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Fifth Avenue Committee Introduces Barrio Solar Pilot Program

New York, NY September 28, 2021 - Fifth Avenue Committee, with generous support from Enterprise Community Partners and in partnership with Solar One, is piloting an exciting new program to provide education and financial assistance to New York City homeowners while promoting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Barrio Solar, a community-based group solar campaign, will provide Solar Photovoltaic (Solar PV) energy to low-to-moderate-income (LMI) households in New York City to ensure more equitable access to the benefits of solar. The program will address localized problems in Solar PV installations and support homeowners in the installation process from start to finish, establishing a transparent approach to estimating costs, savings, and timelines. Homeowners will benefit from the compounded purchasing power of the group, making the cost of adoption sustainable. The highlight of this program is an unrivaled incentive of \$3,500 in cash subsidies that qualified homeowners can use towards the cost of solar installations.

We invite all to the inaugural celebration of Barrio Solar! FAC and Solar One are hosting a virtual launch event on October 5, 2021 at 12pm for local community organizations to learn more about the program and how their neighbors can engage in it. A series of neighborhood events for homeowners will follow in the next couple of weeks to help individuals evaluate their own solar feasibility. Visit our website to sign up for one of the information sessions and to learn more about the program. Barrio Solar is gearing up to be an incredible campaign. Join the movement!

<https://herecomessolar.nyc/barriosolar>

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About Fifth Avenue Committee

Fifth Avenue Committee (FAC) is a 43-year-old comprehensive community development corporation and chartered NeighborWorks member based in South Brooklyn. FAC's mission is to advance economic, social, and racial justice in New York City through integrated, community-centered affordable housing, grassroots organizing, policy advocacy, and transformative education, training, and services that build the power to shape our community's future. FAC works to transform the lives of over 5,500 low- and moderate-income New Yorkers annually so that all can live and work with dignity and respect while making our community more equitable, sustainable, inclusive, and just. FAC's affiliate, Neighbors Helping

Neighbors, is a HUD-approved housing counseling agency providing homeownership services and tenant advocacy and organizing. Learn more at www.fifthave.org.

About Solar One

Solar One is an environmental nonprofit that runs programs to bring the benefits of clean energy to all New Yorkers. Solar One's mission is to design and deliver innovative education, workforce training, and technical assistance that fosters sustainability and resiliency in diverse urban environments. The Here Comes Solar program expands access to solar by providing solar feasibility analysis, financing consultation, and project implementation support to building owners, government agencies, utilities, and community organizations. Solar One has facilitated more than 600 successful solar projects in the NYC metro region since 2014, primarily in low-income communities. Solar One is proud to partner with Fifth Avenue Committee and its affiliate, Neighbors Helping Neighbors to bring solar to low- and moderate-income homeowners in Brooklyn through Barrio Solar. Learn more at <https://www.solar1.org/>