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## **Letter of Support**

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Drew Bohan  
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California Energy Commission  
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***RE: Black Rock Geothermal Project (23-AFC-03)***

Dear Mr. Bohan,

I hope this letter finds you in good health. I am writing to express my strong endorsement of the Black Rock Geothermal Project (23-AFC-03) proposed in Imperial County, California. This project holds great promise for our region and aligns seamlessly with our dedication 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 collaborating closely with organizations and initiatives committed to advancing our state's clean energy goals. It is from this vantage point that I lend my enthusiastic support to the Black Rock Geothermal Project and its potential contributions to our shared vision of a cleaner, more sustainable energy future.

The Black Rock Geothermal Project represents a significant stride in harnessing geothermal energy's potential to meet our state's clean energy objectives. With its capacity for continuous energy generation, this project will play a vital role in ensuring grid reliability and propelling California's transition to clean and carbon-free electricity. The estimated capital expenditures ranging from \$475 million to \$800 million are expected to create over 426 construction jobs and 61 permanent positions dedicated to facility maintenance and operation. This substantial investment will have a profound impact on our local workforce, economy, and tax revenue.

In light of these considerations, I extend my wholehearted support for the Black Rock Geothermal Project. Your evaluation and endorsement of this project will undoubtedly contribute to our shared goal of forging a cleaner, more sustainable energy future for California. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (760)355-8656

Sincerely,

Eduardo Garcia  
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