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*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*



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California Energy Commission  
715 P Street Sacramento  
CA 95814

**Support for Solar and Wind Energy and Battery Energy Storage Systems with High Road Standards - Advancing a New Economy Rooted in Good Jobs, Thriving Communities, and a Healthy Environment**

Dear CEC Commissioners and Staff,

The Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) is an organizing and advocacy institution committed to economic, environmental, and racial justice. We are writing to express our strong support for the construction of solar and wind energy projects and associated battery energy storage systems (BESS) that are completed using high road labor and environmental standards. These projects represent critical opportunities to advance our vision of a new economy rooted in thriving communities and a healthy environment for all Angelenos.

LAANE has consistently advocated for a just transition to a clean energy future that prioritizes the health and economic well-being of working families and frontline communities. For too long, these communities have disproportionately borne the burden of pollution from aging infrastructure, leading to adverse health outcomes. Renewable energy projects and associated BESS offer a path to reduce our reliance on these harmful energy sources by integrating large-scale energy storage, which facilitates greater reliance on renewable energy and diminishes the need for polluting facilities, which are too often located near disadvantaged neighborhoods. This directly contributes to improved air quality and a healthier environment for those who have been most impacted.

High road standards are of crucial importance to LAANE, both in terms of labor, community, and environmental impacts. To the greatest extent possible, renewable energy and BESS projects should be constructed under a Project Labor Agreement with workforce development pathways that increase access for underrepresented populations, in order to ensure these important investments contribute to a robust local economy. As demonstrated in our past advocacy for clean energy initiatives and infrastructure development, we believe that investments in modern energy solutions must also be investments in our communities, and workforce development and training for the jobs of tomorrow. This aligns with our commitment to ensuring that the transition to a green economy creates equitable opportunities and benefits for all.

We urge the California Energy Commission to thoughtfully consider approval of projects that will increase the availability of solar and wind energy and battery energy storage, especially those completed with high road labor standards. These projects are vital towards a resilient, equitable, and sustainable energy future for Los Angeles, embodying the principles of environmental justice, good jobs, and thriving communities that are central to LAANE's mission.

Sincerely,

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