

RESOLUTION NO. 5496(08)

**A Resolution Of The Council Of The City Of Lompoc,
County of Santa Barbara, State of California,
Opposing Proposition 7, the Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008**

WHEREAS: The City of Lompoc has long been a leader in promoting sound energy policies that include a strong commitment to the development of renewable energy.

WHEREAS: Proposition 7 establishes California Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) targets for electricity provides; 40% by 2020, 50% by 2025, and requires each utility to increase its share annually from 1% to 2%, and makes RPS requirements enforceable on publicly owned utilities; and

WHEREAS: A singular state-wide approach to renewable energy that does not take into consideration the need for a diverse and integrated resource portfolio will serve to threaten grid reliability; and

WHEREAS: Implementation of California's existing economic-wide green house gas reduction statute, AB 32, will ensure increased reliance on renewable energy and efficiency; and

WHEREAS: Insufficient transmission infrastructure exists to meet and facilitate such rapid expansion of renewable energy generation; and

WHEREAS: Despite the Initiative's claim that customers will see no more than a 3 percent rate increase in the "short term," it is clear this measure will lead to significant new costs for California's electric ratepayers; and

WHEREAS: Proposition 7 already faces strong opposition from a large and still growing diverse coalition that includes local governments, publicly-owned utilities, privately-owned utilities, consumer groups and environmental groups; and

WHEREAS: The City of Lompoc now owns or purchases the greater part of its energy needs from geothermal and hydro-electric sources and continues to seek other opportunities to develop additional renewable energy resources;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The City of Lompoc hereby opposes Proposition 7, the Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008.

The above and foregoing Resolution was proposed by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and was duly passed and adopted by the Council of The City of Lompoc at its regular meeting on _____ by the following vote:

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AYES: Councilmember(s):

NOES: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s):

Dick DeWees, Mayor
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Donna N. Terrones
City Clerk, City of Lompoc