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Brief Summary: WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL supports the development of green power and sustainable energy (including Solar Energy) in L.A. but it does not support Measure B and urges a NO vote on March 3, 2009. WHNC urges the DWP and the City Council to properly present, openly discuss and include Public Comment before it passes any ordinance to implement any new Solar Energy program.

Additional Information: Also attach this CIS

DRAFT RESOLUTION for Neighborhood Councils on the MARCH 3, 2009 BALLOT “MEASURE B”

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WHEREAS the **City Council hastily approved and sent the “Green Energy & Good Jobs”** (400 MegaWatt part of “Solar LA”) to the March 3, 2009 election within just three weeks of its proposal; and,

WHEREAS the **DWP has not fully developed or described its “Solar LA” project** nor has the DWP Board of Commissioners approved it;

WHEREAS electric power rates have already been increased by about 25%- 30% since last May 2008 and this new program **will raise power rates even more**; and,

WHEREAS there has been **no detailed analysis provided and no thorough, public discussion of the proposed project as a whole and no legal review of the specific amendments to the Charter**; and,

WHEREAS the **Neighborhood Councils were not informed** in a timely way with information or adequate opportunity to provide meaningful input and comment to the City Council, **violating both the City Charter and the NC LADWP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU2)**; and,

WHEREAS Eric Garcetti and others in **City Hall covered up a highly critical taxpayer funded report by PA Consulting**; and,

WHEREAS **DWP will have a monopoly to (“install, operate and own”) and buy and sell all the Solar Energy in Los Angeles**; and

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WHEREAS the provisions of this ballot measure including the 30% bid preference and the **exclusive use of DWP work crews which will increase costs** by hundreds of millions, if not a billion dollars; and,

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WHEREAS there are inadequate assurances that the materials used will be manufactured in this country, (China is the world’s largest producer of silicon panels) and

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