RESOLUTION #2023-25

SUBSCRIBING TO A SOLAR LANDSCAPE COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, the State of New Jersey has promoted energy policies that have created a vibrant solar energy market; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey adopted the 2019 New Jersey Energy Master Plan, Pathway to 2050; and the legislature passed the Clean Energy Act of 2018; and

WHEREAS, Strategy 6 of the 2019 Energy Master Plan calls for the State to:

Support community energy planning and action with an emphasis on encouraging and supporting participation by low-and-moderate-income and environmental justice communities; and

WHEREAS, Goal 6.2.1 of the 2019 Energy Master Plan calls for the support of community-led development of community solar projects; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park (HPHA) recognizes the benefits of the Board of Public Utility's community solar program for their residents including the following:

Reduction of energy bills

Local, clean power generation

Support for active participation in the program by low-and-moderate-income families Job training, certification support, and job placement in the solar industry

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Board of Public Utilities solicited proposals from solar providers and awarded Solar Landscape, 601 Bangs Ave., Suite 3, Asbury Park, NJ 07712, the contract for our area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park ("Board") will subscribe to a Solar Landscape community solar project located in Perth Amboy and have the following financial benefit:

25% discount on the electricity from the community solar project master meters paid by the Highland Park Housing Authority

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners will execute a Community Solar Subscription Agreement with developer Solar Landscape and utilize financial savings for capital improvements to tenant-occupied facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Highland Park Housing Authority will help make subscriber information available to residents with individual meters for local community solar projects that meet the criteria for our residents' participation.

Motion to adopt Resolution #2023-25 moved by Commissioner Sedehi and seconded by Commissioner Hope and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

ROLL CALL: Chonoles Hope Malloy Martinez Rainwater Sedehi

AYES: Hope Malloy Martinez Rainwater Sedehi

NAYS: None Abstain: None Absent: Chonoles

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park at their Rescheduled Meeting of July 20, 2023.

Donna F. Brightman, Secretary

Approved as to legal form by Terrence Corriston, Esq.