

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,

La Familia Counseling Center, Inc. (LFCC) is writing to express our support of the 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. LFCC has a history of working with the City in the community to deliver ambitious projects and programs that benefit the region such as: Links to Law Enforcement, Gang Violence Suppression and Gang Prevention and Intervention Task Force.

LFCC is ready to support with delivering transformational outcomes for the Sacramento region. We believe that Volkswagen's investment in Sacramento can provide a broad benefit that spurs 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. LFCC has recently expanded to a new site, Maple Neighborhood Center, a previously closed elementary school. The Maple Neighborhood Center is located along Franklin Boulevard in which there is no nearby public transportation for community members to get to the neighborhood center or to nearby businesses.. The proposed investments would allow community members to benefit from the enhanced car share programs and ZEV delivery and taxi fleet.

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,



Rachel Rios
Executive Director