



April 6, 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,

We are 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.

Mutual Housing California is a nonprofit community development corporation (CDC) which develops and operates permanently affordable housing that builds strong and stable communities through resident participation and leadership development. We currently operate 18 mutual housing communities that house over 3,000 people in Sacramento and Yolo counties. We are currently rolling out an electric vehicle car share program at one of our affordable housing communities in Sacramento and we are ready to continue 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, particularly when such investments are directed toward under-resourced communities in our region.

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 look forward to seeing our electric vehicle care share program for low income residents of Sacramento become part of concerted community-wide innovation supported by the kind of significant financial investment that can bring results to bear. We thank you for your consideration of Sacramento for this exciting program.

Sincerely,

Rachel Iskow
Executive Directors

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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