



GRID Alternatives Recognizes Donated Equipment from Tesla to Support Solar Access
Major solar panel donation will bring solar power to 150 low-income households

PARAMOUNT, CA; August 25, 2017 – GRID Alternatives, America’s largest nonprofit solar installer, today announced a major solar panel donation from Tesla that will support solar power for an estimated 150 low-income households across the country. The 569 kW of donated equipment will also unlock 15,000 hours of hands-on job training through GRID’s unique community participation model.

“Solar power has so many benefits for disadvantaged communities. It reduces pollution, helps financially strapped families live more affordably in their homes, and provides career opportunities for people who need good jobs,” said Erica Mackie, CEO and co-founder of GRID Alternatives. “Achieving a transition to clean energy takes all of us, and we’re grateful for Tesla’s contribution to this work.”

The donation will help expand access to clean energy, supporting GRID’s mission to make solar accessible in communities that need the energy savings the most, yet have the least access. In addition to the philanthropic partnership, GRID Alternatives also works with Tesla to connect participants in GRID’s installation training programs to job openings at the company.

The solar panel donation was announced at the installation of a 2.6 kW array on the home of Naomi Green in Paramount, California, in the district of California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon. Trainees from Homeboy Industries, a nonprofit that provides hope, training, and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated men and women, participated in the installation.

About GRID Alternatives

GRID Alternatives is America’s largest nonprofit solar installer, bringing clean energy technology and job training to underserved communities through a network of community partners and philanthropic supporters. GRID has installed nearly 9000 solar electric systems for low-income families and affordable housing providers with a combined installed capacity of 33MW saving \$270 million in lifetime electricity costs, preventing 742,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions, and providing 33,500 people with solar training. GRID has eleven regional offices and affiliates serving California, Colorado, the Mid-Atlantic, the New York tri-state area, Tribal communities nationwide, Nicaragua and Nepal. For more information, visit www.gridalternatives.org.