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## Mayor Cooper Congratulates Edmonds Community Solar Cooperative

On Wednesday, Mayor Cooper attended the ribbon cutting for the completion of Phase I of the Edmonds Community Solar Cooperative. The new panels are located on the roof of the Anderson Community Center and will contribute low cost energy to the City of Edmonds for purchase. This project is the first community owned solar project in the state of Washington.

In his remarks, Mayor Cooper extended his congratulations and stated, "This is an accomplishment for not only the investors in Edmonds Solar Cooperative but the whole community of Edmonds. If not for the hard work and perseverance of the Edmonds Solar Cooperative and Sustainable Edmonds, this endeavor would not have been possible." He went on to add, "This is an example of the ultimate public-private partnership; an example where communities come together to say 'we can make a difference' and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels."

Mayor Cooper recognized the individuals and groups who made this project possible. Specifically he congratulated Cooperative Board Chair Chris Herman, long time members of Sustainable Edmonds Bob and Janice Freeman, City staff and directors Phil Williams and Carrie Hite, as well as the City Council.

