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Good afternoon, Policy Board Directors –

Please find attached public comment submitted by David Lesikar related to Agenda Item 7: Approve MBCP's Value-Added Energy Programs Policy. Mr. Lesikar will address the Board on this item during the public comment period under the Consent Agenda. I'll be posting to the web momentarily as well.

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Dear Board Members:

Overall, I am very supportive of your Energy Programs Policy.

However, I do have a concern about one item on its List of Eligible Programs — “Low Income Solar + Storage” — because the annual Lazard Levelized Cost-of-Energy Analysis (November 2018[†]) clearly shows that residential rooftop solar is very much more expensive (\$/MWh; unsubsidized) than utility-scale solar or wind:

- Residential Rooftop Solar: \$160-\$267
- Utility-Scale Crystalline Solar: \$40-46
- Utility-Scale Thin-Film Solar: \$36-44
- Wind: \$29-\$56

Residential rooftop solar is even more expensive than gas peaking (\$152-\$206).

Because lowering the cost of electricity as much as feasible is one of the best ways to motivate people to switch from fossil fuels to carbon-free electricity, I believe that it would be best to avoid charging more for electricity to provide funds to subsidize installation of the most expensive source of electricity.

Sincerely,
David Lesikar
Homeowner

[†]Second page after cover page at www.lazard.com/media/450784/lazards-levelized-cost-of-energy-version-120-vfinal.pdf