Thank you for your comment, Larry Halstead.

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As the current Chair of the CA 34th AD Democratic Committee, I am pushing for the creation of a combination of Alternative energy in the 34th AD. Barstow has a "Enterprise Zone" which means big tax credits for manufacturing. This could give solar and wind companies the economic edge they need to be competitive. The 34th AD has a seeming monopoly on sun and wind and is central for the transmission of all the major CA cities.

We need to streamline the process for bringing alternative energy online with production. The approval process is currently too lengthy and cumbersome. We need to find that balance between environmental concerns and our energy needs. Any conflict between those two factors needs to be weighed against the political and environmental problems that have been created through our reliance on oil.

The federal government needs to make a major investment in alternative energy and provide financing that is readily available and at minimum interest rates.

Finally, I would like to see Native Americans divest some of their gaming interest into becoming energy producers. It would seem appropriate that Native Americans get certain advantages in obtaining the use of BLM land for alternative energy production.

I would be interested in hearing from industry representatives and/or BLM and other government agencies about any of these ideas.

Respectfully submitted, Larry D. Halstead