From: Kelsey Wood
To: Public Comments
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Buncombe County Commissioners,

I am writing to ask you all to please approve the $10.2 million bond to fund the installation of solar panels on 40 publicly-owned buildings. Last year, this county and the City of Asheville both passed resolutions to switch to 100% renewable energy and this is a necessary first step if we are to reach that goal. The project currently up for consideration will generate nearly 7,000 KW of clean energy and will generate millions of $ in energy savings over the coming decades. The project will also generate employment and support the local economy, as the most competitive bid for this project came from an employee-owned company based in Buncombe County.

As a parent of children who attend two of the schools that are being considered for rooftop solar installations--Vance Elementary and SILSA/AHS--I am especially excited about the educational benefits to school children. Not only will they walk into buildings every day that are powered by clean energy and innovative technology, but they will know their community and its leaders care about their future. Now, vote like the parent-citizen-leaders you are!

Thank you for your consideration and thank you for voting 'YES!' on the solar bond!

Sincerely,

Kelsey Wood