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**Subject:** Re: O30.081 - Solarize Committee - Legal Opinion  
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Director Emmett,

Good afternoon, I ask that the law department please advise in relation to Representative Lee's below e-mail.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Jacobson  
Stamford Board of Representatives  
District 12

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**From:** Lee, Benjamin  
**Sent:** Monday, February 8, 2021 4:17:02 PM  
**To:** Jacobson, Jonathan  
**Subject:** O30.081 - Solarize Committee - Legal Opinion

Dear Jon,

As we have discussed, my understanding is that a Solarize committee could be done in a way that does not create additional legal liabilities for the City. I note that such programs have been run around the country (see attached DOE overview for background) and that the City ran such a program in 2013/2014. Naturally, the City will have to employ necessary disclaimers and otherwise distance itself, though my understanding is that these are solvable issues.

However, that is only my impression. I believe it would be prudent to request a legal opinion to that effect. I defer to you as chair for the submission of such a request.

Best regards,

Ben

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