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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Solar Panel Energy Improvement Project**

**Downey, CA, June 8, 2022:**

A special Ribbon Cutting ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Downey Civic Center to celebrate the Solar Panel Energy Improvements Project.

“The City of Downey is committed to creating a more vibrant, healthy, prosperous, and sustainable community. We are thrilled to have this project in our city and the impact it will make for years to come,” said Mayor Blanca Pacheco.

Benefits of the Solar Panel Energy Improvement Project include:

- Production of 1.61 megawatts of clean renewable energy
- Reduction of greenhouse gasses equivalent to five million vehicles traveled annually
- Savings of over \$150k in energy costs in the first year and \$10 million over twenty-five years
- \$620k in Self-Generation Incentive Program funding
- Lighting, shade, and emergency backup power will be provided by the solar canopies and batteries

Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Alvarez said, “I am delighted to know that this project will increase the use of clean, renewable energy at city facilities and reduce the rising cost of meeting our electrical energy needs.”

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