



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

*City Manager*

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**City Council Regular Meeting Date: December 16, 2025**

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Ashlee Painter  
**Date:** December 5, 2025

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**SUBJECT:** Presentation regarding a City partnership on Solar United Neighbors' (SUN) Switch Together Program

**BACKGROUND:** One of City Council's adopted Strategic Goals is Community Resilience that encourages the use of reliable, renewable energy sources. The benefits of SUN's Switch Together program are:

- Provide residents and business owners access to group purchasing of solar energy and battery back-up to achieve a 15-25% discount
- Help residents and business owners reduce energy bills
- Promote local energy resilience through the use of battery storage to provide energy to the home or business when the grid is down
- Give residents and business owners access to vetted installers with free support from an unbiased, nonprofit through the planning and implementation of their solar project

Through this partnership, the City will provide staff time to review branded education materials created by SUN and agree to promote the program to residents and businesses. Outside of staff time, there is no cost to the City to participate, while still providing residents and businesses with the opportunity to save money on solar installation.

At the September 12, 2022 meeting, Council voted to participate in a similar solar co-op hosted by SUN. Hurricane Ian hindered the co-ops success. The Switch Together program will build upon Council's commitment to Sanibel's resilience.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends City Council approve a partnership between the City of Sanibel and Solar United Neighbors for the Switch Together Program.

*Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary*