

April 5, 2017

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

Re: City of Sacramento/Green City support letter for the VW settlement

Dear Chair Nichols:

This letter is in support of Volkswagen's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan. We recommend selection of the City of Sacramento as the first Green City, as proposed by Volkswagen. The selection of Sacramento for the Green City would be transformative not just for the city, but for the larger region. We also write to endorse the investment proposal for community charging infrastructure and public outreach in the Sacramento region.

Much work has been done to date, positioning the region for a big impact on the adoption and use of electric vehicles (EV) should the city be selected.

In December 2013, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) adopted the region's first plug-in EV readiness and infrastructure plan, TakeCharge, followed by ongoing investment in regional electrification planning. SACOG staff are leading completion of the regional TakeCharge II: Infrastructure Roadmap to provide a regional plan for the physical infrastructure that local governments will need to install to support widespread adoption of EVs.

SACOG's early leadership exemplifies the readiness of our region for ZEV investment. Together with the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County, and other partners, SACOG is a committed project partner ready to work in delivering transformational ZEV outcomes for the region.

SACOG's collaborative approach to deploying EV infrastructure complements SACOG's regional planning efforts. Key examples include the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS), and the Regional Climate Adaptation Plan. SACOG offers a long history of innovative partnerships and collaboration, using one of the nation's most robust transportation modeling and measuring tools in the country, SACSIM. Such tools offer an advanced opportunity for analyzing the relationship between electrification and land use decisions. SACOG has consistently demonstrated an approach to leadership that provides broad benefit across the state. SACOG has leveraged successes from past regional planning efforts to provide technical assistance and resources to other metropolitan planning organizations, consistently helping to demonstrate and disseminate new tools and approaches. SACOG has also served as a leader securing grants for EV infrastructure, funding construction of three DC fast chargers to date.

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Working together with Sacramento County and other partners, SACOG also continues to expand community-wide EV education and streamlining. Work is underway to update guidance for plug-in EV readiness, pursuant to AB 1236 (Electric Vehicle Charging Stations).

Working with project partners, SACOG would bring its technical expertise on regional EV planning, and help to recognize the benefits of expanded EV adoption from the Green City program throughout the entire region. We look forward to the opportunity to support and collaborate on the implementation of the Green City program.

Sincerely,



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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