



# AB 1990 (FONG): **SOLAR FOR ALL**

## **GREEN JOBS**

Trained community members are ready to work. The only thing missing is the jobs.

## **CLEAN AIR**

Communities suffering from the dirtiest air deserve clean air from green energy resources.

## **ALL NEIGHBORHOODS**

Everyone should have the opportunity to benefit from the green economy.

## **THE PROBLEM:**

### **We Need New and Larger Solar Programs for Most Vulnerable Communities**

Many of California's most vulnerable communities have not seen the benefits of our booming green economy, yet have suffered the most from the health effects of nearby power plants & dirty energy industries. Meanwhile, high unemployment and high poverty rates continue to soar. Disadvantaged communities deserve to be part of the green economy too. An existing small successful program, called MASH and SASH, for low-income housing is soon coming to an end. Solar for All (AB 1990) will promote development of rooftop solar in disadvantaged communities, creating real opportunities that produce new jobs, and build cleaner, safer, healthier neighborhoods.

## **THE SOLUTION:**

### **Provide Opportunities for Local Solar to Communities In Need**

Solar should not only be installed in wealthy communities—every community should benefit! Small-scale renewable energy projects create jobs, revitalize neighborhoods, and give people some control over their energy future. AB 1990 provides long-term, fixed rate payments to small scale renewable energy producers in disadvantaged communities. AB 1990's preference for local hire would provide jobs where they are most desperately needed. AB 1990 will ensure that disadvantaged communities are not left behind in the new green economy.



*"Some communities have solar on all rooftops...", "Some don't."*

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- Establishes a 375 Megawatt Feed in Tariff ("FiT") program for disadvantaged communities in California
- A FiT provides long-term, fixed-rate payments to renewable energy producers to help finance solar installations and cover maintenance costs.
- The program would support at least 1000 solar projects on both commercial and multi-family residential rooftops, ranging in size up to 500 kw.
- AB 1990 includes a preference for local hiring

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### California Environmental Justice Alliance

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CEJA is a statewide coalition of grassroots, environmental justice organizations. We are working to achieve environmental justice by organizing in low-income communities and communities of color – those most impacted by environmental hazards – and by pushing for policies at the federal, state, regional and local levels that protect public health and the environment.

#### CEJA member organizations:

Asian Pacific Environmental Network  
Communities for a Better Environment  
Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice  
Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment  
Environmental Health Coalition  
People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights (PODER)

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