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KEN ALEX  
DIRECTOR

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Dear Attendees:

Thank you for participating in "The Mediterranean City: A Conference on Climate Change Adaptation," an official complementary event of the "Governor's Conference on Extreme Climate Risks and California's Future," held in December of 2011. The goal of the conference is to initiate an ongoing collaboration of cities working together to share ideas, needs and strategies to adapt to the current and future impacts of climate change as they similarly affect the five Mediterranean-climate regions of the world.

California leads the world in actions to combat climate change by reducing greenhouse gas pollution, but we also need to prepare for the impacts of climate change that we cannot avoid. Scientists have clearly established links between climate change and more frequent and severe weather events such as larger storms, increased flooding, more and increasingly intense wildfires, longer droughts and sustained water shortages. As leaders dealing with the challenge of climate change in southern California, the State and the world, you have an instrumental role in moving the issue from discussion to on the ground implementation.

The conference brings together an international network of experts from the academic, policy, business, public health and government sectors, and stands as an example for how cities can work together across regional and national boundaries to bring more resources and knowledge to building solutions.

We look forward to continuing the conversation at future events and workshops.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Alex".

Ken Alex  
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