

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

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EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Jessica Vallejo
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ or None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 02/21/2018 Return: 02/22/2018
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): I paid for my return flight or None
4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Los Angeles, CA Return city: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Alliance to Save Energy
6. Describe meetings and events attended: _____

7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box):
 b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: Jessica Vallejo DATE: 03/08/2018

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Joseph Crowley DATE: 03/08/2018

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Joseph Crowley

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Committee on Ethics**

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. ***A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

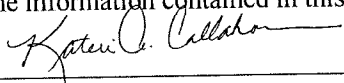
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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Alliance to Save Energy
2. Travel Destination(s): Los Angeles, CA
3. Date of Departure: February 21, 2018 Date of Return: February 22, 2018
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Jessica Vallejo
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$282.27	\$173.00	\$31.00	NA
Accompanying Relative	NA	NA	NA	NA

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (*Signify statement is true by checking box*):

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 
 Name: Kateri Callahan Title: President
 Organization: Alliance to Save Energy

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):

Address: 1850 M Street NW, Suite 610
Washington, DC 20036
 Telephone number: (202) 857-0666
 Email Address: kcallahan@ase.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

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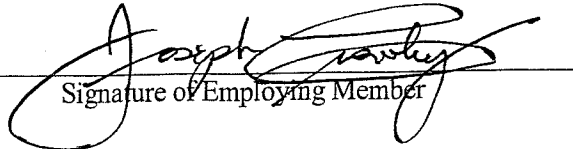
1. Name of Traveler: Jessica Vallejo
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Alliance to Save Energy
3. Travel destination(s): Los Angeles, California
4. a. Date of departure 2/21/2018 Date of return: 2/22/2018
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: I will be paying for my return flight.
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: _____
(2) Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: Yes No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? Yes No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
As an energy staffer, the activities on the itinerary will allow me to enhance my knowledge and understanding of ways in which different groups are pursuing & adopting progressive energy efficiency policies.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? Yes No
10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 01/22/2018


Signature of Employing Member

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): _____
Alliance to Save Energy
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3. Check only one: I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip *or*
 - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds *or*.
 - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
Please see attached.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: February 21, 2018 (evening) Date of return: February 22, 2018
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Los Angeles, CA
c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: *or*
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: *or*
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. Check one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: *or*
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:
If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box):

11. Check one:

a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): **or**

b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

Please see attached.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (Specify: _____)

b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (Specify: _____)

c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: **or**

b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____

Total cost of meals will be within the per diem limit identified by GSA (\$64)

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

Please see attached.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: Hilton Garden Inn Irvine City: Irvine Cost per night: \$173

Reason(s) for selecting: Meets GSA limit and is close to the first site visit the following day.

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$600.00	\$173.00	\$112.00
For each accompanying relative	NA	NA	NA

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	NA	NA
For each accompanying relative	NA	NA

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. *or*
 b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Kateri O. Callahan

Name: Kateri Callahan

Title: President

Organization: Alliance to Save Energy

Address: 1850 M Street, NW, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20036

Telephone number: (202) 857-0666

Email address: kcallahan@ase.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics
 U.S. House of Representatives
 1015 Longworth House Office Building
 Washington, DC 20515
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)

Please contact Reed Brown (rbrown@ase.org or 202-530-2241) with any questions regarding the trip.

Susan W. Brooks, Indiana
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Theodore E. Deutch, Florida
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Mimi Walters, California
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Ms. Jessica Vallejo
Office of the Honorable Joseph Crowley
1035 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Vallejo:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Los Angeles, California, scheduled for February 21 to 22, 2018, sponsored by the Alliance to Save Energy. We remind you that, because the trip sponsor employs a federal lobbyist, you may participate in officially-connected activity on one calendar day only. We also note that you will not be accepting return airfare from the sponsor.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Susan W. Brooks
Chairwoman

