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Ms. Mary Nichols California Air Resources Board 1001 I Street, P.O. Box 2815 Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: Comments on Electrify America's Cycle 2 California ZEV Investment Plan

Dear Chair Nichols:

As Mayor of the City of Sacramento, home to Electrify America's Green City initiative, I write in support of Electrify America's proposed Cycle 2 California ZEV Investment Plan. We are impressed with the level of engagement, research, and thought that Electrify America has demonstrated in crafting the plan and believe it provides the necessary level of support to continue advancing the Green City initiative.

Based on our experience to date, one suggestion for the Board's consideration is to encourage the company to take concrete steps to ensure that its investments are accessible to and utilized by low-income residents. Measuring investments according to their location in a disadvantaged or low-income community does not adequately ensure that low-income residents will be able to take advantage of the opportunity for zero-emission mobility. A successful transition to a zero-emission future ultimately depends on low-income and disadvantaged residents accessing and utilizing the vehicles, infrastructure, and mobility services that Electrify America is rightly investing in. We hope you will use every avenue to reinforce this point.

The City and its partners are committed to the success of the Green City initiative. In December 2017, the City adopted its first Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy, which lays out our goals for EV adoption and the programs and policies we will pursue to achieve those goals. Since then, we have been working quickly to establish the policy frameworks and permit processes to enable the expeditious implementation of Electrify America's investments. In Cycle 2, we will continue to work closely with Electrify America, its contractors, and our partners as these investments become operational to learn what works and what adjustments might be needed to ensure the success of the investment moving forward.

Electrify America is proving to be a collaborative and responsive partner, with a strong commitment to addressing our community's needs. We look forward to continuing our partnership in implementing the Green City initiative in Cycle 2.

I appreciate your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff, Ms. Jennifer Gress, at <u>jgress@cityofsacramento.org</u> or 916-808-5440.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Sacramento