ACCESS AND EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Across the country, policies and programs to expand solar access and deepen the equitable deployment of solar are being adopted by states and local governments. But in addition to good policies, successful programs require smooth implementation to ensure the benefits of solar reach those for whom they are intended. **Vote Solar's Access and Equity Advisory Committee (AEAC)** was created to address the challenges states, solar providers, customers and other stakeholders are experiencing with implementation of low-income solar programs.

With the growth of solar across the country and plummeting solar costs, there is a tremendous opportunity to address some of the greatest challenges faced by lower-income communities that states cannot afford to miss. As states implement these programs, it is critical to ensure they operate effectively in order to maximize the benefits of solar for families who stand to benefit the most.

The AEAC meets twice a year to explore challenges with low-income solar program implementation, identify best practices, and offer solutions to problems. Vote Solar hosted the first meeting of the AEAC in October 2020, where the committee workshopped recommendations on automatic qualification and community engagement for state policy-enabled low- and moderate-income community solar programs. The workshop resulted in the AEAC's first policy brief, published in February 2021.

ABOUT VOTE SOLAR

Vote Solar fights for a 100% clean energy transition that puts the interests, health and well-being of people at its center. We work state by state to repower our communities with sunshine and build a thriving clean economy with affordable solar energy for all. Through a winning combination of deep policy expertise, coalition building, and public engagement we help to build a strong, just, and inclusive clean-powered future.

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