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## **Letter of Support**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

# City of Calipatria



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## **RE: Support for the Black Rock Geothermal Project (23-AFC-03)**

Dear Mr. Bohan:

On behalf of the City of Calipatria, I write to express our enthusiastic support of the Black Rock Geothermal Project proposed in Imperial County, California.

By generating geothermal energy 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the Black Rock 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 Black Rock 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 560 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.

This project would allow growth and potential employment for our city; we are close in proximity to not only Black Rock Geothermal but Black Rock and Elmore North Geothermal projects.

For these reasons, the City of Calipatria supports the Black Rock Geothermal Project. We look forward to the timely consideration and approval of the project by the California Energy Commission.

Sincerely,

Maria Nava-Froelich  
Mayor