

retrofitting and not just pictures and suggestions on a website. Therefore, the city's contributions could add to millions of dollars.

- b. In the future the city may be able to allocate more resources to the proposal if grant funding has been secured.

4. Proposal Addresses Climate Change Impacts.

- a. Climate change could have a significant impact on the City of Carson, its residents, and businesses. Carson includes many heavy industries included oil refineries. It is also in close proximity to the Long Beach and Los Angeles Ports and many of the businesses are directly dependent on the ports. If the climate change is allowed to be continued unchecked; there could potentially be great impacts on the ports and large industries. Therefore, new tougher regulations will be necessary which could greatly curb their functions.
- b. It is to everyone's benefit to deal with climate change issues now rather than later by adopting meaningful Action Plans. These potential impacts on the operation of the ports and the nearby industry would have a great financial impact on the residents of Carson. They need to be made aware of this situation and need to realize that their own choices and behaviors also have a big impact on their future and their children's future. Therefore, a local grassroots effort needs to start educating people about the consequences of inaction and provide easy to understand solutions to the residents.

5. The proposal does not serve an economically disadvantaged community.

**Step 4: Organizational Capacity**

- 1. The Proposal will be managed by Mr. Saied Naaseh, Senior Planner in the Economic Development Work Group (EDWG). Mr. Naaseh is uniquely positioned in the EDWG with access and information to the NSP, Neighborhood Pride Program, and Grow Carson Fund programs. The retrofit demonstration project will be funded by the NSP a currently staffed program in the city that purchase homes with the intention of rehabilitation and resale to qualified low income families. In addition, the retrofit program for homes will be partially funded by the city's existing and staffed Neighborhood Pride Program (NPP, [http://ci.carson.ca.us/content/departement/eco\\_dev\\_service/neighbor\\_pride.asp](http://ci.carson.ca.us/content/departement/eco_dev_service/neighbor_pride.asp)) which caters to low income families. This program provides grants and loans to homeowners for home improvements. For businesses, we have established a flexible term loan financing program through Grow America Fund, Inc (GAF) that the business owners can use the funds for retrofitting for energy and water efficiency improvements and also buy appliances and/or equipment that are more energy efficient. Our business development division is always involved in assisting existing or future businesses in improving their buildings and modernizing their equipment. This program is fully staffed and currently assists home owners with home improvements. The home owners who do not meet these income requirements can use the city's new program that allows home owners to make energy efficiency improvements, financed through payments on their property tax.

