

Tooele County Commission
and the Toole County Planning Commission
47 South Main,
Tooele, Utah 84074

April 25, 2013

Re: Renewable Energy Development

Dear County Commissioners and Planning Commission Members,

I'm providing this letter in support of the promotion of renewable energy development in Tooele County. As many of you know, I have most recently been the Mayor of Salt Lake County, and I am currently involved in overseeing the Ninigret Depot, formerly the Utah Industrial Depot.

While mayor, Salt Lake County's experience with the development of renewable energy projects was very positive. Salt Lake County received positive nationwide publicity and has attracted significant interest from private and public business because of our renewable energy efforts. The Salt Palace Convention Center, for example, has won convention bids because of the attention received by its large roof-top solar array. This value has also been recognized by the Utah Legislature, which last year passed Senate Bill 12. The intention of the bill is to facilitate the development of renewable energy projects in Utah, attracting outside businesses that are interested in the availability of renewable energy for their developments.

Privately-owned renewable energy projects also provide tax revenues for local governments. Tax revenues for large projects may provide significant, stable and long-term sources of funds. Projects provide obvious economic benefits to the community over the construction phase, but they also provide long-term, well-paid operation and maintenance positions for decades to come.

Communities that lead the effort are likely to earn valuable publicity and to attract the interest of developers and businesses. I encourage Tooele County to support renewable energy projects that may arise.

Sincerely,



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