

**Community Focus Statement C:** Provide greater access to important services for Homestead Valley residents and businesses

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**Action Statement C.3:** Increase the number of rooftop solar photovoltaic installations through incentive programs and financing mechanisms, changes to building and design codes to easily allow these installations, and educational campaigns about the benefits of rooftop solar.\*

**Benchmark:** Rooftop solar is easily utilized and proliferating in the Homestead Valley Communities.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** Variable depending on size of proposed projects.

| Action   | Action Leader  | Timeline     | Resources   |
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| 1. Develop a Solar Advocacy Committee.   | Champion   | Months 1 – 3 | San Bernardino Adopted Renewable Energy and Conservation Element<br><a href="http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/RenewableEnergy.aspx">http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/RenewableEnergy.aspx</a>             |
| 2. Advocate for the County to adopt building standards to require solar-ready hookups.   | Committee  | Months 1 – 3 |   |
| 3. Advocate for the County Economic Development Agency to provide local and state up-to-date information on incentive programs and financing mechanisms. | Solar Advocacy Committee   | Months 1 – 3 | San Bernardino County Building and Safety Rooftop Solar approval<br><a href="http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/BuildingSafety/SolarPermitting.aspx">http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/BuildingSafety/SolarPermitting.aspx</a> |
| 4. Ensure building height standards do not hinder rooftop solar.   | Solar Advocacy Committee   | Months 1 – 3 | DSIRE Clean Energy Programs<br><a href="http://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program?state=CA">http://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program?state=CA</a>  |
| 5. Stay informed on state and federal loan and rebate programs.  | Solar Advocacy Committee   | On-going     | Homestead Valley Community Council<br><a href="http://www.hvccsite.org/index.html">http://www.hvccsite.org/index.html</a>   |
| 6. Raise awareness and encourage incentives such as PACE programs.   | Solar Advocacy Committee, with support from solar energy companies | On-going     | San Bernardino County Economic Development Agency<br><a href="http://www.sbcountyadvantage.com/home.aspx">http://www.sbcountyadvantage.com/home.aspx</a>  |
| 7. Advertise the use of rooftop solar installations, including financing mechanisms and changes to building codes at community meetings.                 | Solar Advocacy Committee   | On-going     | Go Solar California, the California Solar Initiative<br><a href="http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/csi/index.php">http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/csi/index.php</a>   |

\*Homestead Valley Community Council supports rooftop and parking lot solar.