

AGENDA

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

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(Chair May Alter the Agenda)

THE BOARD WILL TAKE A BRIEF RECESS BETWEEN THE WORK SESSION AND BUSINESS MEETING

9:00 A.M.

I. Opening:

A. Introductions

B. Announcements

II. Comments from the Public

Time restrictions may be imposed on public comment, dependent on the business before the Board of Commissioners. Individual comment may be limited to three minutes.

III. Review and Approve Agenda

IV. Work Session

4.1 9:00 a.m., 15 minutes – Report on eBikes from Economic Development Office – *Kathryn Duvall, Jerry Sorte, Economic Development Office*

4.2 9:15 a.m., 10 minutes – Discuss and Consider Supporting the Corvallis Benton County Economic Development Office in Creating a Statewide C-PACE Program – *Kathryn Duvall, Economic Development Office*

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BUSINESS MEETING

V. Information Sharing: (If time permits the following section will be heard. *The chief purpose of "Information Sharing" items is to allow the Board of Commissioners time and a venue to update one another of their individual activities.*)

- 5.1 Xanthippe Augerot, Chair
- 5.2 Nancy Wyse, Commissioner
- 5.3 Pat Malone, Commissioner
- 5.4 Joe Kerby, County Administrator

VI. Other

ORS 192.640(1)" . . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects."

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9:00 a.m.

- Present:** **Xanthippe Augerot**, Chair; **Pat Malone**, Commissioner; **Nancy Wyse**, Commissioner; **Joe Kerby**, County Administrator; **Vance Croney**, County Counsel
- Staff:** **Rick Crager**, Finance; **Teresa Farley**, **Joe Hahn**, BOC staff; **Nick Kurth**, Justice System Improvement Project; **Erika Milo**, BOC Recorder; **Alyssa Rash**, Public Information Officer; **Jef Van Arsdall**, Sheriff's Office; **Matt Wetherell**, Juvenile Department
- Guests:** **Kathryn Duvall**, **Kate Porsche**, **Jerry Sorte**, Corvallis-Benton County Economic Development Office; **Claire Pate**, Corvallis resident

Chair Augerot called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

I. Opening:

A. Introductions

B. Announcements

Augerot acknowledged that Benton County is on historic lands of the Kalapuya, Alsea, and Klickitat peoples. Descendants of the Kalapuya and Alsea peoples live in the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians. County residents seek to honor those peoples' stewardship of the land in decision-making.

II. Comments from the Public

No comments were offered.

III. Review and Approve Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda under VI. Other:

Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) – Labor Negotiations and ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Estate

IV. Work Session

4.1 Report on E-bicycles from Economic Development Office – Kathryn Duvall, Jerry Sorte, Corvallis-Benton Economic Development Office (CBEDO)

Sorte described the CBEDO e-bicycle instant rebate program, one of the first in the area. CBEDO received a \$60,000 grant from Pacific Power's Electric Mobility Grant Program, intended to bring money into the local economy and increase use of the technology. Participating stores are Corvallis Electric Bicycles, Peak Sports, Bike and Hike, and Corvallis Cyclery. Eligible individuals must be part of a family that makes 80% or less of the area's annual median income, residential customers of Pacific Power (PP), and at least 18 years of age. CBEDO received 60 applications and has issued 18 rebates. Participants shop at participating stores, with up to \$1,200 deducted at time of sale from the price of an e-bicycle, helmet, bicycle lock, and

safety vest. There have been 10 sales to date. Demand has increased since the pandemic began; it is hard to get enough bicycles in the price range in stock locally.

Duvall explained CBEDO is partnering with Cascades West Council of Governments to survey participants who have owned the e-bicycles less than three months; follow-up surveys to be performed every three months. People are enthusiastic about the program, reporting using bicycles more than cars (another program objective) and having improved health, energy, and strength. The only reported down side is that some areas are hard to navigate on a bicycle.

Sorte presented a video made with PP to highlight programs funded under this grant, including electric bicycles, tractors, and buses. Electric mobility offers independence, reduces emissions, and connects with renewable energy. Sorte added that CBEDO will track results and adapt the program as needed.

