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## **Letter of Support**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

August 25, 2023

Drew Bohan  
Executive Director  
California Energy Commission  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for the Elmore North Geothermal Project (23-AFC-02)**

Dear Mr. Bohan:

As a resident of Calipatria for 45 plus years, I write to express my support of the Elmore North Geothermal Project proposed in Imperial County, California.

By generating geothermal energy 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the Elmore North Geothermal Project will provide critically needed new, renewable baseload generating capacity to support grid reliability and the State's transition to clean, carbon-free electricity.

The Elmore North Geothermal Project will also provide significant economic benefits to Imperial County. Capital expenditures from the project are estimated to bring \$750 million to \$1.3 billion to the local economy, creating over 636 construction jobs and 61 permanent jobs to support maintenance and operation of the facility. In addition to the many jobs that will be created, the project will generate substantial tax revenue and support the local economy through direct purchase of services, supplies, and materials from local and regional companies.

I, along with four Niland childhood friends formed the NorthEnd Alliance 111, a non-profit community based organization. Our non-profit focuses on the needs of the three frontline communities of Calipatria, Niland and Bombay Beach. The Elmore North Geothermal project tax revenues would benefit each of our communities in improving social economics and quality of life.

For these reasons, I support the Elmore North Geothermal Project. We look forward to the timely consideration and approval of the project by the California Energy Commission.

Sincerely,

Anna Garcia