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Ft Bend County Commissioner Dexter L. McCoy Announces His Family is Joining New Solar Co-Op

Richmond, Texas, April 24, 2023 – Fort Bend County Commissioner, Precinct 4 Dexter L. McCoy announced that his family will be joining the new Richmond Solar Co-op serving central Fort Bend County. He shared the news on Saturday when <u>Solar United Neighbors (SUN)</u> and local energy sustainability partners announced the new solar co-op at the Harvest Green Farmer's Market.

"I'm looking forward to joining my neighbors to leverage our buying power for discounted pricing, while helping to combat the climate crisis and expand clean energy in Fort Bend County," said Fort Bend County Commissioner, Precinct 4 Dexter L. McCoy.

The co-op is free to join and open to homeowners and business owners in the central Fort Bend area. Together, co-op members will learn about solar energy and leverage their numbers to purchase top quality individual solar systems at a competitive price.

Partnering on the co-op are <u>Houston Renewable Energy Group</u>, <u>Texas Interfaith Power & Light</u>, <u>Houston Electric Vehicle Association</u>, <u>Sierra Club Houston</u>, and <u>Citizens' Climate Lobby</u> <u>Houston</u>.

"Together, we're building a movement to transform our electricity system into one that is cleaner, fairer, and shares its benefits more broadly," said Dori Wolfe, Houston area program coordinator for Solar United Neighbors. "

Saturday, residents asked about the cost of installation, the size of savings, and how to determine if their home provides enough sun for solar panels.

SUN will host several free information sessions on:

Saturday, April 29, 3:00 pm <u>(RSVP HERE)</u> George Memorial Library, Room 2C



1001 Golfview Dr, Richmond, TX 77469

Wednesday May 3, 5:30 pm - Webinar (RSVP HERE)

SUN has hosted 16 solar co-ops in Texas since 2018. According to the group's estimates, the 257 homes and businesses that now have solar panels because of co-ops represent: 2,340 thousand kW of solar power, \$7.4 million in local solar spending, and more than 67.3 million lbs. of lifetime carbon offsets.

About Solar United Neighbors

Solar United Neighbors is a nonprofit organization that works in Texas and nationwide to represent the needs and interests of solar owners and supporters. Solar co-ops are part of the organization's mission to create a new energy system with rooftop solar at the cornerstone. Solar United Neighbors holds events and education programs to help people become informed solar consumers, maximize the value of their solar investment, and advocate for fair solar policies.

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