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October 30, 2009

Chairman Karen Douglas, J.D.  
 California Energy Commission  
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-33  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Douglas:

The Westside Cities Council of Governments is pleased to submit this letter of support for the County of Los Angeles' grant applications to the California Energy Commission under the State Energy Program category #1 – Municipal Financing Program and category #2 - California Comprehensive Residential Building Retrofit Program.

The County of Los Angeles has committed nearly \$12 million of its \$15.4 million in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds to develop and implement a countywide AB 811 municipal financing program and community-scale building retrofit program. The County will make this program available to property owners in all 88 cities located within the County's boundaries. The countywide AB 811 financing program has been reviewed by the COG Sustainability Committee which is strongly recommending that all the COG member jurisdictions review and join the County's program when it is available. This recommendation will be considered by the full COG governing board at its November meeting.

The Westside Cities COG's combined population represents over 750,000. We are committed to helping the State achieve its greenhouse gas reduction goals under AB 32, meet aggressive energy savings goals, and grow the green economy in our community.

The County, in partnership with participating local governments, seeks to generate thousands of career-track new jobs while maximizing quantified energy, water, and carbon reductions by reducing energy and water use and promoting renewable energy in the approximate 4 million buildings located within the County. In addition, this program will incorporate the State's loading order which emphasizes energy efficiency and energy use reduction before renewable resources.

We urge you to fully fund the County's SEP applications under category #1 – Municipal Financing Program and category #2 - California Comprehensive Residential Building Retrofit Program. Thank you for supporting our regional partnership and helping fund this groundbreaking program.

Sincerely,

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