The Board praised the program. Wyse asked if electric tractors would be available in Benton County in the near future.

Duvall replied the tractors are a pilot project in eastern Oregon, but there is interest in other areas.

Augerot noted that local company Carts and Tools works on small-scale electric tractors.

Kerby asked about remaining grant funds.

Sorte replied there are enough funds for 50 rebates. CBEDO will likely do a second round to encourage more applications, provided sufficient e-bicycles are available. Grant funds must be spent by June 2022; CBEDO may request an extension if necessary.

4.2 Discuss and Consider Supporting the Corvallis-Benton County Economic Development Office in Creating a Statewide C-PACE Program – *Kathryn Duvall, CBEDO*

Duvall explained that Commercial Property-Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) is a program for commercial property owners to secure financing for energy upgrades and renewable energy installations. The City of Portland/ Multnomah County program also finances seismic retrofits. This entails an agreement between the property owner, a financing agency, and the C-PACE administrator. Currently the only program in Oregon is in Portland. The program is similar to a local improvement district: the property owner secures funding, and if the building is sold, funding transfers to the new owner, allowing the owner to pay back projects over a 20-30 year period. Local climate groups and the City of Corvallis Climate Action Advisory Board asked CBEDO to consider creating a local City or County program. The group concluded a single statewide program would be much more efficient, providing more financing opportunities, allowing more people to use the program, and reducing costs with a single administrator. CBEDO is contacting other counties and cities, including the City of Salem, with support from Portland partners and interest from the City of Bend and Deschutes County. Benton County support will help further the process.

Porsche added that the Corvallis City Council supports the effort. CBEDO seeks support in the form of sign-ons.

Augerot asked where the program would be operated from.

Duvall replied that has not been determined. Staff are looking for a state agency, non-profit organization, or community development finances institution.

Porsche added that CBEDO previously met with the Benton County Assessor's Office, as C-PACE includes property assessment. Oregon has shifted from a property assessment model to a Low Impact Development structure. This means assessors are not responsible for foreclosures.

Augerot recommended providing a letter of support for a statewide program, which will infuse more funds for clean energy, efficiency, and seismic retrofits.

Wyse noted the program meets priorities from the 2040 Vision such as 'prosperous economy' and 'environment and natural resources,' as well as many of Wyse's individual priorities.

Malone praised the efficiency of a statewide approach.

MOTION: Malone moved to support the efforts of the Corvallis-Benton County Economic Development Office in creating a statewide C-PACE program. Wyse seconded the motion, which **passed 3-0.**

Augerot asked if CBEDO has contacted the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) for support.

Duvall replied that staff will probably contact AOC and the League of Oregon Cities. CBEDO hopes to get more counties and cities involved.

Augerot recommended contacting AOC and sharing information at regular steering committee meetings. Mallorie Roberts, AOC Legislative Affairs Manager, is a point of contact.

Malone noted that AOC's annual conference in the City of Eugene in mid-November 2021 would be a good place to introduce the concept to most Oregon counties.

V. Information Sharing

5.1 Xanthippe Augerot, Chair

Augerot shared that Andrew Smith, AOC, thanked the Board for supporting expanded mediation services. Harmony Burright, contract water specialist and former employee of Oregon Water Resources Department, is joining AOC; Smith to set up a meeting with County staff.

Augerot met two weeks ago with AOC staff and an opportunity zone financier. Downtown and south Corvallis are Internal Revenue Service-designated opportunity zones. Opportunity zone funding has been slow to roll out in Oregon. This financier wanted to bundle low-income and workforce housing projects, but wanted fully-funded projects eligible for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, which also need to be ready to begin in April 2023. It is difficult to meet all these criteria. AOC staff are also speaking to other financiers. Augerot hopes to find funds for projects in downtown or south Corvallis to utilize the tax benefit and develop housing.

