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Mike Chrisman
Secretary for Natural Resources
California Energy Commission
Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Chrisman,

The convergence of government agency mandates, business strategic positioning, and consumer interest has created a great demand for reliable, research-based information about green products, services and sources. Those that show the greatest need are city agencies and departments; building professionals, including architects, designers and contractors; students training for such professions; as well as homeowners and consumers.

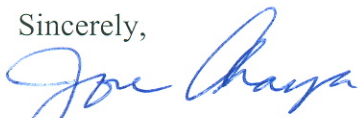
These same constituencies have an equally strong need/demand to train current and future workforce in the existing and emerging green careers. The community members, as well, have a vested interest to become aware of their options and responsibilities for sustainable living and development. *The Green Hive is a direct response to these needs.*

The ECC Business Training Center will be proud to partner with the Green Hive to serve as a training ground for El Camino College faculty and students in the emerging fields of green design and construction (and supporting businesses). From all the reviewed reports and data, these targeted job opportunities are expected to grow rapidly and are already highly impacting the demand for specialized skills of architectural professionals, construction workers, managers, inspectors, and others in the construction and landscaping businesses. Formal and informal interactions between educators and industry practitioners will create opportunities for developing new courses and programs that meet industry needs. They will also create opportunities for hands-on experiences for students, either in the form of internships, service-learning projects or jobs.

There are many area/local partners eager to participate in The Green Hive activities, and overwhelming support has been received from governmental agencies, local and national businesses, industry professionals, utility companies as well as educators.

We hope that you will find The Green Hive worthy of your support and involvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jose Anaya".

Jose Anaya
Dean, Community Advancement and the Business Training Center
El Camino Community College District