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To: Mayor Todd Gloria

Subject: **Support for SB 868 (Plug Into the Sun Act)**

The City of San Diego Climate Advisory Board (CAB) respectfully recommends that the City express formal support for SB 868, the “Plug Into the Sun Act,” which would enable the safe use of small plug-in solar systems (“**balcony solar**”) in California.

Supporting SB 868 is consistent with the City of San Diego’s State Legislative Platform, including priorities to advance Climate Action Plan (CAP) implementation, expand access to clean energy, promote environmental justice, and improve energy affordability.

SB 868 expands access to solar energy for residents not well served by traditional rooftop solar—particularly renters and those in multifamily housing—by enabling standardized, plug-in systems that avoid complex permitting and interconnection barriers.

This approach supports City priorities by:

- **Expanding equitable access to clean energy** for renters and multifamily households
- **Reducing costs and barriers** to participation in distributed energy
- **Providing incremental bill savings** for households facing high energy burdens

SB 868 represents a pragmatic, scalable step toward more inclusive clean energy adoption. Supporting this legislation would help advance the City’s adopted climate and equity goals while enabling more San Diegans to participate directly in the clean energy transition.

The Climate Advisory Board respectfully recommends that the City of San Diego support SB 868 and communicate that support to the State Legislature.

Respectfully,

City of San Diego Climate Advisory Board

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