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CALSSA comments on the feasibility of solar for condominium units

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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Subject: Comments on Docket 22-BSTD-01 – Feasibility of solar for condominium units

Dear California Energy Commissioners and staff:

As the Energy Commission determines the requirements for community solar programs in the 2025 Energy Code, the California Solar & Storage Association would like to voice our support to allow owners of units in multifamily buildings (e.g. condominiums) to unenroll from the community solar program and install on-site solar. Owners of units install solar frequently and throughout the state. These owners should have the option to unenroll from the community solar program in order to realize the benefits of on-site solar for themselves and the community.

We would like to share Section 4746 of the California Civil Code, which lays out the legal protections for owners of units in multifamily buildings to install solar. Assembly Bill 634 added Section 4746 to the Civil Code in 2017. Assembly bill 634 is available via hyperlink <u>here</u>. The full URL is available here:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB634

Additionally, we would like to call the Commission's attention to Section 714.1 of the Civil Code, also available via AB 634, which establishes the restrictions homeowners associations, which include condominiums, can place on on-site solar development.

We hope the Commission finds these code references helpful and concludes that unit unenrollment from community solar programs is feasible for the 2025 Energy Code.

Sincerely,

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