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To: Alan Macy

Re: Support for the Santa Barbara Center for Art, Science, and Technology (SBCAST)

On behalf of Art From Scrap (AFS) I am writing to express our support for the Santa Barbara Center for Art, Science, and Technology (SBCAST), the proposed live/work art, scientific, and technology community to be located in downtown Santa Barbara.

As Executive Director of Art From Scrap I am always interested in projects that promote environmental awareness and the arts. I believe that SBCAST will serve as a model for green and Reuse building techniques, something that Art From Scrap strongly supports. By using refurbished shipping containers to construct residences, SBCAST will provide Santa Barbara residents with a chance to see ReUse in action. SBCAST plans include rainwater harvesting cisterns, solar energy panels, and electric bikes for use by residents; all of which will contribute to a healthier downtown.

SBCAST will also benefit the art community in downtown Santa Barbara in many ways. SBCAST will provide a much needed live/work space for artists and long-term residences for international visiting artists, as well as a shared artist workspace, complete with tools and storage for art materials.

For the reasons stated above, plus the potential for SBCAST to form new multi-disciplinary collaborations between art, science, and technology organizations, including Art From Scrap, Contemporary Arts Forum, Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, and UCSB, I feel that SBCAST will be a huge asset to the Santa Barbara Environmental and Arts Communities. The presence of SBCAST on the block of East Cota will contribute to the overall feeling of the SOCO neighborhood (South of Cota) as an environmental and creative hub.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cay Sanchez".

Cay Sanchez
Executive Director