



Executive Director:
Raymond L. McDonald

November 13, 2009

Michael F. Brown
County Executive Officer
105 East Anapamu Street, Suite 406
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Dear Mr. Brown:

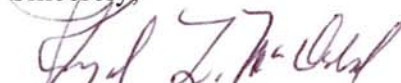
On behalf of the Santa Barbara County Workforce Investment Board (WIB), I am writing in support of the staff recommendation for the County Municipal Energy Financing District, on the Board of Supervisors Agenda for December 1, 2009.

County staff, on November 12, 2009, provided a presentation to the WIB Executive Committee on the Financing District, and afterwards the Committee voted to endorse the creation of the district, as being consistent with the objectives of the WIB, and of benefit to the County of Santa Barbara and its residents.

Moreover, the WIB views the creation of the Financing District as an opportunity for new job creation and for the existing workforce to enhance their skills to meet the needs of the new Clean and Green energy industry sectors. It should be noted that the WIB has commissioned research that indicates that the skills and occupations incumbent in the energy field will be growth areas for Santa Barbara County's workforce in the future.

Again, we strongly support the staff recommendation for the acceptance of the feasibility study, and begin implementation of the Financing District.

Sincerely,



RAYMOND L. McDONALD
Executive Director