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## **Letter of Support**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

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Drew Bohan  
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715 P Street  
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***RE: Support for the Elmore North Geothermal Project (23-AFC-02)***

Dear Mr. Bohan,

I trust this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my full support for the Elmore North Geothermal Project (23-AFC-02) proposed in Imperial County. This project holds immense promise for our region and aligns seamlessly with our commitment to sustainable energy development and economic growth in the Imperial Valley.

As Chair of the California State Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee, I have had the privilege of working closely with organizations and initiatives dedicated to advancing our state's clean energy goals. It is with this perspective that I endorse the Elmore North Geothermal Project and its potential contributions to our shared vision of a cleaner, more sustainable energy future.

The Elmore North Geothermal Project represents a pivotal advancement in harnessing geothermal energy for our state's clean energy goals, offering uninterrupted energy generation to bolster grid reliability and accelerate California's transition to clean, carbon-free electricity. Additionally, this project is a substantial economic driver for Imperial County, with capital expenditures ranging from \$750 million to \$1.3 billion, creating over 636 construction jobs and 61 permanent positions while generating significant tax revenue and fostering regional economic growth through direct engagement with local and regional businesses. This dual impact underscores the project's potential to promote sustainable energy and prosperity within our community.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly support the Elmore North Geothermal Project. I respectfully request favorable consideration and approval of the project by the California Energy Commission, recognizing the valuable contributions this project will make to our region's economy and clean energy objectives. If you require further information, please feel free to contact my office at (760) 355-8656.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eduardo Garcia", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Eduardo Garcia  
Assemblymember, District 36