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RE: Letter of Commitment for Fiscal Year 2018 EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant

Dear Mr. Wilson,

I am pleased to confirm San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOC) will be a member of the Coalition led by the City of Stockton and supports this Brownfields Assessment Grant Application to secure funding through the Fiscal Year 2018 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Grants Program.

As the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the San Joaquin region, SJCOC maintains an ongoing collaborative relationship with the City of Stockton to deliver a variety of federal, state, and local programs that support the streets, roads, highways, transit systems, and other transportation resources that help community members get where they need to be. Through the years, SJCOC has directed transportation investments to enhance mobility within the City of Stockton, complementing local efforts to promote economic vitality in the region, as well as revitalize existing neighborhoods in the urban core. In recent years, some of these efforts include pedestrian enhancements along Weber Avenue in downtown Stockton, expansion of a bus rapid transit service, the introduction of the region's first high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane on Interstate 5, and many others.

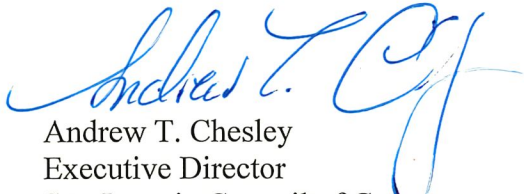
The EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant represents yet another opportunity to collaborate on shared goals with the City of Stockton, particularly around supporting infill development and economic vitality in San Joaquin County. By allowing the Coalition to identify and assess brownfield sites and plan for their future redevelopment, the EPA Grant will support the long-term economic well-being of our community and encourages reinvestment and economic development opportunities. Grant funding will allow the Coalition to identify and assess brownfield sites along prime commercial and industrial corridors and will support our long-term community vision to revitalize our neighborhoods and economy. Creating useable properties will complement the existing efforts already set forth and encourage much-needed reinvestment, economic development, and job creation opportunities. These efforts will further the goals of the comprehensive planning that has taken place in SJCOC's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), including to encourage investment in mixed use infill development, and to promote alternative modes of transportation such as biking and walking.

If funds are awarded, two members of our staff will participate on the Brownfield Advisory Committee and assist with other critical tasks to help guide successful implementation of our proposed project. Our voluntary in-kind contribution is estimated at a total of 40 hours of staff time per year as follows:

Staff Member	Title	Hours (3 years)	Rate	Total In-Kind
Kim Anderson	Senior Regional Planner	30 (10 x 3)	\$130.86	\$ 3,925.80
Christine Corrales	Associate Regional Planner	90 (30 x 3)	\$ 80.47	\$ 7,242.30
Total In-Kind				\$11,168.10

If you need further information please contact my lead staff person for this effort, Kim Anderson, at (209) 235-0565 or anderson@sjcog.org. We look forward to partnering with the City of Stockton on this endeavor to revitalize our community.

Sincerely,



Andrew T. Chesley
Executive Director
San Joaquin Council of Governments