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MAYOR

VIA EMAIL

March 12, 2014

Ms. Nancy McFadden
Chief of Staff
Governor Jerry Brown
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA

Dear Ms. McFadden:

Soitec Solar Industries currently operates a concentrated photovoltaic (CPV) solar tracker manufacturing facility in the San Diego, California. Soitec has brought to my attention concerns that I believe will be presented to you in the near future. I respectfully request that Governor Brown meet with a coalition that supports their operations in San Diego.

In 2011 Soitec, a world leader in the manufacturing of semiconductors and related products such as photovoltaics, purchased and retrofitted a vacant electronics manufacturing facility in San Diego. This represents a direct economic investment of more than \$200 million in the San Diego. This facility is designed to produce over 350 megawatts of solar energy systems annually. The City of San Diego, in collaboration with a broad base of business and community interests, strongly supported Soitec in an effort to attract this investment to San Diego. Soitec had been considering a site in Phoenix, Arizona at that time.

Soitec is an important economic partner that provides over 250 good paying jobs in our region. It is my hope that an active dialog with Soitec will lead to positive and practical solutions to keep a strong economic contributor and environmental partner located in San Diego.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to actively working with Governor Brown on many of the important issues impacting our region.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Faulconer
Mayor

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