

Your Legacy, Our Future.

100% Clean Energy for All

Consider A Legacy Gift to



VOTE SOLAR



The Opportunity

Clean energy is the world's most efficient and effective solution to climate change, pollution, and the energy affordability crisis. For nearly a quarter century, Vote Solar, a registered national nonprofit 501(c)(3) charity, has been a trusted presence in the just transition to clean energy, successfully advancing policy, state by state, in legislatures and public utility commissions across the United States.

Yet, while other countries on the global stage are making real progress on clean energy, here in the U.S., the speedy transition is in no way guaranteed. Monopoly utilities and vested fossil fuel interests with deep pockets have proven time and time again they are more interested in producing profits than protecting people or the planet, and are not willing to change without a fight. Thus, to win the lasting transition toward clean energy, we must apply just the right amount of pressure, fight and determination—through smart policies that will impact every generation to come—and the *significant capital investment* to back that work.

We're at the tipping point: if we can implement impactful policies *now*, we can make meaningful and quick progress. Vote Solar isn't just fighting for our goal, we're guiding the U.S. toward a shift that has already begun. And we aim to achieve this shift rapidly, to ensure future generations have as few additional impacts from climate change as possible. This is the work of a lifetime—but we have hope.



Realizing a 100% clean energy future through a solutions-driven, people-first approach.

At Vote Solar we envision a resilient world, powered by the sun, a future where we have completely ceased extractive and exploitative economies; have abolished emissions, pollution, and the use of fossil-sourced energy and materials; have transitioned to 100% equitable clean energy where everyone benefits; and climate change has been reversed—or, at the very least, severely curtailed.

How We Get There from Here

The journey of how we work—together with partners and communities—is as important as the destination; we must avoid recreating the same harms upon the earth and communities as those historically perpetrated by the fossil fuel industry. And as we walk the path toward make clean energy an affordable, reliable, and accessible reality for everyone, essential mile markers will include:



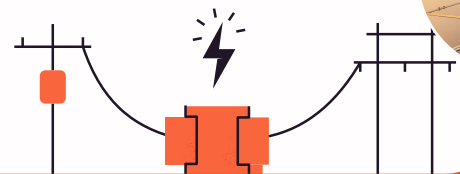
ENERGY PROSPERITY

Powering a growing economy through local solar that can scale and provide the flexibility to meet rising energy demand



AFFORDABLE ENERGY

Lowering bills now and over the long term by deploying proven clean energy solutions with measurable ratepayer impact



RELIABLE ENERGY

Modernizing the grid to be dynamic, distributed, and resilient in the face of climate and demand pressures

All these things are achievable; indeed, we can see many elements of them today, coming alive across the country in solutions such as grid modernization and community power networks; and in the use of community power resources, like storage paired with rooftop or community solar, and plug-in solar. Additionally, we can look to other countries to point to where the U.S. can and should go: Australia, for example, has already achieved 40-percent household penetration for rooftop solar, costs are one-third or less than those stateside, and the entire installation process averages 1-3 days as opposed to months. The technology is the same, but the difference is reduced bureaucracy and streamlined permitting. With dedicated resources, Vote Solar can make that happen here too.

What Is Blocking Us?

Three main roadblocks to achieving a just clean energy transition in the U.S. are:

Outdated Infrastructure

A grid built for the last century, not the one we currently inhabit.

Entrenched Policy

Regulatory capture by fossil fuel interests.

Inequity

The fact that the benefits of solar still haven't reached frontline communities.

Vote Solar plays a critical role in addressing these three obstacles. We act as policy experts, intervenors, and bridge-builders for—and collaborators with—hundreds of frontline groups across the country, working for a more resilient, affordable energy system and healthier environment. At Vote Solar, we don't just sit on the sidelines, we make change happen. We take on legislative and regulatory battles, going toe-to-toe with utilities, to hold them—and the bodies that regulate them—accountable in developing an inclusive process with clean, equitable outcomes.

Vote Solar Is in It for The Long Haul

As we consider what it means to make a legacy commitment, we must ask ourselves not only, 'What is the track record of this organization?' but also, 'Will it be around for the long haul?'

