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RE: Support Letter for California Energy Commission GFO-15-312 The EPIC Challenge: Accelerating the Deployment of Advanced Energy Communities

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter as one of support for Groundwork San Diego's proposal in response to the California Energy Commission's (CEC) GFO-15-312, The EPIC Challenge: Accelerating the Deployment of Advanced Energy Communities. Groundwork San Diego is targeting the Encanto community in Southeastern San Diego as the "Advanced Energy Community located in a Disadvantaged Community in Southern California."

It is my understanding that Groundwork San Diego has formed a strategic partnership with UC San Diego to address the energy challenges of the underserved community of Encanto. The proposal will leverage the expertise and technology resources at UC San Diego to address the unique challenges faced in providing the community with clean, safe, and reliable energy.

Cleantech San Diego is a nonprofit member organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. We achieve this by fostering collaborations across the private-public-academic landscape, leading advocacy efforts to promote cleantech priorities, and encouraging investment in the San Diego region. Groundwork San Diego's proposal to the CEC will be a remarkable pilot to determine the energy self-sufficiency of a disadvantaged community through integration and support of several local and regional partners and will help further our regional cleantech efforts.

Cleantech San Diego is pleased to provide our support to this worthwhile effort and looks forward to its successful award and implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jason Anderson
President and CEO
Cleantech San Diego