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The Honorable Kevin de León
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 100 California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program Notice of Support

Dear Senator de León:

The City of Cupertino is a leader in embracing sustainability efforts in response to current and anticipated environmental challenges. The City continuously looks for innovative strategies to reduce its carbon footprint guided by our Climate Action Plan (CAP). As such, the City supports environmentally friendly legislation and urban sustainability consistent with our CAP goals. However, there are many activities, such as transportation, industrial activity and water supplies that the City does not have the authority to regulate. On these issues, the City relies on a responsive State government.

Most of Cupertino's anticipated community-wide emission reductions are estimated to come from statewide actions. As the Climate Action Plan describes statewide action will account for about 85% of greenhouse gas reductions needed to achieve our citywide goals. SB 100 and other statewide efforts are critical in making sure we reach the goals set forth in our CAP.

In 2017, California produced approximately 30% of its electricity from clean energy sources, and is on track to meet the current Resource Portfolio Standard (RPS) compliance goal of 33% renewable energy by 2020 and 50% renewable by 2030. If passed, SB100 would increase the 2030 goal to 60%, and set new policy of 100% carbon free electricity by 2045.

The City of Cupertino is committed to sustainability and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by 15% by 2020, 49% by 2035 and 83% by 2050 through a number of measures, including shifting away from fossil fuel use to using renewable energy sources like solar and wind. SB 100 is essential for Cupertino's climate action goals and would further reinforce California's commitment to clean energy.

For these reasons, the City of Cupertino strongly supports SB100 to further our renewable energy goals of reducing greenhouse gas emission and mitigating the effects of climate change.

Sincerely,

Darcy Paul
Mayor, City of Cupertino

Cc: Assembly Member Evan Low
Senator Jim Beall