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Honorable Darrell Steinberg
Chair, Senate Committee on Rules
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 400
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear President Pro Tempore Steinberg:

On behalf of South Bay Cities Council of Governments, I write in strong support of confirming Carla J. Peterman as Commissioner of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Commissioner Peterman's diverse professional experiences in energy regulation, environmental and energy policy research, finance, green job development, as well as her understanding and appreciation of ratepayer interests, make her uniquely qualified to serve.

Our Board members met with Commissioner Peterman several months ago when she invited herself to our Environmental Services Center to learn more about our work. She is the first CPUC Commissioner to do so on her own initiative. She spent several hours with us and demonstrated not only her extensive background of the issues that the CPUC is responsible for but also her commitment to learning and understanding how rulemakings and policies actually get implemented. We came away from our meeting with her incredibly impressed and so appreciative that she is on the CPUC.

We are confident that her professional background will well serve the Commission's decision-making processes given California's forward-looking energy, water, communications, safety, transportation, and environmental policy goals and the challenging state of its economy.

Commissioner Peterman also has substantial experience with resources policy from her appointment as a Commissioner at the California Energy Commission focused on renewables, transportation, and natural gas. Her record there demonstrated her focus on maximizing value by strengthening the economic and consumer protection frameworks of the Energy Commission's key energy programs.

Commissioner Peterman's diverse academic and professional background in science, business, policy, and social justice issues as well as her interest in learning about the actual implementation of programs provides a strong foundation for balancing competing interests and finding opportunities for compromise and consensus.

It is not often that we have firsthand knowledge of a nominee for the CPUC but after meeting with Commissioner Peterman, we strongly support her confirmation and urge your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our Executive Director, Jacki Bacharach at 310-293-2612 or email her at jacki@southbaycities.org

Sincerely,

Dan Medina, SBCCOG Chair
Mayor Pro Tem, Gardena

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Rules
Commissioner Carla J. Peterman

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