

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:

I would like to express my support for Electrify America's revised first 30-month zero emission vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan. As presented to me, Electrify America's revised Plan will target electric vehicle charging investment in six key metropolitan areas throughout the State with approximately an investment of \$18-\$25 million within the Los Angeles region. The revised Plan provides a more significant commitment to disadvantaged communities. The County of Los Angeles alone is home to more than 50% of the communities statewide identified by the CalEnviroScreen as disadvantaged.

The Electrify America Investment Plan appears to recognize the importance of the Los Angeles region and to target the region's needs. In June of 2017, almost 8,300 Plug-in Electric Vehicles (PEVs) were sold statewide. Almost half of them were sold or leased in the Los Angeles region. The investment in the region's public charging infrastructure has not kept pace with the addition of 4,000 new vehicles a month – 50,000 new PEVs a year. This limits the sales of new vehicles and the market for used vehicles to those who can charge at home – fewer than half of the County's 3.4 million households.

Electrify America revised Investment Plan recognizes the importance of Los Angeles' role on auto sales. This region purchases almost half the new vehicles sold statewide each year. There is also an extremely vibrant secondary (used) car market. Public charging infrastructure inspires confidence and will accelerate the transformation of the market throughout the region. The Plan's new commitment to underserved communities is critical to addressing the health impacts from the fossil fuels based transportation and driving a strong secondary car market for PEVs in the region. Electrify America revised Investment Plan recognizes the value of Los Angeles today and in the future as the State's top market for the electrification of transportation.

The County of Los Angeles is a member of the Green City LA Coalition, which has been focused on increasing investments in Los Angeles for transportation electrification. At the County, I am responsible for the County's current 155 L2 EVSE and I am overseeing the doubling of this infrastructure in the coming months. The County is particularly committed to work sites within disadvantaged communities. I serve as a co-chair of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation's e4 Alliance, co-chair of the Southern California Association of Government's Plug-in Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council, and serve on a Technical Advisory Committee for the South Coast Air Quality Management District. I was part of the leadership of the SoCal EV Collaborative that sought and received funding for more than 300 L2 EVSE in the region in 2010 that included updating many County sites where EV infrastructure had been installed in the late 1990s ~ 2001.


I understood and appreciated that the Electrify America's revised Investment Plan is separate and distinct from other Volkswagen (VW) Settlement funding. The Plan is a targeted investment, so VW has a vested interest in its success and ultimately, a return on its investments. Because the Los Angeles region plays such a significant role in the State's new car market, I strongly believe Los Angeles should receive a significant share of this funding. The Los Angeles region makes good strategic and business sense for VW's electrification investment.

It should be recognized that the best of intentions and the best of plans don't always come to pass. Therefore, it is important that Electrify America be allowed to move forward – provided its commitments address the Air Resources Board's concerns. Let them try. Then judge their efforts based upon the results of this first phase. Each phase should be viewed as an opportunity to learn, refine, and improve – with the ultimate goal of accelerating the electrification of transportation.

If the entire Electrify America Investment Plan were to be spend in just the Los Angeles region, it would not be sufficient to address the region's needs in the coming decade. But like my colleagues, we welcome VW's investment and believe it will accelerate the electrification of transportation in Los Angeles and throughout the State.

For these reasons, I urge your support for the implementation of the revised Electrify America ZEV Investment Plan. Los Angeles welcomes the opportunity to become more involved in the planning process going forward—especially on ways to invest meaningfully within the County's disadvantaged communities — which are more than half the State's disadvantaged communities. We would welcome the opportunity to hold hearings and workshops within the County to ensure that more of our municipalities, foundations, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders can be more actively engaged. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions or if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,



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