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The Solar Foundation
600 14th St. NW #400
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Dear Philip Haddix:

This letter is to express the commitment by the City of Davis to being recognized by Solar Powering America by Recognizing Communities (SPARC) for our achievements in becoming a more solar-friendly community.

The City of Davis has a strong foundation in order to be recognized by SPARC. The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) approved in 2010, identified increasing rooftop solar installations as a priority. A goal was to produce 5% of the peak electricity used (2.6Mw) in Davis from local renewable energy sources by 2015. This goal was exceeded during the five year period by installing over 2,000 solar PV systems which generate 29.6 Mw (exceeding the 2010 goal by ten times).

In 2015, Council set a more aggressive goal for 2020 to double the number of solar roof top systems and double the output. This equates to producing an additional 21 Mw and 2,500 more systems by 2020 or 500 systems per year. In 2016, the first year of the new target, Davis exceeded our annual goal and approved more than 500 residential and commercial solar PV installations.

In 2016, the City of Davis was proud to have received the Beacon Silver Award by the Institute for Local Government and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative for our sustainability efforts including our early solar adoption efforts and on-going solar program innovations.

The City of Davis, in partnership with Cool Davis, a local non-profit organization focused on community engagement, is committed to increasing environmental sustainability, conserving natural resources and protecting the environment. With the technical assistance provided by the Solar Foundation we believe we can continue to reduce the soft costs (including permitting, planning and zoning) associated with installing solar PV systems in single family households. Cool Davis has been actively engaged in providing residential solar baseline metrics related to our goals, and in tracking on-going solar installation progress. These efforts are supported by a commitment of City staff time and resources to improve the local environment promoting solar and local renewable energy.

The Davis City Council, City of Davis staff and the community look forward to continuing our efforts to prioritize local renewable energy and to achieve recognition from the Solar Powering America by Recognizing Communities. If you have any questions regarding the City of Davis' intent to achieve recognition please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robb Davis".

Robb Davis
Mayor of Davis, California

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