



The Cleaner Air
Partnership

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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,

The Cleaner Air Partnership strongly supports Volkswagen's proposed California Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan for its potential to enhance mobility and deliver air quality benefits in Sacramento. Moreover, we are highly supportive of the designation of Sacramento as the first Green City. The investments in electric car sharing programs, ZEV delivery fleets, and ZEV taxi fleet services will not only demonstrate opportunities for improving air quality through clean vehicles solutions, but will also showcase innovative models and use-cases for ZEVs that can be replicated statewide.

The Cleaner Air Partnership is a joint initiative of Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails, the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce, and Valley Vision. For the past 30 years, the Partnership has worked to support measures that improve air quality, protect public health, and promote economic growth. The Cleaner Air Partnership stands ready to support the Green City initiative with delivering transformational outcomes for the Sacramento region through focused public education and outreach to the business, health, and environmental communities and other clean air stakeholders.

Transportation-related emissions are the largest contributor to our local air quality issues. The \$44 million investment in Sacramento as the first Green City would advance and accelerate vehicle electrification as a core solution for reducing transportation-related emissions.

The Cleaner Air Partnership believes that the Sacramento region is a critical location to develop new, transformational programs for ZEVs. One of four major employment centers across the region, the City of Sacramento is located at the confluence of three major freight corridors. High density stop-and-go traffic is frequently experienced along these routes, especially at peak commute times. The investment in ZEV car sharing programs and ZEV taxi fleets will help solve the first-mile / last-mile concern with existing public transit services and encourage more commuters who travel long distances to work to use public transportation. The investment in ZEV delivery fleets will provide a visible demonstration of the enormous potential to improve air quality through the adoption of cleaner delivery vehicles. People



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who live near congested roadways experience disproportionate health risks as they are exposed to exhaust fumes containing toxic chemicals that can damage DNA, cause cancer, make breathing difficult, and cause low weight and premature births, according to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). Moreover, OEHHA notes that people who live near roadways are often “non-whites, Latinos, low income people, and people who speak a language other than English.” These factors leave vulnerable populations at greater risk of the negative health impacts of poor air quality. The accelerated adoption of ZEVs that the Green City initiative has the potential to advance would benefit these communities both in terms of reducing pollution from vehicles and in terms of making transportation available through ZEV car sharing services where access to transportation is lacking.

Sacramento has the potential to deliver a transformational program that brings real benefits for our communities through enhanced mobility options and improved air quality.

We thank you for your consideration of Sacramento for this exciting program.

Sincerely,



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