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I submitted online to the Planning Board for their meeting Thursday.

Thanks for your efforts moving the zoning amendments that will promote solar. I look forward to the Planning Board's moving them to the City Council. I would like to suggest two changes to the amendments:

1. ADD to 10.121 General purpose.
8. To decrease the community's reliance on fossil fuel power sources and to achieve carbon reduction goals.
9. To enhance the reliability and resiliency of the local power grid and make more efficient use of the local electric distribution infrastructure.
10. To promote consumer choice and allow residents and businesses to use local, renewable energy while displacing fossil fuel use.

Rationale: Solar energy is a crosscutting planning and development issue, as emphasized in the City's Climate Action Plan. The zoning ordinance's General Purpose section needs to reflect this.

2. Change a word in the Sustainability Objectives

10.122 1. Reduce dependence upon fossil fuels, extracted underground metals and minerals and promote the use of alternative energy sources such as solar and wind;

Change from "alternative" to renewable. Rationale: this clarifies the topic, and emphasizes the importance of renewables.

A question about the permitted accessory uses (10.811). What is the rationale for the panels' limitation to 25% maximum? It seems this could be limiting, and an unnecessary impediment.

Again, I appreciate the Planning Board's work on the vital issue of solar, and look forward to the amendments being approved and passed to the City Council.