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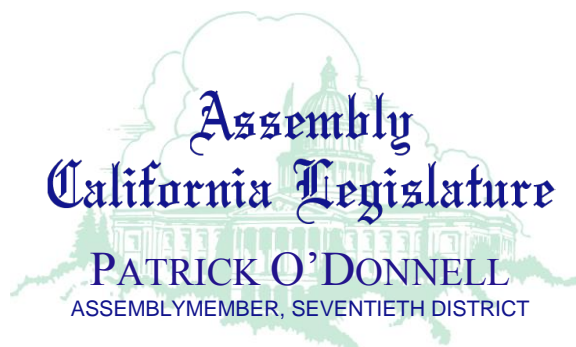
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**Assemblymember O'Donnell Letter of Support**

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Dear Commissioners:

I would like to express my appreciation to the California Energy Commission and staff for the thorough, fair, and transparent process you have followed in addressing the AES Alamitos project.

I am a strong advocate of sustainable alternative forms of energy such as the rapidly growing use of wind and solar. I also understand that when the wind doesn't blow or the sun doesn't shine, it is critical that we provide reliable energy for our residents and businesses in order to maintain a good quality of life and economic stability in our state.

The AES Alamitos Energy Center project is an outstanding example of sustainability and reliability. With 300 megawatts of battery storage, the largest of its kind in the world, this project will provide clean, sustainable energy with the flip of a switch.

From the reliability perspective, the new state of the art, environmentally friendly generation plant can be activated in minutes to meet energy demands during peak times of usage. This replaces the existing 1950's generation plant that takes 36 hours to start up and relies on the use of sea water for cooling. The new Alamitos Energy Center will meet the energy needs of our region and the state while preserving the natural resources in our region.

I have tracked this project closely since when I was a member of the Long Beach City Council. Now, I have the privilege of representing the Alamitos Energy Center as a part of the 70<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. I am proud to support the investments that the Alamitos Energy Center is bringing to my district and I strongly support moving forward with this project.

Sincerely,

Patrick O'Donnell  
Assemblymember, 70<sup>th</sup> District