

Good morning, CARB Board members and Staff.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

My name is Kathy Saechou with Valley Vision. Valley Vision is a civic leadership organization working towards economic prosperity, social equity, and environmental sustainability for all residents in the greater Sacramento region.

On behalf of Valley Vision, we express our support for continued funding and enhanced effectiveness of the established Clean Cars 4 All program in Sacramento. As implemented in the Sacramento region, Clean Cars 4 All is currently the most comprehensive program, offering EV incentives, home charging grants, pre-paid public charging credits, electric bikes, carsharing and transit under the clean mobility options. The Driving Clean Assistance Program is a state program with similar goals and provides Clean Cars 4 All administration in areas surrounding Sacramento County, but also financing assistance which provides a no-scrap option and low interest rates statewide, including within Sacramento County.

Currently, program participants in Sacramento County who would like financial assistance need to enroll in both the Driving Clean Assistance Program as well as the Sacramento Clean Cars 4 All program. It is currently difficult for applicants to navigate both programs, especially since CC4A grants have liquidation deadlines and securing equitable financing may take months. We also have seen that vehicle scrap requirements are an unnecessary barrier to program participation.

For these reasons, we urge CARB to consider adding flexible liquidation and expenditure deadlines for participants pursuing DCAP and CC4A programs to allow sufficient time to complete both. We also ask that CARB facilitate information sharing and aligning eligibility requirements between DCAP and Sac Metro Air District CC4A programs so participants can seamlessly access all of the services CARB is funding.

We ask that CARB work with the legislature to ensure consistent funding for both of these programs into the future and to avoid any lapses in operation. This will help yield widespread adoption of Clean Mobility options in all of our communities.

Thank you.