

October 23, 2019

Chair Nichols and Members of the Board  
California Air Resources Board ("ARB")  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: 19-9-4: Public Meeting to Consider Approval of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-20 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives for Low Carbon Transportation Investments and the Air Quality Improvement Program**

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group ("DACAG"), we submit these comments on the 2019-20 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives for Low Carbon Transportation Investments and the Air Quality Improvement Program. The DACAG is an advisory body created by legislation, which provides input to the California Energy Commission ("CEC") and the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC"). At our last meeting, our advisory group decided to provide input on the ARB's 2019-20 funding plan consistent with the comments our committee provided to the CEC on its Clean Transportation Investment Plan. The following sections overlap with some of the recommendations we provided to the CEC on its plan.

*Vehicle Purchase Incentives*

We are encouraged by the volume of investments in zero-emission mobility for Californians in this pot of funding, including additional incentives for lower-income Californians to participate. We greatly encourage the ARB to direct as many incentives as possible toward disadvantaged communities, including helping to overcome some of the barriers that currently exist to deployment of zero-emission vehicles in disadvantaged communities. This is an issue of great importance to our Committee, and we would love to continue to work with the ARB to help more disadvantaged communities reap the full benefits of California's robust zero-emission incentive programs.

*Hybrid & Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Program ("HVIP")*

We support the proposal to focus the \$142 million on zero-emissions. Our committee previously supported the CEC's focus on zero-emissions medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in its funding plan, and as such, we support the ARB's proposal to graduate several natural gas vehicle models from the program. We also would like to work with the ARB to monitor and push policies in future years that help these incentives be spent in disadvantaged communities.

*Advanced Technology Demonstration & Pilot Projects*

We appreciate the inclusion of \$40 million to spur technological change in sectors that are of great concern from an air pollution perspective. We particularly support the \$20 million of the \$40 million for zero-emission drayage trucks as our committee has supported a focus on zero-emissions investments in disadvantaged communities near port and other freight facilities.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments, and we look forward to working together for a just and equitable transition to a clean energy future.

Sincerely,

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