

October 27, 2023

Secretary Jennifer Granholm
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington DC 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm,

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Lodi's Energy Center Hydrogen Project and urge you to allocate the maximum funding possible under California's award for the Advanced Renewable and Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES) program. This project is a model for the innovative and forward-thinking initiatives that will contribute to a cleaner and more sustainable energy future.

As you know, California's ARCHES program was selected for Department of Energy funding under the Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs Program (H2Hubs). Selecting the ARCHES program will drastically improve the energy landscape in California and reduce carbon emissions in an area with some of the poorest air quality in the country.

The City of Lodi has long been a leader in embracing sustainable and clean energy solutions, and the Energy Center Hydrogen Project is an example of their environmental stewardship. This project aims to harness the power of hydrogen as an alternative energy source, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and advancing the transition to a more sustainable energy infrastructure. It is clear that this project aligns with the Department of Energy's goals to foster clean energy technologies, enhance energy efficiency, and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

We are confident that, with the appropriate financial support, the City of Lodi will be able to fulfill the promise of this innovative project. The project will not only benefit the local community but will also serve as a model for sustainable energy practices that can be replicated nationwide. Fully funding this project will ensure that federal dollars are being invested into a historically underinvested community with some of the worst air quality in the country.

Sincerely,



Josh Harder
Member of Congress