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Ms. Karalee Browne
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Dear Ms. Browne,

The City and County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) is requesting designation as a Beacon Award Champion for San Mateo County.

C/CAG is the Congestion Management Agency in San Mateo County and implements a number of programs related to transportation and climate action to support the efforts of the cities in San Mateo County. One of the main climate action programs is the Regionally Integrated Climate Action Planning Suite (RICAPS), which is a set of tools and technical support to help (especially smaller) cities write and adopt climate action plans. The program has also provided community-scale greenhouse gas emission inventories for all the cities in San Mateo County. Another is the San Mateo County Energy Watch (SMCEW), which recommends comprehensive energy efficiency proposals to a variety of customer segments in San Mateo County, including: local governments, nonprofits, schools, farms, and small and medium businesses. SMCEW is also developing regional energy efficiency campaigns to help cities implement their climate action plan goals.

As a Beacon Award Champion, C/CAG will inform its member agencies of the Beacon Award Program, assist interested members with applications, and support the annual reporting process, leveraging its relationship with PG&E and other local organizations that collect annual sustainability data from the cities.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response to this request. Please contact C/CAG Executive Director, Sandy Wong at slwong@smcgov.org if you have any questions, or to notify C/CAG of your decision.

Best regards,



Mary Ann Nihart
C/CAG Board Chair