

May 13, 2019

The Honorable Phil Ting
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Claremont-Pomona Locally Grown Power Budget Funding Request - SUPPORT

Dear Honorable Phil Ting,

I'm writing to express my support of the Claremont-Pomona Locally Grown Power (LGP) \$2.1 million budget funding request from Assemblymember Chris Holden.

The climate crisis is one of the most pressing issues humanity faces today, with a projected 11 years to make serious, large-scale societal changes if we are to avoid ecological collapse, according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Adopting renewable energy technologies, creating self-sustaining local communities, and addressing our severe income inequality and environmental injustice issues are key parts of our focus.

The Claremont-Pomona LGP plan includes the world's first non-profit solar panel assembly factory serving the 41st Assembly District and is a replicable prototype that will mitigate 27,000 metric tons of greenhouse gases per year, create over 500 direct and indirect living-wage jobs, address our lowest income households first, and within the first 5 years grow the local economy by \$14 million. SCAG and the Pomona Consulting Group have calculated that in 15 years, for every \$1 spent on LGP, the combined economies of Pomona and Claremont will grow by \$7 – a 700% expansion on investment. This will significantly improve the quality of life for the residents of these cities and, by extension, the surrounding communities as well. The LGP prototype will be scaled and replicated across California and beyond, inciting national environmental, social, and economic transformation.

[write your own brief message here if desired]

The LGP plan promotes sustainable energy, economic revitalization, and environmental social justice, and I urge you to support Assemblymember Holden's budget funding request.

Sincerely,

Name (and title if applicable)
Address
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