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Good Morning,

My comment is listed below. I will also be at the meeting. Let me know if there is anything else you need from me.

I'm the executive director at Ethical Tech, an organization that utilizes cutting edge technology to help solve problems facing under-resourced communities in LA. I'm looking to receive a letter of support from Agoura Hills City Council for the TEXTYOURBILL program, an OCR SMS messaging system that lowers the barrier for low-income residents in Agoura Hills looking to access renewable energy initiatives provided by the state. The new program allows Agoura Hills residents to text a picture of their utility bill and in turn receive information on programs that will lower utility costs and energy consumption. Our research shows that only a small fraction of low-income residents are aware of renewable energy programs and the TEXTYOURBILL tool aims to close the information gap by making access as easy as a text.

Dekunle Somade