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Letter of Support for Potentia-Viridi Battery Energy Storage System Project

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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Iron Workers, #378

Laborers, #67

Laborers, #304

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Plasterers, #66

Plumbers & Steamfitters, #342

Roofers, #81

Sheet Metal Workers, #104

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May 21, 2026

The Honorable David Hochschild, Chair
California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for the Potentia-Viridi Battery Energy Storage System Project –
Docket Number 24-OPT-04**

Dear Chair Hochschild and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County, representing more than 35,000 skilled construction workers, I write in strong support of the Potentia-Viridi Battery Energy Storage System Project proposed by Levy Alameda, LLC (“the Applicant”), including the Applicant’s request for approval through the California Energy Commission’s Opt-In Certification program.

The proposed 400-megawatt battery energy storage system (BESS) project in eastern Alameda County represents a critical investment in California’s clean energy infrastructure and long-term grid reliability. As California moves toward a carbon-free electric grid, utility-scale energy storage projects like Potentia-Viridi are essential to ensuring that renewable energy resources can be stored and dispatched when demand is highest.

The project’s ability to provide up to 3,200 megawatt-hours of storage capacity will help improve system flexibility and strengthen statewide energy reliability during periods of peak demand and extreme weather. The facility’s around-the-clock operational capability will provide meaningful support for California’s ambitious climate and clean energy goals while helping maintain affordability and resiliency for ratepayers.

In addition to its energy and environmental benefits, the Potentia-Viridi Project will generate substantial employment opportunities for California’s current skilled construction workforce while supporting apprenticeship and workforce training pathways for the next generation of tradespeople. Projects of this scale create high-quality jobs, strengthen local communities, and help sustain the pipeline of skilled workers needed to build California’s clean energy future.

Importantly, the State Building Trades recently entered into a Letter of Agreement with the Applicant establishing the framework for a future Project Labor Agreement covering construction of the project. This agreement reflects a shared commitment

to utilizing a highly skilled workforce and ensuring the project is constructed safely, efficiently, and to the highest industry standards, while maintaining strong labor standards and workforce protections.

The Alameda County Building Trades Council strongly supports responsible energy infrastructure development that prioritizes safety, workforce standards, and community investment. We encourage the CEC to advance projects like Potentia-Viridi that align with California's climate objectives, support good-paying construction careers, and help maintain the state's electric grid.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the California Energy Commission to approve the Potentia-Viridi Battery Energy Storage Project through the Opt-In Certification process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andreas Cluver', written in a cursive style.

Andreas Cluver, Executive Officer
Building & Construction Trades Council of Alameda County