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To accelerate clean technology innovation and adoption of sustainable business practices for the benefit of the economy and the environment

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter as one of support for GRID Alternatives San Diego's application for the Partnership for Resilient Communities being submitted to the Institute for Sustainable Communities.

Cleantech San Diego is a nonprofit business organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. We support the cleantech industry by fostering collaborations across the private-public-academic landscape, leading advocacy efforts to promote cleantech priorities, and encouraging investment in the San Diego region. Cleantech San Diego has supported GRID Alternatives San Diego's efforts to bring solar energy to low-income families who couldn't otherwise afford it while training the green workforce of tomorrow.

Cleantech San Diego fully supports the efforts of GRID Alternatives San Diego as they seek funding for the Diamond Grid Resilience Project. We consider this initiative to be a huge and necessary positive, given that it is designed to engage, educate, and galvanize residents and community leaders from San Diego's Encanto Neighborhoods Planning Area on the topics of resilience and energy democracy while simultaneously working to amplify, center, and preserve the needs and perspectives of the community -- especially as San Diego moves rapidly toward a 100% clean energy future.

We look forward to collaborating on this project. Should you have any questions regarding our support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson President and CEO Cleantech San Diego