

MEMORANDUM



TO: VICTOR CARDENAS, CITY MANAGER
FROM: EZEKIEL CHOJNACKI, GRADUATE MANAGEMENT ANALYST
SUBJECT: SOLARIZE PROJECT UPDATE
DATE: JULY 5, 2024

I want to update you on the Solarize project and request final approval.

Ann Arbor is hosting a group event on July 11th at 7 p.m. on Zoom. The group will be hosted by Ann Arbor resident Richard Dokas, along with his chosen installer, Oak Electric. They have spoken to Oak Electric and Novi residents have been invited to join. I believe this would be a great first trial run and if you agree I can work with Sheryl and Danielle to inform and invite Novi residents to the event.

In the long run I would still like Novi to run this project independently. According to Ann Arbor staff Holland, Grand Haven, Livonia, and Grand Rapids are working on it as well. Ann Arbor says they have struggled due to limited staffing and support. We could try to work with Livonia since they are our neighbor, or we could invite several neighboring cities like Northville and Farmington to ease the staffing load. Either way I would like to speak with the sustainability committee when they meet next. I am hoping that council members might know of some residents that would be interested in being a host (or possibly even hosting themselves).

With your approval, I will move forward with this right away.