

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council adopted specific goals geared towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Resolution Nos. 20070215-023, 20140410-024, 20150604-048, and 20170817-061; and

WHEREAS, these plans also included goals to aggressively diversify Austin Energy's energy efficiency programs and extend the benefits of demand-side management (DSM) throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force was established in Resolution No. 20140828-158 to make recommendations regarding the development, design, and implementation of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs to meet the demand reduction goals of low income and low-moderate income residential customer programs; and

WHEREAS, the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force's final report recommended that Austin Energy establish the ability to allow value of solar credits from a distributed solar system on a multifamily residential property to be divided and applied to multiple residential customer accounts; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 20170817-061 directed that at least 20% of the Austin Energy DSM budget be committed to existing and potential programs for low-income and hard-to-reach markets in the multifamily and single-family areas as well as commit to enhanced incentives and programs for affordable housing projects by FY 2018; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 20170817-061 also directed the City Manager to study and possibly pilot a utility managed rooftop solar program that requires no investment from customer participants; and

WHEREAS, as Austin Energy winds down the current solar incentive programs under the capacity-based ramp down in effect since 2015, Austin Energy is developing and beginning programs geared toward expanding access to solar energy in non-traditional markets; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to target a minimum of \$1 million of the \$7.5 million fiscal year 2018 solar program budget, set forth in the most recent update to the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, toward incentives and programs to increase solar energy adoption and access for underserved markets including multifamily affordable housing, low-income residents, renters, and non-profits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to provide regular updates to the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee of the City Council, the Electric Utility Commission, and the Resource Management Commission on the implementation of an Austin Energy “Shared Solar” pilot program, which participants should be able to start by September 2018.

ADOPTED: _____, 2017 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk