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Liane M. Randolph
Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: ADVANCED CLEAN CARS II RULING (ACC II) - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Randolph:

On behalf of the City of Paramount, I am writing to express our support to restore California's mission for cleaner cars by transitioning to 100% electric vehicles and strengthening requirements on new gas-powered vehicles. The Advanced Clean Cars II proposal will accelerate the sales of zero emission vehicles and plug-in hybrid-electric vehicles in California by 2035, thereby making it possible to achieve California's public health and climate goals.

Climate pollution from gas-powered vehicles makes up 40% of total greenhouse gas emissions in California. These vehicles are a massive contributor of the climate emergency, which is devastating our state with deadlier wildfires, massive heat waves, and severe droughts. Historically, California has led the nation on setting strong auto emissions standards, but the current clean cars proposal falls short of the climate action we need. If we do not reach 100% zero-emission vehicle sales until 2035, it will be too late for California to meet its goal of carbon neutrality by 2045.

Working-class communities near congested freeways, like Paramount, are hit hardest by tailpipe pollution produced from gas-powered vehicles. Paramount is situated between several major freeways, including pivotal corridors that connect to the nation's critical freight arteries throughout the Gateway of Los Angeles. On any given day, these severely congested freeways near Paramount each support over 250,000 gas-powered vehicles resulting in transportation-related emissions against local communities. Because of this, we prioritize our environmental sustainability goals to promote and facilitate greater efforts for alternative fuel and zero emission vehicles, which subsequently reduce emissions in and around our City.

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As an example of our commit to reduce emissions locally, the City recently partnered with a car rental company that offers zero emission vehicles, which will allow the City to eventually convert its entire fleet from gas-powered vehicles to electric vehicles. As environmentally sustainability leaders, we urge for stronger clean car rules that require the following actions:

- 100% zero-emission vehicle sales by 2030
- 7% annual pollution cuts from gas-powered cars in the meantime
- Mandatory equity commitments to ensure that communities most affected by pollution benefit from electric vehicles first and foremost

This transition is a tremendous opportunity to adopt clean car standards that slash climate pollution, ensure equity, and promote good jobs. For these reasons, we support the Advanced Clean Cars II proposal. Please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225 if you have any questions. On behalf of the City of Paramount, we thank you for your time and consideration.

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cc.

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