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Support for Battery Energy Storage and the Clean Energy Transition

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Support for Battery Energy Storage and The Clean Energy Transition

Dear CEC Commissioners and Staff,

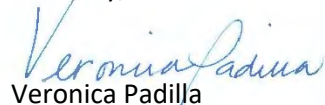
As dedicated advocates for environmental justice for 29 years, Pacoima Beautiful is writing to express our support for the AB 205 opt-in process to bring clean energy infrastructure projects to Los Angeles County. These projects are not merely an energy infrastructure development; they represent a tangible step toward fulfilling our core mission of creating healthier, more equitable environments for all, particularly for indigenous communities and communities of color who have historically borne the brunt of environmental pollution.

For far too long, our communities have been disproportionately burdened by the proximity of polluting energy infrastructure, including harmful peaker plants and other fossil fuel facilities. Pacoima Beautiful has organized to support clean energy, access, affordability, and economy with efforts like Prende El Sol and Clean Air Ambassadors and has campaigned to shut down polluting facilities, such as Valley Gas Plant. These sources have contributed to elevated rates of respiratory illnesses, cardiovascular diseases, and other severe health impacts. These projects offer a critical pathway to reduce our reliance on dirty energy sources and as we continue our efforts to close peaker plants, we see a responsibility to advocate for a path forward.

These projects align with Pacoima Beautiful's goals of fostering a just energy transition that prioritizes the health and well-being of our neighbors. They will contribute to a cleaner, more resilient energy grid, ensuring that the benefits of renewable energy – including cleaner air, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, reduced power outages, and enhanced energy independence – are extended equitably to all residents.

While Pacoima Beautiful commends the project's commitment to safety and its potential to contribute to a future where energy security and environmental equity go hand-in-hand, we will continue to encourage this developer engage with other local groups to identify the most beneficial community benefits. We urge your favorable consideration for this project and clean energy infrastructure for a more just and sustainable future for Los Angeles County and its diverse communities.

Sincerely,



Veronica Padilla
Executive Director

Making an impact at the grassroots level.