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Mayor James C. Ledford  
38300 Sierra Highway  
Palmdale, CA 93550

Dear Mayor Ledford:

I am writing in support of the Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (PHPP). The Palmdale Power Plant will bring enormous benefits not only to the Antelope Valley, but to the State of California as well. Declining use of coal-fired generation and the loss of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station negatively impacts our state's economy. When these plants close down, people lose jobs and communities lose opportunities.

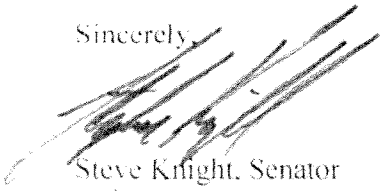
The PHPP will create more than 600 new jobs in construction, installation, technology development and other related fields. The majority of the employees' salaries will be spent locally for housing, food, entertainment and education. Once the project is complete, 35 permanent jobs will be in place and these employees will live in and contribute to the local community.

With the ultra-efficient state-of-the-art design, the project will produce nearly 600 MW of electricity: enough to supply approximately 500,000 homes and will help to hold down the costs of generating electricity system-wide. This will allow Southern California Edison (SCE) to retire the older, dirtier and less efficient plants. Due to the inherent unreliable and expensive wind and solar projects, it is important to have this plant in place to increase the reliability of the SCE grid.

In addition, the regional economic benefits to the Antelope Valley would be tremendous. The project will pay for the paving of 4-6 miles of roads, the construction of a regional reclaimed water trunk line that benefits the cities of both Palmdale and Lancaster. Finally, the increased revenue will help to fund programs such as law enforcement and parks programs.

I welcome the Palmdale Hybrid Power Project as an important addition to the Antelope Valley. This project will provide energy reliability and economic growth sorely needed in the community.

Sincerely,

  
Steve Knight, Senator  
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July 10, 2013

Mayor James C. Ledford  
City of Palmdale  
38300 Sierra Highway  
Palmdale, CA 93550

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Dear Mayor Ledford,

On behalf of the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, I am writing to express our strong support for the Palmdale Hybrid Power Plant.

Our Council represents 140,000 skilled crafts men and women in 14 Trades and 52 local affiliated unions. Thousands of these members live in the Antelope Valley. They are hard-working neighbors and contribute to their communities. They care about making the right choice for the local economy and environment. The Palmdale plant is the right choice.

The Palmdale plant will be built under a Project Labor Agreement with our Council and the State Building Trades of California. Through this agreement, we will be able to provide jobs to local residents. We will bring newcomers into the pipeline for our apprenticeship programs, recognized as the best in the nation. These are careers with competitive wages, full benefits and secure retirement.

The Palmdale plant will also benefit our environment and economy. It will utilize solar and natural gas, making it the first plant of its kind in the world. This will help California meet its goal of 33 percent of energy coming from renewable sources by 2020.

In light of the closing of the San Onofre nuclear power plant, it is more important than ever before that we have new sources of power. The Palmdale plant will be a crucial step toward improving and stabilizing our vital power grid.

Mayor Ledford, we are proud to stand with you in supporting the Palmdale Hybrid Power Plant. It is the smart decision for our local union members, the community and the state of California. We look forward to getting to work on this project.

Sincerely,

Ron Miller  
Executive Secretary



## Antelope Valley African American Chamber of Commerce

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July 3, 2013

Mayor James C. Ledford Jr.  
**City of Palmdale**  
38300 Sierra Highway  
Palmdale, CA 93550

**Re: Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (PHPP)**

Dear Mayor Ledford,

It has come to our attention that the Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (PHPP) has come under attack after the announcement of its State approval. Our Chamber members conducting business here in the Antelope Valley can't accept another rate increase or rolling black-outs due to insufficient power in the area.

We have observed the process the City of Palmdale has executed over the last ten years, with an attempt to mitigate the problem and provide electricity to its residents and business community. This project will bring much needed construction and permanent jobs to our immediate area. As you know Southern California Edison (SCE) has elected to close the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant, taking much needed resources off the grid. The rising cost for SCE to build new sub-stations is enormous and would only pass the construction cost down to the rate-payers. With a constant threat of rolling black-outs and higher service bills, we must seek alternative resources...the PHPP is the right direction. Based on our research, this state-of-the-art power plant provides 600 MW to our City, providing enough electricity for a half million homes and businesses. It a win-win for our members' local community providing lower rates and local sustained power.

We at Antelope Valley African American Chamber of Commerce (AVAACC) admire you (the Mayor) and the Cities leadership, forethought, and capital investment regarding this project. Let's join the other cities in the State of California such as: Burbank-Glendale, Anaheim, Pasadena, LADWP, Vernon, Azusa, Victorville, Corona, Moreno Valley, and more providing power for its community. More importantly, our area is ideal for a project such as this.

On behalf of my entire Board and its membership, we support the PHPP project and encourage you to move forward without delay. The economic outcome of this project is high for our community. We look forward to an invite to its ground breaking ceremony, RFQ's, RFP's and job opportunities.

Sincerely,

*Richard Poston*

President/CEO - AVAACC

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July 9, 2013

The Honorable Mayor James C. Ledford  
38300 Sierra Highway  
Palmdale, CA 93550

Dear Mayor Ledford,

The Award-Winning Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is united in supporting the Palmdale Power Plant Project and we stand with you in bringing this vision into fruition. We know that our AV is rich in renewable resources and poised to play an important role in providing California communities with clean power.