As a Benton Community Foundation board member, Augerot toured sites in the City of Philomath and the community of Kings Valley (KV). KV Charter School staff discussed construction projects and hopes for conservation land in the adjacent KV Trust. In Philomath, Augerot visited Strengthening Rural Families and the Philomath Services Consortium, which needs space and facilities. The City of Monroe also needs a service center; there are many

projects in the \$100-300,000 range to support community services hubs. The topic will arise as American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are disbursed. Several Corvallis-based non-profits focusing on youth and children have asked about allocation of ARPA funding, and will meet with Kerby and Crager about the County process for receiving ARPA input. To provide equitable and transparent access to funding, the County needs a draft process document with comments from potentially eligible groups.

Augerot will attend the Freedom Funds Dinner at the National Association Advancement of Colored People – Corvallis branch on November 6, 2021.

5.2 Nancy Wyse, Commissioner

Wyse noted the election on November 2, 2021 and endorsed Corvallis Measures 2131, 2132, and 2133. The Corvallis Spirits Festival fundraiser for local veterans organizations occurs at Four Spirits Distillery on November 6, 2021. Wyse recently met with District Attorney John Haroldson and will meet with Gabe Shepherd, Corvallis Ward 4 City Councilor.

5.3 Pat Malone, Commissioner

Malone contacted Gary Stockhoff, Public Works Director, about progress on the Oak Creek area evacuation route. The Corvallis Rural Fire District Board has tentatively agreed to help fund the project. Stockhoff thought the project would go out to bid and be worked on next summer.

Tonight Malone will attend a Fair Foundation presentation from an architectural firm, followed by the quarterly Fair Foundation meeting. There will be a meeting with equestrian stakeholders about making a covered arena to replace the current convertible facility. On November 15, 2021, the Fair Board meets for its annual retreat.

Augerot added that Kurth will give a Justice Systems Improvement Project (JSIP) presentation at the Fair Foundation meeting.

5.4 Joe Kerby, County Administrator

Kerby announced that Darren Nichols, new Community Development Director, begins full-time work on November 1, 2021.

Last week Kerby met with a finalist for the position of Community Health Center (CHC) Director. The hiring panel, which includes Wyse, identified two finalists, but one withdrew. The panel is evaluating the remaining candidate. The CHC Board will bring a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) for final approval.

Augerot expressed disappointment that the hiring process was less structured and less clear about the County's role than the previous search. CHCs are integrated with County Health Services; the director plays a vital role in shaping the County's overall health program. The Memorandum of Understanding between the BOC and CHCs indicates a more collaborative approach. The BOC needs to meet with the CHC Board to address these issues.

Wyse agreed there were challenges and asked Augerot to provide that feedback to the CHC Board.

Kerby shared that 259 County employees were required to receive COVID-19 vaccination by October 18, 2021 under Governor Kate Brown's mandate for healthcare workers. The majority are in compliance. About 14 people applied and were approved for religious and/or medical exemption. About three people were not granted exemption and have received layoff notices.

Kerby and the Board will attend the AOC conference, so the November 16, 2021 Board Meeting will start at 8:00 a.m. Kerby noted that the CHC liaison will present models of CHC structure in an upcoming meeting. Kerby suggested changing the meeting date due to BOC time conflicts; Kerby to contact CHC Director Carla Jones and executive assistant Patricia Conklin.

Augerot stressed that the entire Board should attend the CHC meeting.

Kerby shared that Malone brought up an idea about the JSIP site selection process. The Leadership Policies document allows Commissioners to make requests of staff; if a request would take over 8 hours, Kerby usually brings the request to the full Board before staff begin.

Malone proposed integrating the 2040 Vision statements and goals into JSIP site evaluation. For instance, how each site relates to existing transportation and the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The County has made progress integrating the goals with the budget. This would take a fair amount of staff time, but could become a significant part of public engagement.

Kerby reviewed that Kurth tried to apply the 2040 core values to the site selection process. There are also five BOC goals, one of which is JSIP. The BOC has 10 focus areas under the core values, including transportation. Sean McGuire, Sustainability, would mainly perform the evaluation, which would take at least 15-20 hours. The work would need to be done in the next three weeks to be included in site selection.

Augerot was concerned about whether the focus areas or the values would be used as criteria.

