

CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH, FLORIDA

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International City/County Management Association
777 North Capitol St. NE, Ste. 500
Washington, DC 20002

The Solar Foundation
600 14th St. NW, Ste. 400
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Emily Dodson and Philip Haddix:

On behalf of the City of Satellite Beach, I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated community. In partnership with the SolSmart team, the City of Satellite Beach dedicated staff members and volunteers will work to improve solar market conditions, making it faster, easier, and more affordable for our residents and businesses to install solar energy systems. These efforts will also increase the efficiency of local processes related to solar development, which may save our City time and money.

The City, composed primarily of over 3,300 single-story, single-family, detached homes on a coastal barrier island, is pursuing the goal of becoming a sustainable community. The City has embarked on an effort to make rooftop photovoltaic (PV) systems affordable for its residents and businesses, to make the community aware of the economic return that is possible with rooftop PV, and to encourage installers of rooftop PV to do business in the City. The City believes SolSmart designation will assist the City in reaching our goals.

The City has been attempting to implement rooftop PV on City buildings since 2009, but has been unsuccessful due to the financial infeasibility. The City believes this has now changed with affordable pricing for solar systems. We are currently preparing a proposal for City Council approval to make available Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing to property owners. On a broader front, the City established in 2015 a citizens' Sustainability Board that is working with the Florida Institute of Technology to complete a sustainability assessment, which is to be the basis for a sustainability plan.

In the interest of being business-friendly, the City has completed local SNAP (Simplified, Nimble, Accelerated Permitting) certification that recognizes the community for providing an efficient, quick, user-friendly permit application process for all types of building permits. As such, the City already meets multiple permitting and inspection criteria for the SolSmart designation.

The City is committed to tracking metrics related to installation of solar systems in the City and providing benchmarks of available solar metrics, as well as making available staff time, community volunteers, and other resources to improve the local environment for installation of PV systems in the City. The City hopes to take the lead within Brevard County in promoting the installation of rooftop PV systems.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Catino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "F" and a long, sweeping underline.

Frank Catino
Mayor