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California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)
Office of the Secretary
Environmental Justice Small Grants Program
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear CalEPA,

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports Build Hope Inc.'s submission of a \$50,000 project to the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program to develop community led solutions to climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience chances for the San Pedro area.

The Central Neighborhood Council is an official elected body under the City of Los Angeles designed to represent the residents and businesses in the central part of San Pedro where Rancho San Pedro is located and we have been engaged in the discussions regarding the redevelopment of this public housing complex. We have long been concerned about the pollutants from the Port, Refineries, and other nearby emitters and the health impacts on our community.

We fully support the Environmental Justice project proposed by Build Hope Inc. This project will help educate and elevate resident leadership among public housing residents living in San Pedro. It will allow them to establish criteria for a health certification for the build out and renovation of the public housing units currently in development by One San Pedro, part of a Housing and Urban Development Choice Neighborhood's Initiative.

The \$50,000 in requested funds will support the build out of a more resilient community that reflects the priorities to combat climate change and prioritize the mitigation of inequities in the historic distribution of new technologies, green space and healthy life styles. The project imagines activating the residents and surrounding institutions in a yearlong community engagement providing opportunities for both education and feedback for the One San Pedro project. Like all of Build Hope Inc.'s projects, resident led engagement is a key priority.

Thank you for your consideration and diligence in ensuring the environmental and health of our underserved communities. For additional information, please contact Frank B Anderson fbmjet@aol.com or 310-833-9113

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louis P. Caravella".

Louis P. Caravella
President