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Dear Mr. Tong,

I am honored that you chose San Francisco as the preferred location for the September 2011 meetings of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) process. As a preeminent gateway to the Pacific Rim and center for innovation, San Francisco will be an ideal host for an APEC ministerial meeting on energy and clean transportation, the APEC Third Senior Officials Meeting and high-level meetings on digital prosperity and healthcare innovation.

San Francisco's citizenry is among the nation's most diverse, with many roots to the countries represented in APEC. The region's business community is global, with deep commercial relationships all along the Pacific Rim. In fact, the San Francisco Bay Area just opened a commercial office in Shanghai.

San Francisco has hosted many major political, commercial and sporting events. For example, it was the only North American city to host the 2008 Beijing Olympic Torch and is the only U.S. venue under consideration for the America's Cup match in 2013. Plus, San Francisco plays host to hundreds of major conferences annually, along with Heads of State, Ministers and other government leaders. As the United Nations founding city, San Francisco is a leading international meeting place to build cooperation, featuring over 30,000 hotel rooms, meeting facilities of all sizes and an international airport that connects to all APEC capitals.

California is rich with private and public sector expertise in agriculture, telecommunications, e-commerce, transportation and biosciences. We lead the nation in developing technology to meet our growing local and global energy challenges and in creating a "greener," more sustainable economy. California's economy is closely connected to the Asia-Pacific region; we exported nearly \$100 billion in goods to APEC member economies last year and our shared commitment to cutting-edge research and innovation makes us natural partners.

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Together, and in concert with the California APEC 2011 Host Committee (CalAPEC), I enthusiastically ask you to finalize San Francisco and nearby venues for the September 2011 APEC meetings. I also welcome any additional APEC-related events to come to California and encourage you to use Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento or other cities for major addresses, outreach and community discussion.

Sincerely,



Arnold Schwarzenegger