Kurth felt that the macro-oriented, aspirational core values would be hard to align with the precise process of site selection. JSIP appears in four high-level department goals. Also, the evaluation would inevitably be subjective. Some 2040 tenets are already incorporated, such as mobility (proximity to multi-modal paths is a JSIP criterion). Transportation and greenhouse gas emissions will be considered regarding the siting of a new courthouse. One value that should be considered more is equity, which is a goal for JSIP and the 2040 Vision.

Kerby shared that Senior Strategic Programs Manager Lili'a Neville also felt that applying the 2040 values to a tactical decision would be difficult.

Augerot agreed. Subjective evaluations should be made by the Board, not staff. However, after site selection, it could be helpful to re-examine the values relative to JSIP, such as 'vibrant, livable communities,' 'health in all actions,' and 'community resiliency.'

Wyse agreed that while the lists are helpful, there are higher priorities for staff time, and the Board can consider the focus areas and values on an individual basis.

Malone agreed that the Board can consider the values individually. This helps show the public that the County is following its stated goals. The goals can be re-examined in 2022.

Wyse pointed out that a repeated community question about JSIP is what the County will do about Adults in Custody (AIC) on release. Sharing specific options would be helpful. Wyse was concerned about releases happening outside the downtown area.

Augerot requested that staff compile a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) list based on constituent email.

Rash shared that staff are developing an FAQ document, to be reviewed by Kurth next week.

Kurth had discussed AIC release options with Van Arsdall. AIC have a right to leave the facility by their own means. If the Courthouse is downtown and the Correctional Facility is suburban, the County could arrange transport for court appearances. Another option is to provide warm hand-offs to the Crisis Resource Center. Public transit will be extended to the site for released adults and staff. Bicycles could be provided.

Van Arsdall noted that AIC are currently released downtown and do not constitute a significant number of people. Staff will find solutions for any location.

Wyse emphasized that this community concern should be addressed soon with a list of ideas.

Kurth offered to codify the proposals. The County has 4-5 years to find solutions before operations change. Kurth to consider expenses of these options with the Chief Financial Officer.

Malone agreed about providing a list of practical solutions, and recommended starting pilot programs within the current system. On the previous bond measure for a JSIP site in the City of Philomath, there were similar concerns about criminals near schools.

Kerby felt that release options should be included in the FAQ; the County cannot promise which options will be used, but can identify possibilities. Kerby asked if having the information vetted is important to the selection process.

Wyse confirmed wanting a list of objections and solutions to consider.

Augerot liked the idea of addressing the concern through the FAQ and examining release practices now. For any site, the Board will find an option that works for released adults, operations, and safety and livability of the neighborhood. Only so much can be done in advance.

Kurth asked where is the right place for AIC to go on release. Many suburban community members feel that should be downtown, but downtown business owners and clientele might disagree.

Augerot reminded all that AIC are members of the community.

Hahn agreed and added it is important to ask AIC what kind of support they want and need. AIC will be as impacted as the rest of the community.

Augerot summarized that a deep analysis of 2040 in relation to site selection is not needed, but the Board will keep those principles in mind. FAQ will help with constituent questions, but some questions cannot be answered until a site is chosen. It is important to involve individuals emerging from custody in the discussion.

Wyse and Augerot requested that the release question be added to the FAQ.

Augerot noted this could have been separate agenda topic.

Pate commented in the chat window that this topic should be on the agenda so concerned citizens can comment.

Chair Augerot recessed the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

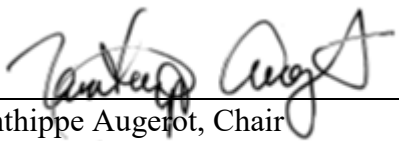
Chair Augerot reconvened the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

VI. Other

Chair Augerot recessed the meeting at 10:48 a.m. and entered Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) – Labor Negotiations and ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Estate.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Augerot exited Executive Session and immediately adjourned the regular Board Meeting at 1:06 p.m.



