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City Manager
City of _____
Address
City, CA Zip

RE: Participation in Los Angeles County Energy Program

Dear _____:

Your city is invited to participate in the Los Angeles County Energy Program (LACEP), a program being established pursuant to Assembly Bill 811 (AB 811).

In June 2009, the County of Los Angeles (County) met with various Los Angeles County Councils of Government to discuss the County's plans to implement a countywide energy efficiency and renewable energy building retrofit financing program under AB 811. In September 2009, the County convened multiple stakeholder meetings to obtain input from parties interested in the County's AB 811 program. The stakeholder groups addressed program policy, design and implementation. Staff from a number of cities provided valuable input through participation in one or more of these stakeholder groups. Since the stakeholder meetings, we have made considerable progress and I am pleased to provide you with the following update on the County's efforts.

As directed by the County Board of Supervisors, County staff has initiated the process of establishing an AB 811 Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing program to benefit homeowners in all 88 cities and unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County by providing loans for energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements to their properties. In April 2010, the Board of Supervisors will consider a resolution declaring the County's intention to implement such a program. In May 2010, the Board is expected to conduct a public hearing and approve the establishment of LACEP. After such approval by the Board, your city may take action to formally participate in LACEP.

As you may know, the County allocated a significant portion of its Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds for the LACEP and is hoping to leverage additional funding for the program from the California Energy Commission and U.S. Department of Energy to help implement the program.

Attached is a one-page fact sheet to assist in your consideration of participation in LACEP. There is no cost to cities to participate in LACEP. Participation requires only adoption of a City Resolution to authorize city residents to take advantage of PACE financing. Your city can contribute to the success of the program by providing marketing and outreach to your residents.

In April 2010, the County will distribute a City Participation Toolkit that will have a form of the City Resolution to formally join LACEP as well as a sample Staff Report, which

will include a list of eligibility requirements for property owners as well as the types of improvements that would qualify for financing through LACEP. The table below provides an estimated timeline of events. Please note that the city resolution of participation in the LACEP should not be adopted until after LACEP adoption by the County Board of Supervisors on May 25, 2010.

ANTICIPATED 2010 TIMELINE

April 6	LA County Board of Supervisors adopts LACEP Resolution of Intention.
April 12	Distribution of City Adoption Toolkit materials.
May 25	LA County Board of Supervisors holds public hearing and gives final approval for LACEP.
May 26 and anytime after	City Council adopts resolution to join LACEP.
September	Formal launch of LACEP with PACE financing

Please feel free to contact the County Office of Sustainability at (877)270-7781 with any questions and/or comments.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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