



Office of the City Manager

October 6, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: *DWR* Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Subject: OESD Fall Community Programs – SunShares & Green Home Workshop

For the second year, the City of Berkeley is participating as an outreach partner in the Bay Area SunShares program. SunShares makes it easier and more affordable to go solar or drive electric. SunShares is a time limited program that pools the buying power of individual participants to get more competitive pricing from pre-vetted solar companies and vehicle manufacturers. In addition to free workshops and webinars, SunShares also provides information to renters about their clean energy options. To take advantage of the solar and EV discounts, residents must sign up by **November 10th** at <http://www.bayareasunshares.org/>.

Additionally, on Tuesday, October 17, from 6-8pm at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, the City of Berkeley will join the cities of Albany and El Cerrito in coordination with StopWaste to host an East Bay Green Home workshop. [RSVP](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/berkeley-albany-el-cerrito-green-home-workshop-tickets-35467468152) to attend at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/berkeley-albany-el-cerrito-green-home-workshop-tickets-35467468152>. The workshop will offer information to residents about incentives of up to \$5500 to make their homes more energy efficient and more comfortable through the Energy Upgrade California program. Participating contractors will also be on hand to answer questions.

Increasing rooftop solar and building energy efficiency are key strategies of Berkeley's [Climate Action Plan](#), the roadmap for reducing our community's greenhouse gas emissions by 33% below 2000 levels by 2020 and 80% by 2050.

Please share this information with community members and feel free to contact Timothy Burroughs, Interim Director of the Planning Department, for more information.

Attachments:

1. SunShares Flyer
2. October 19 Green Home Workshop Flyer

cc: Jovan Grogan, Deputy City Manager
Mark Numainville, City Clerk
Matthai Chakko, Assistant to the City Manager
Ann-Marie Hogan, City Auditor
Timothy Burroughs, Interim Director of Planning and Development



Bay Area SunShares Simple. Affordable. Together.



*City of Berkeley is excited to announce that **SunShares** is back again!*

SunShares makes it **easier** and more **affordable** to go solar or drive electric. SunShares offers discounts, free workshops and helps renters learn more about their clean energy options.

To sign up or for more information, please visit:
www.bayareasunshares.org

Steps to Getting Discounts:

1. **Sign-Up at www.bayareasunshares.org by November 10, 2017** to get no-cost solar bids from the three participating solar companies and/or discount codes for zero-emission vehicles.
2. **Get a solar evaluation from up to three pre-vetted solar installers.** Register by November 10th to receive a no-cost solar proposal. Once you receive a proposal, there is no obligation to move forward with your project.
3. **Sign your solar contract by December 31, 2017** to move forward with solar installation and take advantage of the discounted program pricing. Solar installations will happen in Spring 2018.

It's that simple!

GREEN HOME WORKSHOP

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

6pm – 8pm

**Albany Community Center, Main Hall
1249 Marin Avenue**



Make your home more comfortable and energy efficient

LEARN the benefits of a more energy efficient home

FIND OUT about State and local incentives up to **\$5,500** for energy improvements

MEET participating contractors who maximize energy savings
and improve home comfort, health and safety

PRESENTED BY StopWaste and Building Performance Contractors
Cities of Albany, Berkeley and El Cerrito

At this **FREE** workshop attendees will receive a LED bulb and reusable bag
Refreshments provided

Register Online at GreenHomeWorkshop.eventbrite.com

