



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 56

RESOLUTION

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Introduced by the Administration on June 19, 2019

Supports and encourages the implementation of solar power to the maximum extent possible and calls on the state legislature to support and pass HB531.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is a signatory to the Mayor's National Climate Action Agenda, which commits to upholding the emissions goals of the Paris Agreement on climate change, even if the United States withdraws from the agreement; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2017, City Council passed Resolution No. 29527, supporting a national Carbon Fee and Dividend Policy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Allentown is committed to continuing fighting climate change and to protecting Allentown residents from the effects of climate change and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, climate change can pose a serious threat to the City of Allentown and its population in terms of the economy, public health, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, climate change can result in more frequent heat waves, more severe storms and increased precipitation, causing flooding, increased storm water, and wind damage to structures, thereby threatening the City's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, increased solar power in the City of Allentown can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change; and

WHEREAS, community solar creates exciting new markets and encourages entrepreneurship by dramatically expanding opportunities for neighbors, businesses, other community members to participate and benefit from a solar project connected to the electric grid in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of community solar power can provide access to solar power by all individual within city limits regardless of homeowner status or location; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Allentown City Council supports and encourages the implementation of solar power to the maximum extent reasonably possible and calls on the state legislature to support and pass **HB531**. Copies of the resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and all members of the General Assembly.