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THE PROBLEM:
We Need New and Larger Solar Programs for the Most Vulnerable Communities

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

THE SOLUTION:
Provide Opportunities for Local Solar to Communities in Need

Every community should benefit from solar energy! 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.
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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 kilowatts.
- AB 1990 includes a preference for local hiring

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