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Dear Ms. Fargo,

On behalf of the City of Sebastopol, I am pleased to offer this letter of intent to participate in the joint planning activities with the County of Sonoma and other cities that are identified in the attached proposal for funding by the Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program. We believe that the activities described herein will create a substantial benefit, not only for the people of Sonoma County, but for 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 the Sonoma County Community Climate Action Plan in 2005 was drafted. After careful study of the unique issues facing Sonoma County, that plan focused on four key strategies to address climate change: 1) Promoting energy efficiency and conservation, 2) Reducing automobile usage and fuel consumption, 3) Promoting water conservation, and 4) Protecting natural resources and agricultural lands. Funding from the Strategic Growth Council would enable Sonoma County to take the next step of developing a more detailed implementation plan and the necessary agreements for a shared effort 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 jurisdictions in the county to create a viable plan that will effectively address the challenges that we face.

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 (707) 823-6167 if I can clarify our commitment in any way.

Sincerely,

Kenyon Webster, Planning Director