

July 14, 2017

California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Electrify America 2.0L California ZEV Investment Plan

Dear Members of the California Air Resources Board:

On behalf of LA n Sync at the California Community Foundation, I would like to express our support for Electrify America's first 30-month zero emission vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan. As we understand it, the Electrify America Plan is targeting electric vehicle charging investment in key metropolitan areas throughout the state with approximately \$23-\$25 million committed to the Los Angeles area. With this plan, Electrify America recognizes that Los Angeles is an incredibly important market for vehicle electrification, with a large consumer market of more than 7.7 million registered vehicles and over 45,000 registered plug-in electric vehicles. The proposed plan takes the importance and needs of the Los Angeles into consideration while recognizing the value of Los Angeles today and in the future as the top market in the state for transportation electrification. The City is also the first major city to have an electric vehicle car-share pilot in disadvantaged communities.

LA n Sync, a cross-sector collaborative that unites the academic, philanthropic, nonprofit, public, and private sectors in LA County to pursue investment for our community, is a member of the Green City LA Coalition. From the beginning, we understood and appreciated that the Electrify America Plan for ZEVs was distinct and separate from other Volkswagen (VW) settlement funding. The Plan is a targeted investment plan versus a penalty plan, so VW is vested in seeing the success and ultimate return on its investments. Los Angeles has committed to connecting corridors and improving mobility options for residents and visitors, in part through a twice-approved voter imposed tax on transit (bringing in over \$120 billion over the next 40 years) and through Mobility 2035, which stressed different modes of transportation and multi-modal options to move people, goods, and services. This investment is a significant leveraging opportunity that will help VW reach its sustainability goals beyond the 10-year investment period. Put simply, Los Angeles makes good strategic and business sense for transportation electrification investment. It is worth noting that this plan is not a panacea to the state nor the LA area's funding needs. The interest and needs of our communities, especially the disadvantaged communities in and outside of Los Angeles, are large and much greater than this first funding plan can resolve. This plan is one of the first large and concentrated streams of funding to simultaneously stimulate transportation electrification while also reducing air pollution in our communities, but we must remember that it is on a tight timetable that is beyond our control since the settlement has already been approved by the courts. Investments have already started in other parts of the country, and California (and especially Los Angeles) needs to move forward as well.

For all the reasons above, we urge your immediate support and implementation of the first Electrify America ZEV Investment Plan. We want to also further note that we believe Los Angeles presents not only an ideal location for the substantial level of investment represented in this plan but also for future investment plans, as well. We welcome the opportunity to be more involved in the planning process going forward. Los Angeles will significantly benefit from this zero-emission vehicle investment, as the region has some of the worst air quality in the state while consisting of over 50% of the state's disadvantaged communities- many of which suffer disproportionately from vehicular pollution. We believe this plan is a positive first step in a long-term partnership between Electrify America, California Air Resources Board, and the members of the Green City Coalition in working together to better the lives of Angelenos. We would welcome the opportunity to hold hearings and workshops within Los Angeles to ensure our municipalities, foundations, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders can have more of a presence going forward. Please do not hesitate to contact Ellah Ronen at eronen@calfund.org if you have any additional questions or if we can provide any further information on our support.

Sincerely,



Antonia Hernandez
President & CEO, California Community Foundation