



Joe Buscaino
Councilmember, 15th District

May 27, 2021

California Air Resources Board
1001 I St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Electrify America's Cycle 3 Investment Plan

Dear California Air Resources Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of Council District 15 in support of Electrify America's Cycle 3 California Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan. This significant, \$200 million investment in California over 30 months will bring the state closer to achieving its emissions goals to combat climate change and improve air quality by transitioning to zero emission transportation, including in transit and heavy-duty applications.

As the Councilmember serving the City of Los Angeles' 15th District, I represent roughly 300,000 constituents across the communities of Watts, Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro and Wilmington. The district is home to important assets such as the Port of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Waterfront, Watts towers, and much more. Many of the constituents I represent live adjacent to the 110 Freeway and the Port of Los Angeles, and as such I proactively seek and seize opportunities to improve air quality through both my role as the local Councilmember and as a South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board member.

This is the third of four investment cycles by Electrify America, which is investing \$800 million over 10 years to accelerate transportation electrification in California. The Cycle 3 ZEV Investment Plan will continue to expand access to ZEVs in California, by further building out ultra-fast charging infrastructure in metropolitan areas and along highway corridors, supporting transit and medium and heavy-duty fleet charging, and continuing to invest in brand neutral education and awareness efforts, including supporting and sponsoring the ZEV education and training of other organizations.

Importantly, the plan continues to prioritize rural, disadvantaged, and low income communities for investment, to ensure that all communities can access charging and benefit from the transition to electric vehicles. Among other activities identified in the plan, Electrify America will invest \$25 million in a Green City program in the Long Beach and Wilmington communities, home to the nation's busiest port complex and served by a fleet of more than 18,000 drayage trucks. This targeted investment to support electrification of transit and medium and heavy-duty vehicles in this predominantly disadvantaged and low-income community will advance CARB's priorities to quickly transition buses and drayage trucks to ZEVs, and quickly reduce pollution in a community that is classified as extreme nonattainment under the Clean Air Act.

We respectfully urge you to find that Electrify America's Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan is consistent with requirements at your June 24th meeting, in order not just to keep California on the forefront of, but a leader in, the fight against climate change.

Should there be any questions or need for further information, please contact Laura Hill, Senior Transportation and Legislative Deputy at laura.hill@lacity.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Buscaino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JOE BUSCAINO
President Pro Tempore, Los Angeles City Council