Memorandum

Date: March 20, 2024

To: Columbia City Council

From: Leanne Tippett Mosby, Chair
Climate and Environment Commission

Subject: CEC Statement on Community Solar
Renewal of CEC Statement on Renewable Energy Goal

It has come to my attention that CEC acted on the two items referenced above, but that the relevant information had not yet been communicated to council. I apologize for this oversight, for which I take full responsibility.

Community Solar Program
At their October 24, 2023 meeting, the CEC discussed the Community Solar Program and voted to send a statement to the city council. The CEC authorized me, as chair, to draft a statement based on the key points adopted by the CEC. Statement: the CEC supports the community solar program and hopes to see the city develop additional solar projects to support the program's expansion. The CEC appreciates the ability for community members for whom it is not feasible to install solar to be able to participate through the Community Solar Program. The commission is pleased to see the continuation of community solar in Columbia.

Renewal of CEC Statement on Renewable Energy Goal.
At their November 28, 2023 meeting, in light of The Energy Authority report, the CEC voted to re-adopt its statement on renewable energy that it originally adopted in February 2022, which is **The Columbia Climate and Environment Commission (CEC) recommends the City Council formally adopt a goal via ordinance for Columbia Water and Light (CWL) that will achieve 100% clean, renewable energy for electricity by 2030, rather than by 2035 as recommended by the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.**

Thank you for your consideration of these matters and for all of your work on behalf of the citizens of Columbia.