blackouts.

Let's not forget the environment. **Electricity generation is the largest single cause of Global Warming.** City governments have been repeatedly challenged to take the lead in tackling this problem, but generally lack the means to act decisively. **San Francisco has found the will to move aggressively on a new energy direction. PROPOSITION H will provide the way.**



## San Francisco 50 Megawatt Solar Power Facility, Largest in the World

San Francisco Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano, Local Power, and a group of consumer and environmental organizations have proposed legislation that the city and county of San Francisco build a **50 Megawatt "San Francisco Solar Power Facility"** on rooftops of the sunnier neighborhoods of San Francisco. PROP H was written to finance this project.

The SF Solar Power Facility will cover the city's rooftops with 100 football fields of solar panels, creating a local power plant six times the size of the world's largest solar network (Sacramento at 8 Megawatts; Prop B is now proposing 10 MW on SF government buildings). It will meet 5% of the community's peak electricity load, 10% of base load, and will significantly reduce the city's contribution to Global Warming, of which the electric industry is the largest cause. Prop H can also be used for conservation, energy efficiency and wind power development.

Because the equipment pays for itself, revenue bonds which do not raise taxes can be used for financing the projects. The city already decides on revenue bonds for traditional public works like sewer improvements; PROP H will redefine green energy technology as a public works project to clean up the city's energy supply, much as sewers cleaned America's water supply after the Cholera epidemics of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Given that the Kyoto Treaty's target requires much more than 50MW over the next ten years, it is critical that we make a commitment to change by voting to give The City authority in its charter to finance these projects at will, just like other public works.

**San Francisco will offer residents and businesses wishing to purchase solar installations for their buildings (1) significant volume discounts, and (2) low-interest financing from revenue bonds. This will replace prohibitive up-front costs of conventional solar installations with an affordable lease-to-own program.**

### Think the Energy Crisis is Over? 2001-2002 Calendar of Energy Crisis

**September 2001.** PG&E's Bankruptcy Plan would liquidate the company, sell the remaining hydro and nuclear plants to unregulated affiliates, allowing price gouging in Summer 2002. Legislature banned such sales but PG&E executives say the court can override state law. We are still awaiting the court's decision.

**Sunday Oct. 14 2001** Governor Davis vetoed the only progressive bills passed by the legislature in the second extraordinary session of 2001, including the near-unanimously passed COMMUNITY CHOICE bill AB9xx by Carole Migden which would allow communities to control their energy service, and SAN DIEGO's MUD bill.

**Nov. 6, 2001** San Franciscans vote on public power (F & I) and solar power (H & B).

**March 2002** electric rate caps will be lifted for the first time... Do you know what your electric bill will be?

### Want to Learn More? Get Involved?

Learn about Local Power's 50MW SF Solar Power Plant, Berkeley Pier Wind Project, Marin County Renewable Power Facility and Community Choice Bill ab9xx.... Call Paul Fenn at Local Power

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The World is Getting HOT. Let's Bring Solar Power to San Francisco. YES ON PROPOSITION H.