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**Letter of Support for the Petition to Approve the Kim West Mural  
Architectural Treatment**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

**DATE:** March 15, 2021

Joseph Douglas, Compliance Project Manager  
California Energy Commission  
Docket Unit, MS-4  
Docket No. 12-AFC-2C  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512



**RE:   Huntington Beach Energy Project (12-AFC-02C): Letter of Support for the Petition to Approve the Kim West Mural Architectural Treatment**

Dear Mr. Douglas:

My name is Kelly Miller, and I am the President & CEO of Visit Huntington Beach (VHB). VHB, the official accredited destination marketing organization for Huntington Beach, is a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization that has been in business for over 30 years. VHB's mission is to market and promote tourism to Huntington Beach, drive increased visitor spending and overnight stays in Huntington Beach hotels, and enhance the quality of life for residents. I am writing to express our support for the proposed mural-based architectural treatment for the Huntington Beach Energy Project.

The Huntington Beach Energy Project is located near the southern entrance to the City of Huntington Beach. Views of the power plant from the south-east are one of the first visual introductions to the City from the Pacific Coast Highway. We believe that the mural design created by Kim West is a beautiful artistic representation of the wetland and coastal environments of Huntington Beach, and more visually appealing than the currently approved wave wall.

We also support the mural architectural treatment because it was the result of an extensive public process by AES where our local thoughts, opinions, and vision for the community shaped the design. We are thrilled by Southern California-artist Kim West's design and believe that the mural is sure to become an iconic public art display for the benefit of the City of Huntington Beach and the surrounding communities.

We are excited that installation of the mural, if approved, can begin immediately. This means that residents and visitors will not have to wait years for the southern entrance of our City to be enhanced as soon as possible. We look forward to the artist's work beginning this year, well before the State allows AES to cease operation of its old ocean cooled steam boilers.

We urge the California Energy Commission to approve the AES Petition for a Post-Certification Project Change. We respectfully request that the Commission approve the Kim West Mural so the residents and visitors to Huntington Beach may begin enjoying this public art as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly M. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly Miller, President & CEO