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# The anomalous photovoltaic effect based on molecular chirality: the influence of the enantiomer purity on the photocurrent response in $\pi$ -conjugated ferroelectric liquid crystals

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# POM images of (S)-1



**Figure S-1.** POM images of (a) the SmC\* phase (125 °C) and (b) the SmG\* phase (50 °C) of (*S*)-**1** on cooling between two glass substrates. The inset is a magnified image of the SmC\* phase at 125 °C. (These are magnified images of Figure 4.)

# Molecular reorientation behaviors induced by electric field for (S)-1



**Figure S-2.** POM images of the SmC\* phase (127 °C) in a 2  $\mu$ m-thick cell filled with (*S*)-1: (a) after cooling from the Iso phase without DC bias, (b) under application of a negative DC bias (-5 V), (c) under application of a positive DC bias (+5 V), and (d) after discharge. (These are magnified images of Figure 5.)

#### Characterization of mesomorphic properties for (rac)-1



**Figure S-3.** (a) DSC thermograms of (*rac*)-**1** (Scanning rates: 10 K/min. The red curves exhibit thermograms of obtained materials from recrystallization.); (b) XRD patterns in the LC phases of (*rac*)-**1** on cooling process (Upper: at 126 °C in the SmC phase, bottom: at 100 °C in the SmG phase).



## Molecular reorientation behaviors induced by electric field for (rac)-1

**Figure S-4.** POM images of the SmC phase (127 °C) in a 2-2 m thick cell filled with (*rac*)-1: (a) after cooling from the Iso phase without DC bias, (b) under application of a negative DC bias (-5 V), (c) under application of a positive DC bias (+5 V), and (d) after discharge. (These are magnified images of Figure 8.)

## Electric-field-dependence of hole mobilities



**Figure S-5.** Hole mobilities as a function of the square root of electric field in (a) the SmC\* phase of (*S*)-**1** and (b) the SmC phase of (*rac*)-**1**.

## Temperature-dependence of hole mobilities



Figure S-6. Hole mobilities as a function of temperature in (a) the SmC\* phase of (S)-1 and (b) the SmC phase of (rac)-1.



**Figure S-7.** Dielectric hysteresis loops in the SmC\* (SmC) phase (130 °C) of (*S*)-1.

### APV response of the 2- $\mu$ m gap LC sample in their SmC\*/SmC phases



**Figure S-8.** Steady state photocurrent response profiles at 127 °C for (a) 1R10S-1, (b) 1R6S-1, (c) 1R2S-1, and (d) (rac)-1, (b) The measurements were performed using ITO/ ITO sandwich cells whose thickness was 2  $\mu$ m. The APV current density ( $J_0$ ) is determined as APV photocurrent density at zero external bias.