Vote Solar was founded in 2002 when solar was still an emerging technology and not particularly cost-effective. We are now at a point where—due to the work of Vote Solar and our partners over the last nearly quarter of a century—that solar, paired with storage and other clean energy resources, is the most affordable, cleanest, and most efficient and effective way to power the grid, and one in three people live in a state with a 100% clean energy commitment. Moving forward, we plan not only to expand that number, but ensure that more people can participate in holding utilities and decision makers accountable for greater equity and justice in our energy system.

Fiscally solvent and solid, Vote Solar intends to be around for the whole journey. The organization maintains a board-mandated operational reserve on hand, has had only clean audits, and has earned the highest possible ratings on:



two independent non-profit organizations providing data and evaluations to ensure transparency and accountability in the philanthropic sector.

As we look to the future, with huge spikes in electricity demand predicted due to both the electrification of homes and businesses and the build-out of data centers for Artificial Intelligence (AI), Vote Solar's work will be ever more relevant. In this environment, it will take time, resources, and a dedicated fight to achieve our mission of 100% renewable energy for all—but it is possible, with your help.

What Role Can I Play?

While many of us in the U.S. are able to set aside a portion of our annual incomes to contribute to causes in which we believe, for the majority of us, our most significant resources may be tied up in property or other assets that will not be available until later or at the end of our lives. For us, legacy support—such as a percentage retirement fund designation or gift of property—might be the most generous and impactful gift we are able to make in our lifetimes.

A legacy gift is a powerful expression of your values and a testament to your commitment to a just, clean energy future. By choosing to include Vote Solar in your long-term plans, you are taking a visionary step that ensures your impact continues for generations. It is a transformative partnership—one that turns a personal passion for our planet into a lasting legacy for the common good.



A large influx of resources, specifically unrestricted capital through legacy gifts, will allow Vote Solar to:



Go deep across all states and pursue high-value, scalable opportunities.

Expanding Vote Solar's campaign and regulatory footprint—including strengthened capacity for integrated resource planning and accelerated deployment of community power networks—ensures we drive high-impact policy change, shape national narratives on affordability and reliability, and position local solar and storage as essential solutions.



Expand into and shape energy markets.

We could expand our presence in the largest energy markets in the nation, sharpening our legal strategy and boosting our ability to broadcast compelling progress to a larger and more diverse audience. By providing quantifiable value of what local solar can offer to our energy grid and grounding our work in real value for ratepayers and communities, we will prove that the clean energy transition isn't just a vision, it's the most practical path ahead.



Bolster strong systems and research and set the rules that govern utilities.

We could increase our winning streak at state regulatory proceedings by hiring the high-level legal and technical expertise necessary to out-navigate well-resourced utility lobbyists, strengthening our capacity to conduct accurate resource modeling that quantifies the full locational and system value of local solar and distributed resources within utility planning, and changing how utilities resource their energy.



Deepen partnerships.

We could provide deeper support to regional partnerships with local advocates, consumer groups, and clean energy coalitions—aligning strategies and increasing our combined influence. A broader, more inclusive base of support will allow us to build a more effective movement to push for change not only in legislatures but in oft-overlooked places like Public Utility Commissions.



Solar Forever

If Vote Solar was someday able to fully realize our mission, then what?



The stewardship of the sun as a clean and renewable energy resource is perpetual. Mission accomplished, Vote Solar would still exist, but our focus would shift from **transformation** to **maintenance and protection**, and towards advocating for newer and more effective technologies that enhance the power of the sun, further reduce costs, and improve reliability for all.

Additionally, in the United States, energy utilities will undoubtedly continue to merge and grow only more and more powerful; Vote Solar sees it as our duty to continue to hold them accountable to the people they serve.



An Invitation

At Vote Solar, we envision communities empowered by their own clean energy resources, breathing cleaner air, and contributing directly to a stable climate. This future is within our reach, but it requires continued advocacy, smart policies, and collective effort.

Please consider joining us in including Vote Solar in your estate plans. As the ability for us to implement solar technology grows, the positive ripple effects your gift will have on future generations will increase beyond anything we can currently imagine. And what a beautiful legacy that will be for your name.

Thank you for all you do to make the world a better place,
including your consideration of this request.
Your generosity is what helps
power this revolution.