Xanthippe Augerot, Chair

Erika Milo, Recorder

** NOTE: Items denoted with an asterisk do NOT have accompanying written materials in the meeting packet.*

BOC Agenda Checklist Master

Agenda Placement and Contacts

Suggested Agenda Date 10/26/21

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Suggested Placement * Work Session

Department * Board of Commissioners

Contact Name * Kathryn Duvall

Phone Extension * 6800

Meeting Attendee Name * Kathryn Duvall

Agenda Item Details



Item Title * Support for Statewide Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program

Item Involves * Check all that apply

- ☐ Appointments
- ☐ Budget
- ☐ Contract/Agreement
- ☒ Discussion and Action
- ☐ Discussion Only
- ☐ Document Recording
- ☐ Employment
- ☐ Notice of Intent
- ☐ Order/Resolution
- ☐ Ordinance/Public Hearing 1st Reading
- ☐ Ordinance/Public Hearing 2nd Reading
- ☐ Proclamation
- ☐ Project/Committee Update
- ☐ Public Comment
- ☐ Special Report
- ☐ Other

Estimated Time * 10

Board/Committee Involvement * ☐ Yes ☒ No

Issues and Fiscal Impact

Item Issues and Description

Identified Salient Issues *	Supporting the Corvallis Benton County Economic Development Office's efforts to work with partners around the state and create a statewide commercial property assessed clean energy program (C-PACE)
Options *	1) Support creating C-PACE program 2) Do not support creating C-PACE program
Fiscal Impact *	☐ Yes ☒ No

2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

Mandated Service? * ☐ Yes ☒ No

2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

Describe how this agenda checklist advances the core values or focus areas of 2040, or supports a strategy of a departmental goal.

To review the initiative, visit the website [HERE](#).

Values and Focus Areas

Check boxes that reflect each applicable value or focus area and explain how they will be advanced.

Core Values *

Select all that apply.

- ☐ Vibrant, Livable Communities
- ☐ Supportive People Resources
- ☐ High Quality Environment and Access
- ☒ Diverse Economy that Fits
- ☐ Community Resilience
- ☐ Equity for Everyone
- ☐ Health in All Actions
- ☐ N/A

Explain Core Values Selections *

C-PACE programs create a finance mechanism through which commercial building owners can make their buildings more energy efficient and sustainable in a way that is economically feasible and has positive long-term impacts.

Focus Areas and Vision *

Select all that apply.

- ☐ Community Safety
- ☐ Emergency Preparedness
- ☐ Outdoor Recreation
- ☒ Prosperous Economy
- ☒ Environment and Natural Resources
- ☐ Mobility and Transportation
- ☐ Housing and Growth
- ☐ Arts, Entertainment, Culture, and History
- ☐ Food and Agriculture
- ☐ Lifelong Learning and Education
- ☐ N/A

Explain Focus Areas and Vision Selection *

C-PACE programs encourage the adoption of renewable and resilient energy systems and improved energy efficiency, which rely less on the power supply from utility companies and help building owners save money and use cleaner fuel sources.

Recommendations and Motions

Item Recommendations and Motions

Staff
Recommendations * Recommending the Commissioners support the City's resolution in order to be a leader among Oregon municipalities in supporting the exploration of a statewide energy financing program.

Work Session
Motions * I move to ...
I move to support the efforts of the Corvallis Benton County Economic Development Office in creating a statewide C-PACE program.

Attachments, Comments, and Submission

Item Comments and Attachments

Attachments

Upload any attachments to be included in the agenda, preferably as PDF files. If more than one attachment / exhibit, please indicate "1", "2", "3" or "A", "B", "C" on the documents.

CPACE Resolution Memo for Council 10.18.21.docx 55.97KB

Comments (optional) If you have any questions, please call ext.6800

Department LILI'A NEVILLE
Approver

Department Approval

Comments

Reviewing per County Administrator Kerby's direction on behalf of Sustainability Program. Based on my review, signing on to this resolution is in alignment with the values and principles of our 2040 Strategic Vision and Process, as well as works to address the Board's Climate Crisis priority. Staff recommends passing the resolution.