Theodore E. Deutch
Ranking Member

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Wednesday, February 21, 2018	
6:49 PM	Depart Washington Dulles International Airport for Los Angeles International Airport American Airlines Flight #1362* Transportation to Hotel *Tickets not yet purchased
Thursday, February 22, 2018	
7:00 AM	Wakeup Call and Breakfast at Hilton Garden Inn Irvine 2381 Morse Avenue, Irvine, CA 92614
7:30 AM	Depart Hotel for Visit with Meritage Homes
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Arrive at Meritage Homes Site Pomona Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627 <i>CR Herro, Vice President, Environmental Affairs</i> This visit will feature a presentation and site tour to learn about how energy efficiency measures can be integrated into single-family homes. Meritage Homes is a real-estate development company that constructs single-family detached homes in states throughout the country. It separates itself from its competitors by placing a significant emphasis on energy efficiency and offers clients many energy efficiency options to allow them to customize the home to fit their specific needs. Meritage Homes was recognized as an ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year in Sustained Excellence for 2017 and has earned this distinction every year since 2013.
10:00 AM	Depart Meritage Homes Site <i>Shuttle Bus</i>
11:00 PM- 1:00 PM	Visit to Lutron's Experience Center Lunch Presentation 2458 Dupont Dr., Irvine, CA 92612 <i>Matthew Murray, Territory Manager</i> The Experience Center is designed to showcase Lutron's lighting sensor and control technology and is often used for professional training courses, which makes it a great place to learn about the potential for energy efficiency gains by employing this technology. Lutron is a lighting control and sensor company that is best known for mass marketing the classic lighting dimmer that can be seen in many homes and businesses. It is also the only company that integrates lighting controls and motorized window shades with daylighting systems to control both electric light and natural sunlight. These technologies can lead to large energy efficiency gains that, if integrated correctly, can significantly reduce lighting-associated energy costs. The Lutron Experience Center allows visitors to see these applications in a real-world setting.
1:00 PM	Depart Lutron for Port of Long Beach <i>Shuttle Bus</i>
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Visit and Tour of Port of Long Beach Port of Long Beach, Long Beach, CA 90802 <i>Phillip Abad, Field Sales Engineer</i> The visit to the Port of Long Beach will include a presentation about the facility and a tour to visit specific energy efficiency-related portions of the port. We will also learn more about how the Port is working with its tenants to increase energy efficiency throughout the entire port. The Port of Long Beach is one of the world's busiest seaports with significant economic benefits to the region and the entire country. Due to its size, the Port of Long Beach has a

	high energy demand and is working to address it through rebate programs to incentivize tenants to become more energy-efficient, investing in renewable energy technologies and energy storage, and incorporating advanced energy management technologies to manage energy demand.
4:00 PM	Depart Port of Long Beach <i>Shuttle bus</i>
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Dinner <i>Location TBD</i>
6:00 PM	Depart Dinner <i>Shuttle Bus</i>
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Visit to Microsoft/LA Live Theater with SloanLED 800 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015 <i>Angela Berard, Marketing and Communications Manager</i> The visit to Microsoft/LA Live Theater will be focused on the lighting technology that is featured within the building and also on the exterior of the building. The Theater worked with SloanLED to complete the project and we will learn more about the project and its benefits from a SloanLED representative. SloanLED is a producer of high-quality lighting products, particularly in LED lighting technology, with applications for exterior signage, canopies, shelves and refrigerated displays, among others. Not only do these products offer improved performance, they also offer significant energy savings potential.
8:00 PM	Depart Microsoft/LA Live Theater for Airport
8:45 PM	Arrive at Los Angeles International Airport
10:51 PM	Depart Los Angeles International Airport for Washington Dulles International Airport United Airlines Flight #584* Conclusion of Trip <i>*Tickets not yet purchased</i>

Addendum to House Primary Trip Sponsor Form

4.

The following members have been invited to participate on this trip.

