From: Cathy Holt
To: Public Comments
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Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of Buncombe County. I am urging you to approve the $10.2 million solar bond proposal. This funding can help Buncombe County move towards the 100% renewable energy goal and invest in the local economy, while saving money on utility bills. How does saving the county $1 million a year in energy costs for 30 to 40 years sound? Please vote yes on Tuesday.

This solar proposal would install about 6,700 KW of solar photovoltaics on 40 schools and buildings in Buncombe County. The solar panels would be installed by an employee-owned solar company based right here in Buncombe County – thus supporting the local economy. The prices offered to install these solar projects are millions of dollars cheaper than what County staff first estimated.

Buncombe County made a commitment in 2017 to move our county to 100% renewable energy. Voting yes to these projects is an important step to start making progress on this commitment.

Thank you for reading my comments. Again, this is a win-win proposal!

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