



August 27, 2020

Chris Bazar, Director  
Alameda County Community Development Agency  
224 West Winton Avenue, Room 110  
Hayward, CA 94544

Re: Development and Adoption of Solar Policies

Dear Mr. Bazar,

The Livermore City Council requested at its August 10, 2020, meeting that Alameda County expeditiously develop and adopt comprehensive solar plans and policies through an open public process. This comprehensive set of policies should be adopted prior to the County taking action on any utility scale-solar facilities, including the three East County solar projects currently being considered by Alameda County: Livermore Community Solar Farm, Aramis Renewable Energy and Carlson.

The City continues to fully support renewable energy policies and projects that are necessary to adapt to Climate Change and that create sustainable, clean energy sources. In addition, renewable energy projects, including solar, help meet State renewable energy targets and support the City's adopted Climate Action Plan implementation strategies, such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

However, we urge Alameda County to develop solar policies that carefully balance development of renewable, utility-scale solar facilities with crucial City and County shared open space and agriculture preservation policies and objectives (including Measure D and City's North Livermore Urban Growth Boundary Initiative). New County solar policies are needed now to provide a clear basis for decision makers, and clarity to the public and renewable energy providers for the appropriate siting, scale and operations of large-scale solar power facilities. We look forward to collaborating with County staff on this very important issue, and City staff will be ready to provide constructive input during the public review process.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this letter, please don't hesitate to contact our Community Development Director, Paul Spence at (925) 960-4474 or our Planning Manager, Steve Stewart at (925) 960-4468 or [scstewart@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:scstewart@cityoflivermore.net), with any questions or concerns. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Marchand".

Mayor John Marchand  
City of Livermore

cc Marc Roberts, City Manager  
Paul Spence, Community Development Director  
Steve Stewart, Planning Manager  
Steve Riley, Principal Planner  
Tricia Pontau, Associate Planner  
Susan Frost, Project Coordinator