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**Fresno City Councilmember District 1**

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## **Council President Soria Holds Press Conference Celebrating Fresno in becoming Top City in Solar Capacity Installed Per Resident**

**FRESNO** – Council President Esmeralda Soria will hold a press conference celebrating the City of Fresno as being recognized as the top city in solar capacity installed per resident. A report “Shining Cities 2018” conducted and released by the Environment California Research & Policy Center showed the City of Fresno having 343 watts of solar PV capacity installed per resident– more than any city in the continental United States surveyed.

Council President Esmeralda Soria stated “This is a time to recognize the accomplishments of our city’s cumulative efforts in conversion to renewable power options”. Solar energy installation helps cities in many ways, including combating climate change, reducing air pollution, strengthening the electric grid, stabilizing energy costs for residents and providing jobs. Pollution created by burning fossil fuels is a major cause of poor health in Fresno County. Renewable energy alternatives such as solar power generates 92 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions compared to electricity generated from fossil fuels.

“Competing with the nation's biggest cities, Fresno ranks as a strong solar power leader,” said Michelle Kinman, clean energy and transportation program director for Environment California Research & Policy Center. “By tapping into more of our vast solar energy potential, we can benefit from healthier air and fight climate change.”

**Solar Press Conference**  
**Wednesday, June 13, 2018**  
**1:15 PM**  
**Central High School-East**  
**3535 N Cornelia Avenue, Fresno, CA**  
**(parking lot next to the Aquatics Complex on Dakota)**

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