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Ms. Leslie Reynolds
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RE: Support Letter for California Energy Commission GFO-15-312, The EPIC Challenge: Accelerating the Deployment of Advanced Energy Communities, Phase 2

MISSION:

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

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, Phase 2. Groundwork San Diego has identified the Encanto community in Southeastern San Diego as an Advanced Energy Community located in a Disadvantaged Community in the City of San Diego's Promise Zone.

It is my understanding that Groundwork San Diego has assembled a team of globally recognized expertise that includes the UC San Diego Center for Energy Research, Tritec-Americas, Swinerton, San Diego Unified School District, Grid-Scape, CleanSpark, Center for Sustainable Energy, GRID Alternatives, City of San Diego Planning Department, and SDG&E to address the energy challenges of the underserved community of Encanto. The proposal will leverage the expertise and technology resources of all of these uniquely qualified organizations to address the particular 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 project, which will establish 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 while validating a model that can be replicated statewide.

Cleantech San Diego is pleased to provide our support to this worthwhile effort by serving on the Technology Advisory Committee and, where appropriate, seeking input and guidance from our membership. We look forward to the award of this Phase 2 grant to Groundwork San Diego, and assisting in the successful implementation of this project as another key strategic sustainability advancement for the San Diego region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson", written in a cursive style.

Jason Anderson
President and CEO
Cleantech San Diego