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- Trade Associations and Minority Business Groups
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- American Beverage Association
- Antelope Valley Board of Trade
- Apartment Association, CA Southern Cities
- Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles
- Arcadia Association of Realtors
- Asian American Business Women Association
- Asian Business Association
- Associated Builders and Contractors - LA/Ventura
- Beverly Hills / Greater LA Association of Realtors
- British American Business Council
- Building Industry Association, LA / Ventura
- Building Owners & Managers Association, LA
- Burbank Association of Realtors
- California Apartment Association, LA
- California Contract Cities Association
- California Grocers Association
- California Independent Bankers
- California Metals Coalition
- California Small Business Alliance
- Carson Dominguez Employers Alliance
- Central City Association
- Citrus Valley Association of Realtors
- Construction Industry Air Quality Coalition
- Construction Industry Coalition for Water Quality
- Employers Group
- Entrepreneurs' Organization LA
- Fixing Angelenos Stuck In Traffic (FAST)
- FuturePorts
- Gateway to LA
- Glendale Association of Realtors
- Greater Asian Business Federation
- Greater LA New Car Dealers Association
- Harbor Association of Industry & Commerce
- Harbor Trucking Association
- Hospital Association of Southern CA
- Hotel Association of Los Angeles
- Industry Manufacturers Council
- International Warehouse Logistics Association
- LA SHARES
- League of California Cities
- Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp.
- Los Angeles County Waste Management Association
- Motion Picture Association of America
- NAIOP Southern California Chapter
- National Association of Women Business Owners, LA
- National Latina Business Women Association
- New Majority Los Angeles
- Overseas Chinese Business Exchange
- Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors
- Recording Industry Association of America
- San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
- Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development
- So Cal Minority Supplier Development Council
- South Asian Business Alliance Network
- South Bay Association of Realtors
- South Park Stakeholders Group
- Southland Regional Association of Realtors
- Tri-Counties Association of Realtors
- Valley Economic Alliance
- Valley Economic Development Center
- Valley Industry Association of Santa Clarita
- Valley Industry & Commerce Association
- Valley International Trade Association
- West San Gabriel Valley Association of Realtors
- Western States Petroleum Association

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Re: Support for Redondo Beach Energy Project

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) – representing over 100 business groups with more than 250,000 business owners across our region – we are writing to support the Redondo Beach Energy Project to help our region meet its critical and growing needs.

By replacing the existing power plant, RBEP will be providing fast-response, modern, clean and efficient electrical power that fully supports California’s electrical reliability needs. As you know, California has set aggressive goals to increase the use of renewable energy to 33% by 2020; reduce green-house-gas emissions by 80% in the next 35 years and drastically reduce our use of ocean water for power generation by 2021 – all while maintaining stable, reliable electricity supplies to ensure that when Californians flip the switch, the lights go on.

This project will help meet those needs. In addition, the project represents more than \$500 million in private investment to remove the old plant and build a smaller facility – creating jobs and modernizing the state’s energy infrastructure. Owner AES’ investment will contribute more than \$3 million a year to Redondo’s economy, generate more tax revenue to help pay for local services, and create 1.6 million hours of construction-related work.

BizFed is aware that some suggest relocating the plant inland, but future energy capacity shortfalls are forecasted to be in the western portion of the Los Angeles basin. In fact, a document recently presented to a State Senate committee by California energy leaders clearly shows that by 2022, the LA Basin needs 3,460 to 4,615 MW of new electricity, yet the state has authorized the local utility to procure only 1,400 to 1,800 MW.

This, along with other factors, significantly limits the options for moving the existing plant. Not only must you find an available site within the heavily urbanized region of the LA basin, it needs to have convenient access to natural gas and transmission infrastructure and be suitable for industrial development.

This proposed project – in Redondo Beach - represents a responsible and much-needed addition to our region’s energy infrastructure, economy and environment.

BizFed urges your support of this project, and looks forward to working with you toward approval.

Sincerely,

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Long Beach Area Chamber

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BizFed Founding Chair
Latham & Watkins LLP

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Cc: Redondo Beach City Council