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# CITY OF LOMITA

October 7, 2009

Kelly McDowell, Chair  
South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Re: South Bay Economic Development Partnership

Dear Mayor <sup>Kelly</sup>McDowell:

It has been my pleasure to serve as the COG's representative to the South Bay Economic Development Partnership (SBEDP). The partnership is the only organization in the region that brings together business, government and education to work together on improving our local economy. The last year has been one of transition for the organization as the founding executive director left to head the South Bay Science Foundation. The board of the partnership has shored up cash flow while realigning priorities to address the current economic threat. We are now ready to move forward.

While the COG and the SBEDP have always had a good relationship, the COG itself has not been a member. Several cities are members, but most are not. The SBEDP represents the entire region, member or not. We are looking to expand our business membership. The COG should be a direct member as well. The cost of membership would be \$5,000. I deeply appreciate your considering this request.

Truly yours,

Barry Waite  
Councilman