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Shafter AB617 Steering Committee Members

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Re: Approval of Shafter CERP

We, Shafter AB617 steering committee members, cannot accept this CERP without a few small, but significant changes.

We have also submitted a separate document with needed changes to the pesticide elements.

What remains are needed changes to the following three categories:

1. **RB 1 \$600,000 to replace wood burning devices.**

This item needs to be relabeled as a specific program to incentivize the replacement of natural gas home heating devices with electric heat-pumps, and induction stove tops. Even though a \$4,000 incentive for electric heat-pump installation is currently available, the current requirements force the participating resident to first, have a fireplace in the home, and second, to block the chimney with cement. This rules out the majority of residences in Shafter. We asked repeatedly for a program specifically to give incentives for installation of these electric devices without any requirements for removing a fireplace.

2. **C 2 \$6,000,000 to replace passenger vehicles with electric vehicles.**

To receive the full incentive this program requires a 20-year-old vehicle to be turned in for destruction. There are not enough 20-year-old vehicles in Shafter to use all of this money. It needs to be stated that all of this money will be used in Shafter for electric vehicles and the requirements should initially be for any vehicle 15 years or older to be turned in for destruction. This requirement for vehicle age should be lowered to 12 years if money remains after one year.

3. **UG 1 \$55,000 Urban Greening**

This may be enough money to purchase or obtain significant quantities of trees and bushes for planting in Shafter. But the program cannot work unless these plants are maintained sufficiently for the first five years. Since many of these trees will go into public areas the City of Shafter must have funds to maintain these new plantings. Therefore, there needs to be \$500,000 allocated to the City of Shafter for this specific program. The extra \$445,000 should come from either the natural gas filling station or the yard locomotive program both of which we do not support.

Sincerely,

Shafter Committee Members: Tom Frantz, Gustavo Aguirre Jr., Byanka Santoyo, Dora Hernandez, Maria Marquez, Felipa Trujillo, Soccoro Guzman, Anelica Lopez, Fermin Vargas, Esperanza Castelan, and Christopher Marquez.