

Office of the Mayor
City & County of San Francisco



Gavin Newsom

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Members, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
San Francisco City Hall
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear Supervisors,

I write to communicate that I have withdrawn the ballot measure establishing a solar incentive program that I submitted for the June Ballot due to the Board's passage of an ordinance establishing this program at its last meeting. I am thankful the Board has passed on first reading this program to provide financial incentives for residents and businesses to install solar on their rooftops. I look forward to signing this legislation after it passes a second reading on March 4, 2008.

These incentive programs have demonstrated great success on a statewide basis and I expect that we will see a similar increase in solar rooftops here in San Francisco. This program will allow us to increase our solar portfolio more quickly than we are currently able to because it will leverage state and federal resources as well as residents and business' own investments. This program will complement current large-scale PUC projects and other city efforts to expand solar, including the issuance of a Request for Proposals for Community Choice Aggregation.

I look forward to working with Board members to ensure that this program expands our city's renewable energy portfolio and delivers on the promise of creating green collar jobs for graduates of our workforce development programs.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom,
Mayor