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****STATEMENT****

**ASSESSOR-RECORDER PHIL TING'S STATEMENT REGARDING BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS DECISION ON SOLAR LEGISLATION**

"I am pleased that after six months of tireless advocacy by the San Francisco Solar Task Force, the environmental community and myself, the city is one step closer to launching the largest municipal solar rebate program in the nation. If next week the Board of Supervisors decides to finally pass solar legislation sponsored by Supervisor Bevan Dufty to create the Solar Energy Incentive Program, legislation which provides a long-term commitment to incentivizing solar rooftop installations, San Francisco will become a leader in renewable energy.

If passed and implemented properly, the Solar Energy Incentive Program could result in 50 Megawatts of new solar power over the next 10 years -- a tenfold increase in current solar energy supply. The program would provide between \$2-5 million per year to fund solar incentives ranging from \$3,000-\$6,000 for residents, up to \$10,000 for businesses that install solar and up to \$30,000 for non-profit affordable housing. As the state's rebate program is declining and the federal income tax credit for solar is set to expire at the end of this year, the implementation of this program is very timely.

I believe it is imperative that San Francisco do everything it can to build our renewable energy resources and become more energy independent. That's why I've fought so hard over the past year to develop a plan to accelerate the pace of solar installations in the city based on a model that works. I look forward to continuing to work with solar and environmental advocates to make San Francisco the nation's solar capitol."

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