



October 29, 2021

Commissioner Tony DeBone
Commissioner Phil Chang
Commissioner Patty Adair

Chair DeBone and Commissioners,

The Bend Chamber of Commerce is pleased to submit this letter in support of the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (CPACE) Program in Deschutes County.. The Chamber represents over 1,650 small and medium sized businesses through the City and County.

The adoption of the CPACE program can provide an important tool in the toolbox for achieving enhanced environmental sustainability for commercial property owners and developers via unique financing options for improvements on new and existing structures. We stand alongside the Central Oregon Association of REALTORS in supporting this innovative financing tool, and feel it will have a complementary impact in our community. Increasing the supply of workforce housing is the Chamber's signature policy initiative, and we feel that adoption of the CPACE program can be a helpful element in attracting additional development opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this letter of support and we look forward towards working collaboratively with the County and other stakeholders towards a successful adoption and implementation.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katy Brooks", written over a thin vertical line.

Katy Brooks
President + CEO
Bend Chamber of Commerce

Creating an environment where businesses, their employees and our community excel together through collaboration, advocacy, resources and leadership to meet Bend's business challenges.