SignatureA handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lillian Hall", is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

BOC Initial Approval

Approvals Required ☒ Counsel

☐ Finance

☐ HR

Counsel Approver VANCE CRONEY

**County
Administrator
Approver** JOE KERBY

Comments

Counsel Approval

Comments

Signature



Vance H. Cheney

County Administrator Approval

Comments

Signature

Theresa Kelly

BOC Final Approval

Comments

Signature

Teresa Foley

TO: City Council for October 18, 2021 Council Meeting
FROM: Kathryn Duvall, Economic Development Specialist KTD
Kate Porsche, Economic Development Manager KCP
DATE: October 7, 2021
THROUGH: Mark Shepard, City Manager
SUBJECT: Resolution to Support Pursuit of Statewide Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program



STRATEGIC OPERATIONAL PLAN PRIORITY:

S-8C: Complete implementation of C-PACE program in Corvallis.

MEMORANDUM

Action Requested:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution to support the efforts of the Oregon Statewide Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Coalition in the creation of a statewide C-PACE program.

Discussion:

Background

In 2018, the Economic Development Office (EDO) began the process of gathering information that would help inform the decision around local C-PACE implementation. The C-PACE project was included for the first time in the 2019-2023 City of Corvallis Strategic Operational Plan (SOP) and the objective of the implementation of a C-PACE program in Corvallis (S-8C) is in the current SOP.

The EDO conducted research into programs in other states, conversations with C-PACE practitioners and experts, and discussions with other jurisdictions throughout the state. Through this work, an informal C-PACE workgroup emerged, comprised of members from Multnomah County and Prosper Portland (the one area of Oregon doing C-PACE through their PropertyFit program). Over the past year, the informal C-PACE work group has expanded. The EDO has been meeting with interested parties from around the state and has helped form the Oregon Statewide C-PACE Coalition (Coalition). The Coalition is an organization of representatives from Oregon counties and municipalities who are also interested in the implementation of a C-PACE program on a statewide level and currently comprised of staff from Bend, Salem, Multnomah County, Prosper Portland, Lane County, and Corvallis.

The C-PACE work group and EDO team concluded that the implementation of one C-PACE program that covers the entire state of Oregon, rather than the potential of multiple different programs throughout the state, is the best path forward. This structure would create efficiencies in the program and make Oregon projects more desirable for C-PACE financing.

The Basics of C-PACE

C-PACE stands for Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy. It is a financing mechanism that in most states is used for commercial-building projects focused on energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable energy, and, in Oregon, seismic retrofitting. C-PACE financing allows for long term funding for these projects. In Oregon, the financing can be secured with a benefit assessment lien or in other manners that local governments deem reasonable. As compared to the assessment model used in many other states, Oregon's model is structured more like a Local Improvement District, or LID, and creates

and optimal structure for financing the projects and removes the assessor's office from the work, which is a relief in many counties.

Financing terms are usually twenty years or more. The program is voluntary and would be available for any large commercial project statewide. C-PACE funding can also be combined with other types of financing, incentives or funding mechanisms, like federal grants or statewide incentives. C-PACE projects are large-scale investment opportunities, generally a minimum of about \$2M in project size, that can generate jobs, increase local economic development, possibly increase property values, and advance local and state climate and energy goals.

Findings on Best Practices for C-PACE Programs

As additional local governments in Oregon seek to make C-PACE available in their communities, the question of whether Oregon should have one or multiple programs is center in the discussion. Through careful examination of C-PACE program best practices from case studies, research, and conversations with C-PACE experts throughout the country, the Oregon Statewide C-PACE Coalition believes that a singular, statewide program would encourage more investment, and provide significant value to participating jurisdictions and to the future of C-PACE in Oregon.

The Coalition believes a single statewide program would:

- Place less of a cost burden on local jurisdictions through centralized program administration, communication, and marketing
- Eliminate the risk of inconsistent policies and practices across different C-PACE programs
- Create a more appealing environment for investment by developers, contractors, and financing partners through a consistent statewide policy
- Lessen work for local jurisdictions and counties, but leave the opportunity to influence program guidelines
- Due to the large scale of C-PACE projects, a statewide program would better allow for participation from jurisdictions where opportunities arise infrequently, and may allow for the potential to create a portfolio of smaller scale projects
- Eliminate the market confusion that has occurred in some states, where multiple overlapping programs have caused unwanted development competition, confusion, and ultimately discouraged local projects

Budget Impact:

This resolution will have no net impact on the budget.

Attachments:

- Proposed City Council Resolution