~~Dennis Sills, Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Congressman G.K. Butterfield~~

- ~~• Congressman Butterfield has long been a supporter of energy efficiency policy. He is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, as well as the Subcommittee on Energy, which has jurisdictional authority over areas specifically tied to energy efficiency. He is also an active participant in the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Caucus. For these reasons, Dennis Sills, the staff member in charge of energy issues for Congressman Butterfield, was chosen to participate on this trip.~~

Ethan Abner, Military Legislative Assistant, Office of Congressman Tom Rooney

- Congressman Rooney is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, which has jurisdictional authority over the funding for federal energy efficiency programs. For this reason, Ethan Abner, the staff member in charge of energy issues for Congressman Rooney, was chosen to participate on this trip.

Lou Hrkman, Policy Adviser, Office of Congressman David McKinley

- Congressman McKinley has been a strong supporter of energy efficiency during his time in Congress, particularly as a lead sponsor for some of the more impactful energy efficiency bills. He is also a member of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, which has jurisdictional authority over federal energy efficiency programs run by the Department of Energy. Finally, Congressman McKinley is also the co-chair of the Congressional High-Performance Buildings Caucus and a member of the Congressional Energy Savings Performance Caucus, which are influential caucuses that relate to energy efficiency. For these reasons, Lou Hrkman, the staff member in charge of energy issues for Congressman McKinley, was chosen to participate on this trip.

Diana Rios, Legislative Aide, Office of Congressman Jimmy Gomez

- Congressman Gomez is a member of the House Natural Resources Committee, as well as the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. In both capacities, he has some jurisdictional authority over federal energy efficiency programs. Congressman Gomez is also a member of the Sustainable Energy and Environmental Coalition, which is directly involved in advancing energy efficiency. For these reasons, Diana Rios, the staff member in charge of energy issues for Congressman Gomez, was chosen to participate on this trip.

Austin Bray, Legislative Assistant, Office of Congressman Kevin Brady

- Congressman Brady is the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdictional authority over tax policy and this committee has been and will continue to be critically important for energy efficiency tax incentives. For these reasons, Austin

Bray, the staff member in charge of energy issues for Congressman Brady, was chosen to participate on this trip.

Jonathan Halpern, Legislative Director, Office of Congressman Sanford Bishop

- Congressman Bishop is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, which has jurisdictional authority over the funding for federal energy efficiency programs. For this reason, Jonathan Halpern, the staff member in charge of energy issues for Congressman Bishop, was chosen to participate on this trip.

Roderick Patton, Legislative Assistant, Office of Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins

- Congresswoman Jenkins is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdictional authority over tax policy and this committee has been, and will continue to be, critically important for energy efficiency tax incentives. For these reasons, Roderick Patton, the staff member in charge of energy issues for Congresswoman Jenkins, was chosen to participate on this trip.

Maria Elena Pino, Legislative Assistant, Office of Congresswoman Barbara Lee

- Congresswoman Lee is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, which has jurisdictional authority over the funding for federal energy efficiency programs. Additionally, she is also on the House Budget Committee, which is influential in the oversight of the federal budget and how it pertains to high-level spending limits. For this reason, Maria Elena Pino, the staff member in charge of energy issues for Congresswoman Lee, was chosen to participate on this trip.

Jessica Vallejo, Legislative Aide, Office of Congressman Joe Crowley

- Congressman Crowley is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdictional authority over tax policy and this committee has been, and will continue to be, critically important for energy efficiency tax incentives. For these reasons, Jessica Vallejo, the staff member in charge of energy issues for Congressman Crowley, was chosen to participate on this trip.

12.

The subject matter of the trip is directly connected to the mission of the organization. The Alliance to Save Energy promotes energy efficiency worldwide to achieve a healthier economy, a cleaner environment and energy security. To achieve this mission, the Alliance:

- Leads worldwide energy efficiency initiatives in policy advocacy, research, education, technology deployment and communications that impact all sectors of the economy.
- Provides vision and activism which includes active and engaged members of Congress, leaders from business, the public interest sector and academia.
- Initiates and participates in public-private partnerships, collaborate efforts and strategic alliances to optimize resources and expand its sphere of influence.
- Executes its mission through a team of recognized energy efficiency experts and professionals.

