

1 EXHIBIT 1
2 RESOLUTION NO. 22 -

3 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF
4 THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, STRONGLY
5 OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1024 AND COMPANION BILL
6 HOUSE BILL 741 IN THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE WHICH
7 SEEK TO DECIMATE NET ENERGY METERING AND THE
8 EXPANSION OF ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY; AND PROVIDING
9 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

10 WHEREAS, Net Energy Metering ("NEM") is designed to support the installation of
11 customer-sited renewable energy generation; and

12 WHEREAS, NEM allows electricity customers to generate power themselves with
13 rooftop solar and offset it against the electricity they buy from their utility and then they can
14 ultimately save money on their utility bills and receive bill credits for excess solar power
15 generated they don't use and is then shared with the power grid to serve nearby customers; and

16 WHEREAS, NEM is what has allowed solar to become increasingly accessible to low
17 and moderate income households in Florida and empowers Floridians to have choices in how
18 they receive and pay for electricity; and

19 WHEREAS, Florida is one of 47 states in the United States that allow homeowners and
20 business owners to produce power and sell it back to the energy grid and providers; and

21 WHEREAS, the rooftop solar industry supports sustained economic development
22 throughout the State by generating over \$18 billion to the Florida's economy and net metering
23 supports over 40,500 direct and indirect jobs in Florida;¹ and

24 WHEREAS, the Florida solar industry has the second largest solar workforce in the
25 United States provides over 11,000 direct jobs, as reported by the 11th Annual National Solar
26 Jobs Census^{2,3}; and

¹ The Washington Economics Group, Inc., on behalf of Conservatives for Clean Energy Florida, "The Comprehensive Economic Development Impacts of the Rooftop Solar Power Industry on the State of Florida," November 2, 2021, <https://www.cleanenergyconservatives.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/CCE-Rooftop-Solar-Report-November-2021-1.pdf>

² <https://irecusa.org/resources/national-solar-jobs-census-2020/>

³ <https://www.seia.org/state-solar-policy/florida-solar>

27 **WHEREAS**, Senate Bill (“SB”) 1024⁴, and its related bill, House Bill (“HB”) 741⁵, have
28 been filed for consideration during the 2021 Florida State Legislative Session; and

29 **WHEREAS**, these proposals, as introduced, would slash the credits that customers
30 receive for sharing their excess electricity with the power grid, thereby making customer-sited
31 renewable energy more expensive, increasing the amount of time it takes for customers to pay
32 off their solar systems, and significantly diminishing the installation of distributed solar in Florida;
33 and

34 **WHEREAS**, many in the solar industry, homeowners, and providers oppose legislation
35 that restricts the expansion of rooftop solar in Florida and organizations in opposition include but
36 are not limited to the League of Women Voters Florida, Florida Conservation Voters, the
37 Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Solar United Neighbors, Catalyst Miami, the CLEO
38 Institute, and Vote Solar; and

39 **WHEREAS**, Environmental and Climate Justice Chair of the Florida NAACP Florida
40 State Conference, Lewis Jennings, wrote “Power companies’ attack on home-based solar
41 energy demonstrates their continued insistence that their customers rely on outdated,
42 dangerous sources of energy that put Florida closer to the devastating consequences of climate
43 change. That poses an even greater threat to minorities and disadvantaged communities, as
44 they will experience the first and worst damage from the warming climate. For the sake of these
45 vulnerable communities, Florida must ensure that important clean energy policies are preserved
46 and advanced. The Legislature should stop this unfair, unwanted attack on net metering and the
47 Florida communities who benefit from it.”⁶; and

48 **WHEREAS**, the City of Hallandale Beach cannot meet its clean energy goals with utility
49 scale solar alone; and

50 **WHEREAS**, expanding access to rooftop solar in the City of Hallandale Beach will
51 support resiliency, provide environmental and public health benefits by reducing air emissions,
52 lessen the impacts of the climate crisis, avoid the need to build costly power generation, add

⁴ <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/1024>

⁵ <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/741>

⁶ Jennings, Lewis. “An attack on solar net metering threatens Florida’s disadvantaged communities | Opinion.” *Sun Sentinel*, 26 December 2021, <https://www.sun-sentinel.com/opinion/commentary/fl-op-com-invading-sea-net-metering-solar-low-income-20211226-xp6fcy2nmbghlpczlykw5i2rsa-story.html>.

value directly to the local economy by supporting local job creation, and contribute to the achievement of reliability and clean energy goals; and

WHEREAS, we are in a climate change crisis and need to make the transition to clean energy more accessible and affordable for everyday Floridians with every tool possible which includes rooftop solar.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The City Commission of Hallandale Beach urges the Florida Legislature to oppose Senate Bill 1024, House Bill 741, or similar legislation that would decimate net energy metering and the expansion of rooftop solar energy in Florida.

Section. 3 The City Commission of Hallandale Beach supports expanding clean energy access by making it easier, not harder, for Floridians to adopt rooftop solar in all communities and households, particularly those struggling to pay for electricity.

Section 4. The City Commission of Hallandale Beach directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, Senator Jennifer Bradley, Representative Lawrence McClure, Representative Alex Andrade, the Florida Public Service Commission, the Broward State Legislative Delegation, and the Broward League of Cities.

Section 5. The City Commission of Hallandale Beach directs the City’s state lobbyists to advocate against the legislation above and authorizes amending the 2022 State Legislative Package to include this item.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 19th day of January, 2022.

JOY F. COOPER, MAYOR

SPONSORED BY: COMMISSIONER SABRINA JAVELLANA

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