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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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## MISSION:

To accelerate clean technology innovation and promote the equitable deployment of sustainable solutions across the San Diego region for the benefit of the economy, the environment, and all members of the community. California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, California 95814

## Re: Cleantech San Diego Support for Community Energy Labs (Agenda Item 20a xiii, May 11, 2022 Business Meeting)

Chairman Hochschild and Commissioners:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter of support for Community Energy Labs and the proposed resolution approving \$150,000 from the CalSEED initiative to develop a low-cost grid-interactive building control platform that can autonomously and flexibly manage energy and shape electricity demand for K-12, municipal, and small to mid-sized buildings.

Cleantech San Diego is a member-based business association that works to position the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. In 2016, Cleantech San Diego was selected by the California Energy Commission to manage the Southern California Energy Innovation Network (SCEIN), an EPIC-funded incubator program that provides services to entrepreneurs who are developing solutions to help California meet its energy goals. Cleantech San Diego has been working with Community Energy Labs as a member of our SCEIN program since June 2021.

Community Energy Labs has developed an AI-powered building control solution for building operators who find it complex, frustrating, and very expensive to meet building energy goals. Cost-effective building control is an important means for California's school districts and municipalities to handle increasingly complex commercial energy tariffs, performance standards, air quality, and resiliency goals.

Cleantech San Diego is pleased to provide support for the proposed resolution approving CalSEED funding for Community Energy Labs. This project will not only support California's clean energy future but will further demonstrate California's leadership in this industry.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson President and CEO Cleantech San Diego