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October 3, 2024

David Hochschild, Chairman  
California Energy Commission  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: California Battery Pilot Manufacturing Line Scoping

Dear Chairman Hochschild,

As the Mayor of San Leandro, I commend the CEC for supporting the development of a shared battery manufacturing pilot line. Effectively addressing global energy storage needs will require rapid innovation and prototype development. A localized pilot center for such efforts will accelerate California's leadership in battery innovation.

Given our proud history of serving as a business-friendly advanced manufacturing center, San Leandro would serve as excellent location for such a pilot line. We have demonstrated our commitment to this sector by successfully attracting battery-development companies such as CEC-funded Cuberg and Coreshell Technology, as well as others like Quino Energy, Zelos Energy, and Inlyte Energy.

San Leandro is centrally located in the heart of the San Francisco Bay Area along the I-880 and I-580 corridors, which provides easy access for innovators, investors, and the nearby labs and universities that develop premier talent. Northvolt's recent decision to close Cuberg's operations creates a timely opportunity to repurpose or refocus CEC-funded equipment already located in San Leandro.

San Leandro would directly benefit from the investments associated with such a pilot line. Our community's median household income currently lags the Alameda County median by over \$20,000. We are actively seeking investments that will help us grapple with the challenges associated with our status as a disadvantaged community.

In light of the recent panel discussions at the September 18<sup>th</sup> Battery Manufacturing Summit (held in Berkeley), I kindly request that the CEC consider the role that this pilot line could play in supporting the development of leap-frogging technologies or alternative use battery technologies (i.e., beyond mobility), recognizing the ongoing developments in novel chemistries and materials.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Juan González III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name being the most prominent part.

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