



April 7, 2017

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

RE: Letter of Support for the City of Sacramento's designation as Green City

Dear Chair Nichols:

This letter is to support the potential designation of Sacramento as Electrify America's first Green City and potential investment in the Sacramento region as part of Volkswagen's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan.

The California Endowment, a private health foundation invests all across California to improve health outcomes for all Californians. In 2010, TCE launched its 10 year, \$1 billion place-based Building Healthy Communities initiative (BHC). BHC is focused on supporting community residents and stakeholders to transform 14 low-income, high need communities in California. Sacramento is one of these communities that we are investing heavily in.

Several of BHC's priorities overlap with the goals of the Green City initiative including improving air quality, increasing equitable transit-oriented development, and promoting active transit. Since BHC began, we have invested nearly \$40 million in Sacramento alone, funding dozens of community-based organizations and public agencies. Being able to leverage partnerships to be as impactful as possible to improve Sacramento is extremely important to us.

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for Sacramento to become a Green City and for Volkswagen's ZEV investments in this region. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [ctien@calendow.org](mailto:ctien@calendow.org) or (916) 558-6778. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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