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Regarding: Item 42, Supervisors Briggs and Knight requesting Board discussion and consideration of implementing of an energy efficiency improvement program as provided by the enactment of AB 811.

The Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County voted unanimously to oppose El Dorado County's funding of business and/or home loans for "green energy" related projects such as solar panels, weatherproofing doors and windows, or new efficient appliances, many of which are already subsidized by taxpayer dollars. Actions like this belong with the private sector, and not be tied to funding by the economically strapped County Government.

AB 811, approved by the Governor July 21, 2008, allows county or city governments to make loans to cover "*distributed generation renewable energy sources or energy efficiency improvements that may be financed . . . stating that it is in the public interest*". Further, the bill allows a city or county to "*authorize a property owner, upon written consent of an authorized city official, to purchase directly the related equipment and materials for the installation of distributed generation of renewable energy sources or energy efficiency improvements and to contract directly for the installation of those sources or improvements*".

Just and fair administration of such a venture across all potential applications can lead to many unintended consequences.

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