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## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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Rinaldo S. Brutoco, President  
World Business Academy  
2020 Alameda Padre Serra, Suite 135  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103

***RE: Letter of Support in Connection with Application for California Energy Commission EPIC Funding for the Santa Barbara Reliable, Resilient, Renewable (SBR<sup>3</sup>) Project***

Dear Mr. Brutoco:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, I am writing in support for the World Business Academy's ("Academy") SBR<sup>3</sup> Project that will be submitted in an Application to be filed with the California Energy Commission ("CEC") for \$1.5-million in funding under solicitation number GFO-15-312 ("The EPIC Challenge: Accelerating the Deployment of Advanced Energy Communities") of the CEC's Electric Program Investment Charge ("EPIC") program.

The County of Santa Barbara has an intrinsic interest in facilitating the development of local distributed energy resources ("DERs") and is eager to support this grant application by the Academy and its team to fully integrate, optimize, and realize the benefits of DERs in a portion of Southern California Edison's system that currently faces unique reliability challenges. We also recognize the high level of interest in the SBR<sup>3</sup> Project among local organizations and the business community.

In issuing its support, the County of Santa Barbara is prepared to offer its cooperation to increase community awareness regarding the potential benefits from the SBR<sup>3</sup> Project and to develop a cooperative approach towards the potential successful development and implementation of the SBR<sup>3</sup>.

The County of Santa Barbara looks forward to a productive and mutually beneficial working relationship with the Academy and its team on this Project.

Sincerely,

Peter Adam  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attachment B