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CalAPEC 2011 Organizing Committee
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Dear Mr. Oliva:

I would like to thank you and CalAPEC for your significant work relating to the host city bid proposals submitted by both San Francisco and Los Angeles to host the APEC Leaders Week meetings in 2011 - both cities offered impressive bids for consideration, and CalAPEC's involvement was clearly extensive and facilitated the process immeasurably.

Although Honolulu was ultimately selected as the host of APEC's Leaders Week, we look forward to working with CalAPEC in planning APEC 2011 meetings in California. Both Los Angeles and San Francisco are under active consideration as part of this planning.

Thank you again for your steadfast work on this matter; it has been a pleasure working with your organization in the past weeks, and we look forward to continued communication in the coming year as we move forward on planning APEC 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Denise A. Urs".

Denise A. Urs
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