The purpose of this trip is to learn about policies and best practices that are helping to drive advances in energy productivity across the country. Our hope is that through visits to sites identified on the itinerary and through meetings with local and state officials that the Congressional staff members will be able to learn about state and business activities and, in turn, use that new knowledge to develop, refine and advance policies at the federal level.

The Alliance, as the sole sponsor of this trip, organized the trip in its entirety. Additionally, members of the Alliance will accompany all participants throughout the duration of the trip.

15.

b) 2) There are several reasons why we have chosen Los Angeles, California as the destination for this trip.

- The American Council for an Energy-Efficiency Economy (ACEEE) produces the annual State Energy Efficiency Scorecard, which ranks states based on energy efficiency policies and practices. California has consistently ranked in the top 2 - it is #2 in 2017 after being tied for #1 in 2016 – and has always been at the forefront of progressive energy efficiency policy. California has a long history of adopting energy efficiency policy and was the first state to do so in many instances, including building energy codes and appliance/equipment standards. In addition, the state requires or incentivizes energy efficiency throughout many sectors like schools, commercial buildings, state-owned buildings and residential buildings. California also has enabled property assessed clean energy (PACE) financing to help encourage home and business owners to invest in energy efficiency. In addition to the state ranking, ACEEE also ranks a selection of major cities on the same criteria and Los Angeles, CA was ranked #4 in 2017. Therefore, Los Angeles, CA is an excellent option for such a trip because we can incorporate strong local level actions along with the broader state-level actions.
- The Alliance to Save Energy is also hosting a public briefing at the La Kretz Innovation Campus on Friday, February 23, 2018. The title of the event is entitled, “California: Leading the Future.” A full agenda is included below (as it currently stands).
- The Los Angeles area boasts a wide range of field examples and opportunities to learn about energy efficiency, including:
 - Meritage Home Builders
 - Meritage Homes is a real-estate development company that constructs single-family detached homes in states throughout the country. It separates itself from its competitors by placing a significant emphasis on energy efficiency and offers clients many energy efficiency options to allow them to customize the home to fit their specific needs. Meritage Homes was recognized as an ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year in Sustained Excellence for 2017 and has earned this distinction every year since 2013.
 - Lutron Experience Center
 - Lutron is a lighting control and sensor company that is best known for mass marketing the classic lighting dimmer that can be seen in many homes and businesses. It is also the only company that integrates lighting controls and motorized window shades with daylighting systems to control both electric light and natural sunlight. These technologies can lead to

large energy efficiency gains that, if integrated correctly, can significantly reduce lighting-associated energy costs. The Lutron Experience Center allows visitors to see these applications in a real-world setting.

- Port of Long Beach
 - The Port of Long Beach is one of the world's busiest seaports with significant economic benefits to the region and the entire country. Due to its size, the Port of Long Beach has a high energy demand and is working to address it through rebate programs to incentivize tenants to become more energy-efficient, investing in renewable energy technologies and energy storage, and incorporating advanced energy management technologies to manage energy demand.
- SloanLED – Microsoft/LA Live Theater
 - SloanLED is a producer of high-quality lighting products, particularly in LED lighting technology, with applications for exterior signage, canopies, shelves and refrigerated displays, among others. Not only do these products offer improved performance, they also offer significant energy savings potential. One of SloanLED's partners is the Microsoft/LA Live Theater that we intend to visit to see this technology at a client site.
- La Kretz Innovation Campus
 - The La Kretz Innovation Campus was founded in 2011 to serve as the Los Angeles area's cleantech industry hub – a place where entrepreneurs, engineers, scientists and policymakers can collaborate, promote and support the development of clean technologies and LA's green economy. It also features an Energy Efficiency and Technology laboratory in connection with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.
- Southern California Edison
 - Southern California Edison (SCE) is one of the nation's largest electric utilities and, in line with the culture of California, is heavily invested in energy efficiency and clean energy. SCE is dedicated to being as efficient as possible within its own operations and offers many rebates on a variety of products to help home and business owners be more efficient too. Due to the statewide energy targets for energy efficiency and renewable energy, SCE is taking an innovative approach to incorporating new energy technologies into the grid to ensure affordability, reliability and resiliency.