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Letter of Support from Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan

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California Energy Commission
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RE: Support for the Potentia Viridi Battery Energy Storage System

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my support for the Potentia Viridi Battery Energy Storage System to be built in my Assembly District. This responsibly sited clean energy project will contribute meaningfully to our state's grid reliability and decarbonization goals and provide significant regional benefits, while limiting environmental impacts.

The Potentia Viridi project will yield benefits for the Tri-Valley region, including more than \$50 million in state and local taxes and more than \$1 million in direct community benefits. It will create an estimated 150 union construction jobs as well as a permanent workforce operating the facility. It will increase grid reliability and reduce pollution by reducing reliance on fossil fuel power plants during peak hours. The rigorous environmental review process led by CEC staff has confirmed that the project is well-sited to minimize its impact on the environment: It will be located adjacent to an existing utility substation and in a location with existing energy infrastructure.

The Potentia Viridi project is the type of project the Legislature had in mind when we created the AB 205 opt-in permitting process. It will benefit our region and the state, supporting a reliable electric grid, carbon-free energy, and local economic and community benefits.

I encourage you to approve the Potentia Viridi project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my District Director, Michelle Henry at (925) 244-1600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RBA", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
16th Assembly District