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Stanford Transportation Group gives notice of the following ex parte communication, in accordance with California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Rule 8.3. Stanford Transportation Group has supported the California Community College system by providing PV installation and business-related training to faculty and to students for over 6 years; the programs provided have been conducted in both the English and Spanish languages, and have frequently been conducted in coordination with non-profit organizations providing on-site, hands-on components.

Today, Stanford Transportation Group mailed a letter to Commission President Picker urging the CPUC to maintain a strong net metering program in California beyond 2017. "California's residential solar market is booming in part because of strong net energy metering policies that encourage homeowners to make investments in rooftop solar," the letter states. "This growth in the residential solar market helps create good-paying jobs

that can lead to long-term careers for our students.”

The letter was signed by 18 other job training organizations from around the state. Copies of the letter were also mailed to Commissioners Florio, Peterman, Sandoval and Randolph, and to Governor Brown. The letter is attached hereto as Attachment A.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **ATTACHMENT A**

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President Michael Picker  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
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Dear President Picker,

We represent job training organizations around the state, and we write to urge your continued support for net metering, an important state policy facilitating the growth of rooftop solar in California. More rooftop solar creates local jobs, reduces the burden of energy costs on our economy, and builds a cleaner energy future for all Californians.

California's job training organizations work to provide opportunities for hands-on job training for individuals in the rapidly expanding field of solar installation. Some of our students have participated in the Single-family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) Program, which has provided opportunities for students to get valuable hands-on training in real world solar installation that complements their classroom training and gives them a leg up in the job market. This resume-building experience helps our students be more employable and land installation and project coordination jobs in the residential solar market. California's residential solar market is booming in part because of strong net energy metering policies that encourage homeowners to make investments in rooftop solar. This growth in the residential solar market helps create good-paying jobs that can lead to long-term careers for our students.

California's solar market, and the associated solar jobs created, exist in part because of net metering, and continuing the program is essential to maintaining the hard won momentum we have achieved.

We urge the Commission to maintain net metering without excessive new fees, and to expand opportunities for renters and disadvantaged communities to benefit from net metering. With your continued leadership, California can keep building on our impressive solar momentum, harnessing the power of customer choice and American ingenuity to create jobs and power us to a clean energy future.

Sincerely,

Gerald Bernstein, Managing Director  
*Stanford Transportation Group, LLC*

Robert Chávez, Chief Executive Officer  
*Urban Corps of San Diego County*

Stuart Cooley, Professor  
*Santa Monica College Sustainable Technologies Program (Earth Science Dept.)*

Colleen Corliss, Resource Development and Communications Director  
*Swords to Plowshares*

Ernie Flores, Executive Director  
*Central Valley Opportunity Center, Inc*

Brano Goluzza, Professor  
*Los Angeles Trade Technical College*

Denise Haynes, Program Manager  
*Los Angeles Conservation Corps*

Hal Hernandez, PV Instructor,  
*West Valley Occupational Center*

Brian Hurd, President  
*Hands on Solar Inc.*

Tom King, Professor  
*College of the Canyons, Solar Energy and Energy Technology Program*

Merl Kraft, President  
*Future Build East County Pre-Apprentice Training Program*

Ralph Krongold, Professor  
*Los Angeles Valley College, Dept of Electronics and Renewable Energy*

Michael E. McCann, Chief Executive Officer  
*Proteus Inc.*

Dorsey Moore, CEO  
*San Jose Conservation Corps*

Jodi Pincus, Executive Director  
*Rising Sun Energy Center*

Hermelinda Sapien, President/CEO  
*National Center For Employment Training*

Thaddeus Skiles, Employment Director  
*Homeboy Industries*

Rick Solis, Director  
*Venice YouthBuild*

Timothy Waters, Program Director  
*Young Community Developers*

CC: Governor Jerry Brown  
Commissioner Carla Peterman  
Commissioner Michael Florio  
Commissioner Catherine Sandoval  
Commissioner Liane Randolph