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Santa Clara County Cities Association Adopts Standardized Photovoltaic Installation Application

On Thursday, September 10, 2009, the Santa Clara County Cities Association (SCCCA) announced a new form to standardize and expedite the installation of photovoltaic systems in cities throughout Santa Clara County.

"Alternative energy is an important and growing consideration for the economic health of our residents and our communities," said Cupertino Vice Mayor Kris Wang, Chairperson of the SCCCA Executive Board.

Differing project and application requirements are known to delay projects, add to the cost of solar power, and discourage potential customers.

In conjunction with the Cupertino city manager's office, Clinton Brownley, PhD candidate at American University, worked with building officials and members of the SCCCA to develop the new standard application.

"This is an important step that enables cities to address building safety issues while expanding consumer access to photovoltaic products and services," said Brownley. "An unambiguous process for installing photovoltaics is a necessary part of any alternative energy solution."

The Santa Clara County Cities Association was formed in 1990 to represent the mutual interests of the member fifteen cities of SCCCA. The association operates through a joint powers agreement, and is funded exclusively by the fifteen cities. Santa Clara County is the only county in California that has an organization where each city of the county has an equal voice. Through the SCCCA, city leaders share information; research policy concerns, and collaborate on issues of mutual interest. The association promotes cooperation among the cities and advocates for positive action to enhance the quality of life for the people of our county. For more information visit <http://www.sccca.gov/>.