We are also aware of the benefits the Palmdale Power Plant brings to the City of Palmdale and the AV as a whole. A projected 600+ skilled construction jobs that can alleviate the unemployment concerns while culminating with 35 full-time permanent employees, an economic multiplier effect which could create additional jobs, increased reliability and stability of the SCE grid, and many more.

Due to its state of the art design, super-flexible configuration and ability to rapid start, we understand that the Palmdale Power Plant will bring additional stability to the SCE grid which, at times, can be costly to maintain and unreliable. The PPP will also aid utilities in reaching California's Renewable Portfolio Standard which requires use of 33% renewable power by 2020. It will also enable SCE to retire older, dirtier, less efficient plants and increase reliability in times of high demand, due to its nearly 600 MW of power available on demand.

Completing the vision, Palmdale and the AV will benefit from improvements in infrastructure, including newly paved roads, a regional reclaimed water trunk, no adverse environmental impacts and millions in annual property taxes. These are some of the reasons AVHCC proudly supports this project, which will transform underutilized land into a productive resource for the betterment of our community.

Sincerely,

*Isaac G.D. Barcelona, 2013 President & 1997 Co-Founder*  
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James C. Ledford Jr.  
38300 Sierra Highway  
Palmdale, CA 93550

June 19, 2013

Dear Mayor Ledford,

I am writing on behalf of the Palmdale Chamber of Commerce to express our support for the Palmdale Power Plant Project. The Antelope Valley is rich in renewable resources and is poised to play a large role in providing California communities with clean power to help meet state policy mandates.

The Palmdale Chamber of Commerce is encouraged by the many benefits the Palmdale Power Plant will bring to the City of Palmdale and the Antelope Valley. Those benefits include more than 600 jobs, increased stability and reliability of the SCE grid and, a positive impact on the region as a whole.

Currently, unemployment is a concern in the Antelope Valley and a project like the Palmdale Power Plant has the ability to decrease the number of people unemployed by offering 600 construction jobs to local residents skilled in their field. Moreover, it is good to know that the Palmdale Power Plant will eventually settle in with 35 permanent employees who will no doubt invest and spend their money locally. Finally, the Palmdale Chamber of Commerce is aware that the Palmdale Power Plant will have a ripple effect on the surrounding community as a result of its economic multiplier which is likely to create additional, indirect jobs.

There is no question the current SCE grid is at times unreliable and costly to maintain. The Palmdale Power Plant brings additional stability to the SCE grid because of its state of the art design, super-flexible configuration and ability to rapid start. In addition, the Palmdale Power Plant will aid utilities in reaching California's Renewable Portfolio Standard which requires them to use 33% renewable power by 2020. Furthermore, with nearly 600 MW of power available on demand, the Palmdale Power Plant will enable SCE to retire older, dirtier, less efficient plants and increase reliability in times of high demand.

As a whole, Palmdale and the Antelope Valley will benefit from improved infrastructure like, newly paved roads, a regional reclaimed water trunk, no adverse environmental impacts and, millions of dollars in annual property taxes. These benefits, along with those mentioned above are just a few reasons why the Palmdale Chamber of Commerce is proud to support a project that transforms under-utilized land into a productive resource, creates local jobs and, will ensure the availability of clean, domestic renewable energy for California.

Sincerely,

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Jeff McElfresh  
Chief Executive Officer

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James C. Ledford Jr.  
38300 Sierra Highway  
Palmdale, CA 93550

Dear Mayor Ledford,

I am writing to express my support for the Palmdale Power Plant Project. This project could benefit the local community and surrounding area in numerous ways. Construction of the Palmdale Power Plant will improve the regional economically, provide improved energy reliability, and help state power suppliers meet renewable energy goals.

Currently, unemployment is an on-going problem in the region. The Palmdale project may provide up to 600 short-term construction jobs to local residents. Additionally, when the Palmdale Power Plant is activated, approximately 35 permanent employment positions will become available.

Increased employment in one-sector has far-reaching and positive impacts in retail, service, and housing industries. Paychecks allow people to contribute to our local economy, stimulate new business formation, and generate sales tax revenues. The Palmdale Power Plant also is expected to contribute \$6 million in annual property taxes to local governments. Increasing the local tax base provides additional funds for schools, water districts and other services.

The Palmdale Power Plant will provide will create consumer energy more efficiently. The Southern California Edison (SCE) power grid currently is unreliable and expensive to maintain due to conditions related to geography and equipment. This 600-megawatt Palmdale Power Plant will support and improve stability and efficiency through the introduction of new state-of-the-art equipment. Bringing Palmdale's new plant online will reduce frequent power outages that have resulted from high demand and inadequate capacity.

The Palmdale Power Plant will improve environmental conditions. The California Energy Commission conducted an extensive environmental review of the project and granted a permit to it finding: "...the project will neither result in, nor contribute substantially to, any significant direct, indirect, or cumulative adverse environmental impacts." A new plant will allow California to retire older plants and improve regional air quality. The Palmdale Power Plant also



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will aid state utilities in reaching the California's Renewable Portfolio Standard requiring power suppliers to use 33% renewable power by 2020.

Given the potential for economic growth, reliable energy supply, and the opportunity to meet our environmental goals, I strongly support the Palmdale Power Plant Project as a plan that will aid in the recovery of the City of Palmdale and the Community of the Antelope Valley.

Sincerely,

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Steve Fox  
Assemblymember, 36th District

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