



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,

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (District) is writing to express our support for Volkswagen's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan, including the designation of Sacramento as the first Green City with a proposed investment of \$44 million by June 2018. We believe that the City of Sacramento is a strong, capable partner that is ready to deliver on this important opportunity. The City has a history of working in the community to deliver ambitious projects and programs that benefit the region, including advanced clean vehicle technologies and electric vehicle charging stations.

The District is ready to support transformational outcomes for the Sacramento region. We believe that Volkswagen's investment in Sacramento can provide broad benefit that spur innovation across the region. We support proposed investments in EV car sharing programs, ZEV delivery and taxi fleets, community charging infrastructure, and public education activities. The region's air quality incentive programs are regularly overprescribed. The investment as a result of this plan would provide additional opportunities for increasing advanced cleaner technologies that would not occur otherwise.

Sacramento is one of the most diverse communities in the nation, with significant potential to bring new ideas and service models to scale. Sacramento provides an ideal test market that is large enough to test new concepts, but small enough to implement visible change. Strong public-private partnerships provide a unique opportunity for the development of the ZEV industry, including new jobs-training programs and an emerging market for autonomous vehicle deployments. Sacramento's diverse neighborhoods also stand to benefit from new programs for clean and affordable transportation, including low-cost ZEV vehicles, public charging infrastructure, and new car share programs.

Sacramento has the potential to deliver a transformational program that delivers real benefits to our communities. We thank you for your consideration of Sacramento for this exciting program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'ME', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mat Ehrhardt, P.E.
Executive Director/APCO

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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