

Philip Haddix
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SPARC Technical Assistance Provider Program
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Dear Mr. Haddix:

As Deputy Director of Community Development for the City of Fremont, I am writing to demonstrate the City's commitment to participating in the Solar Powering America by Recognizing Communities (SPARC) program.

The City of Fremont is dedicated to the expansion of its local solar market. Fremont has demonstrated its commitment in numerous ways, including:

- Adoption of a solar streamlining ordinance that reduces turnaround times for small residential rooftop solar permits to three days maximum, that allows for electronic permit applications, and that requires only one inspection for permit authorization;
- Reducing residential solar permit fees;
- Participating in the Department of Energy's American Solar Transformation Initiative aimed at implementing best practices around solar: Fremont is ranked #4 out of all participating communities nationwide.

These programs have helped fuel rapid increases in solar installations in Fremont, with over 700 residential installations in the community in the past year alone.

By addressing remaining barriers to solar through the SPARC program, Fremont hopes to continue this progress. As we discussed with Zach Greene of SPARC, we are particularly interested in technical assistance the program can provide related to balancing solar access rights with other development rights.

As a participant in the SPARC program, Fremont will dedicate staff time and resources to work with SPARC representatives to address solar best practice opportunities. Similarly, the City will work, to the best of its abilities, to implement these best practices. The ultimate goal is to achieve designation through the SPARC program and lower potential barriers to solar adoption.

Sincerely,



Dan Schoenholz
Deputy Community Development Director

