



May 25, 2018

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

The Solar Foundation  
1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 750  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Zach Greene:

The Village of Montgomery is committing to earn SolSmart designation and will work to improve solar market conditions, making it faster, easier, and more affordable for our residents and businesses to install solar energy systems.

We will dedicate staff and efforts to work with the SolSmart team and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) to achieve Sol Smart designation by July 2019.

We formally support the following solar goals and will to work to achieve them both in our own communities and collaboration throughout the region. These high-level goals are:



**Energy Goals**

- Advance renewable energy
- Enact policies that support clean energy
- Engage the community in clean energy practices

The GRC Framework, a companion tool to the Greenest Region Compact pledge, aligns with SolSmart program guidelines. We will focus on the following objectives and strategies common to both the GRC Framework with SolSmart objectives.

With the help of SolSmart and MMC, we will review zoning requirements and act to remove barriers to solar development. We will also create and distribute a checklist detailing the steps of our permitting process for solar development) consistent with GRC Framework objectives\* E13; E13a; E25)

\*reference number from GRC2 Framework.

In collaboration with MMC, we also will participate in staff training for inspectors, planners and first-responders.

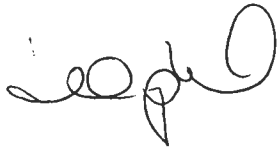
We will also educate the community about solar energy (\*E33) through our website and community events.

In order to measure progress along the way, we will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as the number and location of solar installations and their capacity.

The Village has previously adopted solar energy provisions into its Zoning Ordinance and have issued a couple of permits in conformance with the provisions.

We are anxious to begin on the path towards SolSmart designation and look forward to working with the SolSmart team and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Zoepfel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeff Zoepfel  
Village Administrator