

Sonoma State University's Environmental Technology Center



A Building that Teaches

February 3, 2012

Heather Fargo
Executive Policy Officer, Strategic Growth Council
c/o Sustainable Communities Planning Grant
Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection
801 K Street, MS Floor 18-01, Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Fargo,

On behalf of the Center for Sustainable Communities at Sonoma State University, I am pleased to offer this letter of intent to participate in the joint planning activities with the County of Sonoma and local cities that are identified in the attached proposal for funding by the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program. We believe that the activities described herein will create a substantial benefit for Sonoma County and future generations, as we seek to reduce our contributions to climate change.

An initial planning process to address the issue of climate change began in 2002, and with a high level of participation by local municipalities and other stakeholders a community-based Sonoma County Community Climate Action Plan was drafted in 2005. Funding from the Strategic Growth Council would enable Sonoma County to take the next step of developing a more detailed implementation plan to combat climate change.

In order to help guarantee the success of this effort, we look forward to participating actively with the Regional Climate Protection Authority, the County, and other local jurisdictions. We are enthusiastic about the potential of this process to create a very positive long-term impact for the residents of our city and to serve as a model for other communities in California and across the nation. Please feel free to contact me at 415 669-7230, if I can clarify our commitment in any way.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Alex Hinds in black ink.

Alex Hinds

Co-founder and Managing Consultant



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