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California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Randolph and Members of the Board:

Support for Electrify America's Cycle 3 Investment Plan

I am writing on behalf of the County of Los Angeles (County) in support of Electrify America's Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan. This \$200 million investment in California over 30 months will bring the County closer to achieving our climate change and air quality goals by transitioning to zero emission transportation; including in-transit and heavy-duty applications directly in one of Los Angeles's communities most impacted by air pollution. We especially applaud the designation of the Long Beach/Wilmington area as a Green City.

In 2019, the County Board of Supervisors adopted the nation's most ambitious regional sustainability plan, the OurCounty Sustainability Plan (Plan). The Plan articulated a vision for an equitable region that centered community voices traditionally left out of sustainability planning. Due to the equity-focused process, the Plan is made up of strong goals, strategies, and actions that advance human health in our most vulnerable communities. The Plan includes a goal of a fossil fuel-free Los Angeles aligned with our commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement. More specifically, we set targets to reduce average on-road diesel particulate matter emissions to 80 percent below 2017 levels by 2025 and to reduce childhood asthma prevalence to 5 percent by 2045.

We need all kinds of partners and substantial investments in zero emission transportation to realize these goals and targets. Electrify America's proposed catalytic investment targeting the port communities of Long Beach/Wilmington is the kind of equity-centered decision-making necessary to rectify past policy choices that left Long Beach/Wilmington with disproportionately poor health outcomes. Electrify America investing \$25 million in a Green City program in the Long Beach/Wilmington community to support electrification

of transit and medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in this predominantly disadvantaged and low-income community will advance CARB's priorities to quickly transition buses and drayage trucks to ZEVs. It will also quickly reduce pollution in a community that is classified as extreme non-attainment under the Clean Air Act.

Electrify America used a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to inform the Green City selection. That RFP process helped the County begin a more concerted effort to examine our own properties as locations for medium- and heavy-duty charging, especially in areas that could support drayage trucks serving the port of San Pedro Bay. That planning process was recently formalized by the Board of Supervisors when the Board adopted a motion to initiate a zero-emission vehicle infrastructure plan during Earth Week of this year. Electrify America's process spurred this additional in-depth analysis that we hope will position the County for additional investment to rapidly make progress towards zero emissions medium- and heavy-duty vehicle adoption.

The Cycle 3 ZEV Investment Plan will continue to expand access to zero emission vehicles in California, by further building out ultra-fast charging infrastructure in metropolitan areas and along highway corridors; supporting transit and medium- and heavy-duty fleet charging; and continuing to invest in brand neutral education and awareness efforts. Importantly, the plan continues to prioritize disadvantaged and low-income communities for investment, to ensure that all communities can access charging and benefit from the transition to electric vehicles.

We respectfully urge you to find that Electrify America's Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan is consistent with requirements at your meeting on June 24, 2021 and to offer your agency's full support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Gero", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Gary Gero
Chief Sustainability Officer