



Solar For All

Los Angeles needs to move towards cleaner energy, and many residents have opted to go solar. But not everyone is able to participate in greening our city and realize the savings that solar offers. A new Community Solar proposal would allow customers to lock in their electricity rates by investing in nearby “solar farms” on Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) property. RePower LA, a community-led coalition, is working to ensure that renters and homeowners alike can be part of a program that helps them save money, reduce pollution, and create good career-path jobs.

Affordable Bills

Energy costs are rising, and many L.A. residents already struggle with high electric bills. Yet because they rent, have shaded roofs, or can't afford it, solar power is beyond their reach. Under RePower LA's vision, low income and Lifeline customers who rent would also be able to reduce their bills by investing in local solar power.



“We can't install solar on our house even though we'd like to. Aside from the high cost, our neighbor planted a row of trees on the side of the house that blocks the roof from getting full sun.”

--Sergio and Rosa Martinez,
Pacoima Beautiful Members
and Residents

“People do give people a chance. Everyone in the training program comes from different backgrounds. The union offered a real opportunity.”

--Cassandra Hambrick,
IBEW Local 18 Trainee



A Pathway to Good Jobs

Community Solar panels would be installed by trainees from an IBEW Local 18-run training program that has successfully placed disadvantaged workers in careers at DWP. The program has created quality jobs and taught trainees real world skills.

Resilient Communities

The Community Solar program would produce 40 Megawatts of power, making it one of the largest community solar initiatives in the nation. This would generate enough energy to power 10,000 homes and reduce the city's carbon emissions and pollution by 44,000 metric tons (or the equivalent of taking 9,200 cars off the road annually).



“We need to reduce pollution while ensuring that all residents can afford to be comfortable in their homes, especially as temperatures rise.”

--Ernie Moscoso,
North Hollywood
Northeast Neighborhood
Council President