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Darden Support Letter

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



Dear Commissioners,

I am the mayor of the city of Kerman. I am writing you to express my strong support for the Darden Clean Energy Project. I believe this project is vital for advancing California's clean energy objectives and offers significant economic and social benefits for Fresno County, particularly its westside communities.

Intersect Power's commitment to the westside is evident in their focus on creating local job opportunities through the Darden Clean Energy Project. They have worked closely with leadership, our communities and surrounding areas to develop meaningful relationships and offer support that reflects an understanding of our needs. Their dedication to prioritizing local hiring and supporting workforce development initiatives like Valley Build will provide valuable skills and career pathways for our residents.

Importantly, they have listened attentively to our concerns around workforce development, especially our emphasis on hiring local, buying local, and future employment. Their forward-thinking approach extends beyond the construction phase, demonstrating a commitment to the long-term needs of our region and its people.

Beyond job creation, the Darden Clean Energy Project is projected to generate substantial tax revenue for Fresno County. These funds will be instrumental in supporting essential services and infrastructure improvements, directly benefiting the often-underserved westside. This project offers a tangible pathway to a more sustainable future while simultaneously investing in our local community.

Intersect Power has proven to be a strong and collaborative partner, and I look forward to continuing this relationship as the project moves forward.

I urge the California Energy Commission to give the Darden Clean Energy Project its full consideration and approval. It represents a significant step towards a cleaner energy future and a valuable opportunity to strengthen the economy and well-being of Fresno County's westside.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Maria Pacheco'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mayor of Kerman