



DATE: April 6, 2020

TO: City of Longmont

SUBJECT: Partnership and vision for the Modern West project

Dear City of Longmont Staff,

We are thrilled to be a collaborator and consultant on the Modern West project. We believe this project will serve as a vital demonstration of climate change leadership through innovative sustainable development practices. The ambitious project vision coupled with influential, national partners will shine a spotlight on Longmont as a leader in the green building and climate change conversation.

The Modern West project has a big vision. Underpinned by the strategies of the One Planet Living Principles, this project will excel in the energy and carbon dimensions. Modern West will achieve zero energy, zero carbon and grid interactivity through approaches that provide value to residents and building occupants, and also support the resilience and cost effective decarbonization of the energy grid as a whole. Through this project, we look forward to demonstrating a healthy, sustainable, smart and connected mixed-use community. The vision of this project necessitates a strong collaboration not only with the City, but also with Longmont Power and Communications.

RMI will support this project by providing technical, process and scaling support. We will help align the team around ambitious yet achievable goals through charrettes, design guidance and feasibility studies. We will guide technical and value-based strategies to make this project zero carbon and grid interactive, co-creating solutions with city and utility. Lastly, RMI will help propagate Modern West's successes and encourage other developers to follow suit, leading to local decarbonization, in support of the City of Longmont's goals.

We look forward to collaborating on this important work with you to create a successful project and replicable model of best in practice communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cara Carmichael". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cara" and last name "Carmichael" clearly distinguishable.

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