



April 5, 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,

WALKSacramento is pleased that Sacramento is recommended by Electrify America to be the first Green City. We wholeheartedly support this designation and encourage ARB's support as well. The Volkswagen's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan, with a proposed Green City investment of \$44 million by June 2018 will transform the ZEV landscape in Sacramento. The City of Sacramento is a strong, capable partner that stands ready to deliver on this important opportunity. WALKSacramento is a strong community partner locally and across the region. We are well recognized for leading health and safety initiatives and convene communities around local issues to drive solutions. We work closely with the City of Sacramento on many projects, particularly active transportation in disadvantaged communities, and are pleased to support Sacramento as the Green City to help maximize, leverage, and expand upon this investment. The City proposal is achievable due to the collaborations already in place, and compliments work and efforts that have been underway for years.

One of the reasons WALKSacramento stands ready to support the City of Sacramento and our partners is that the projects and programs can dramatically change the Sacramento region, and provide long overdue solutions to our most vulnerable populations. We support proposed investments in EV car sharing programs, ZEV delivery and taxi fleets, community charging infrastructure, and public education activities. These will all significantly support residents in our disadvantaged communities where public transit is not available and walking and biking on the streets is often unsafe. Further, new clean jobs and job training will also be created to further benefit these communities.

WALKSacramento is focused on active and healthy communities. While we advocate for safe, accessible and attractive walking environments air quality is a critical element of healthy communities. Often times people won't walk alongside a roadway as they don't want to breathe exhaust fumes. Increasing ZEV's in these communities, having EV car share and taxi-



type chauffer programs will significantly benefit our most vulnerable residents and disadvantaged communities who currently have limited access to services. This will be a very affordable alternative and one that can help move them closer to a healthier life.

Sacramento is one of the most diverse communities in the nation, with significant potential to bring new ideas and service models to scale.

As a leading non-profit in Sacramento and the region we will connect our network with the City and partners to deliver solutions the communities have long been asking for. We thank you for your consideration of Sacramento for this exciting program, and ask that you select Sacramento as the Green City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kirin Kumar", is positioned above the typed name.

Kirin Kumar
Executive Director
WALKSacramento

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
Electrify America