



LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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California Energy Commission
Media and Public Communications Office
1516 Ninth Street, MS-29
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Dear California Energy Commission,

The Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) would like to submit this letter of support for the creation of several Green Hive facilities throughout the state of California. I believe The Green Hive directly reflects the mission of the LAEDC which is to attract, retain and grow businesses and jobs for the regions of LA County. The LAEDC has helped to create over 152,000 jobs to LA County with an economic impact totaling more than \$7.5 Billion. As the 'Green' Movement continues to gain steam we firmly suspect that the need for green education, curriculum and training will be vital to fill the thousands of new green jobs that are on the horizon.

We aim to utilize The Green Hive as a vehicle to help implement many of our programs, initiatives and research studies to help support local business leadership. The impact for green businesses and workforce development has become a foremost priority for the LAEDC as a means for fostering local business development, as well as the creation/retention of regional jobs. By connecting the sustainable business leaders with the educational component that is so badly needed in today's marketplace, The Green Hive will serve as the crucial link that brings us one step closer to a truly sustainable economy.

I share in the excitement throughout the LA Community for The Green Hive to open its first facility in downtown Los Angeles in Fall 2009. I hope that the CEC helps to provide the funding necessary to open these revolutionary resource centers throughout the state. The demand for information and access to green technologies, products and alternatives is growing and providing a physical hub to help facilitate these demands is critical to the future of our communities.

Thank you very much for your support. I would be happy to speak with any one on behalf of The Green Hive.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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