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DON SAYLOR **Supervisor, Second District**

April 7, 2017

Mary D. Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1011 I Street, P.O. Box 2415
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Volkswagen Settlement California ZEV Investment Plan

Dear Chair Nichols:

I am writing to express my strong support of the Volkswagen's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan, including the designation of Sacramento as the first Green City and the proposed programs that will support a regional and interconnected ZEV mobility system.

I believe this project will support a regional multi-modal transportation system that will advance our goals to reduce carbon emissions and pollution. Through my work as a Yolo County Supervisor representing District 2, I am honored to serve as a board member for several agencies working to optimize transportation mobility, improve air quality, and address climate change. In addition to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, I have held leadership roles for the Yolo County Transportation District, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, and the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority. I have long been an advocate for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and leveraging regional partnerships for high impact. Concerns about air quality and traffic congestion are consistent themes in this work. These challenges are not confined within jurisdictional boundaries.

Additional ZEV investment in community charging infrastructure and expanded public outreach will help the region meet our air quality goals. The Sacramento region historically has not met federal air quality standards, negatively impacting public health. Mobile sources are the top contributor to our air pollution. This includes freight that travels through our region as a major goods movement corridor, and residents that commute from communities like those in my District to the Sacramento urban core. The proposed investments will create the necessary infrastructure to support an increase in use of ZEV to improve public health and the environment.

The Sacramento region has a history demonstrating innovative and collaborative solutions to address complex challenges. An investment in this region will be leveraged with existing projects, such as existing clean/green jobs and training, while expanding for new job-training programs in ZEV industries and in disadvantaged communities. This proposal will also

leverage the cutting-edge research coming from the University of California at Davis' work focused on sustainable transportation.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the Volkswagen ZEV Investment Plan and the designation of Sacramento as a Green City. This proposal has the potential for transformational impact in implementation of sustainable transportation strategies, benefitting public health, the environment, and new businesses that emerge from this industry. I urge your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Don Saylor", with a stylized, flowing script.

Don Saylor
Yolo County Supervisor, District 2

cc: Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor
Kevin de León, Senate President Pro Tempore
Anthony Rendon, Assembly Speaker
Doris Matsui, Congresswoman
ARB Board Members
Darrell Steinberg, Mayor of the City of Sacramento
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Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Assemblywoman, District 4
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