



September 24, 2018

Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812-2815

RE: Support for the Innovative Clean Transit Rule

Dear Chair Nichols:

I am writing to express the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator's (LACI) strong support for the Innovative Clean Transit regulation, which would require California transit agencies to purchase 100 percent zero emission buses by 2040—or sooner.

LACI is a private non-profit organization creating an inclusive green economy by unlocking innovation, transforming markets, and enhancing communities. This spring, LACI established the Transportation Electrification Partnership, a multi-year, multi-stakeholder partnership with key leaders—including the California Air Resources Board—to accelerate transportation electrification in the greater Los Angeles region to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution over the next decade.

Together, we recently released our [Zero Emissions 2028 Roadmap](#), which sets ambitious, yet achievable targets for transportation electrification across a variety of sectors, including transit buses. Our target for buses in the LA region builds on the commitments that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Los Angeles Department of Transportation have already made to transition their full fleets to zero emission buses by 2030. Our target is for these two agencies to have 80-100 percent of their fleets electric by 2028—two years ahead of schedule.

Los Angeles is leading the way, and there's every reason for the state to make a clear commitment now to achieve a 100 percent electric bus future by 2040. Electric bus technology is proven and ready for widespread use. California has already become the nation's manufacturing hub for electric buses, creating local cleantech jobs. And with greenhouse gas

emissions and air pollution from California's transportation sector on the rise, time is of the essence to make this transition.

For all of these reasons, LACI is proud to support the Innovative Clean Transit regulation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this historic decision, and thank you for your leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, cleaning up our air, and leading the transition to a zero emissions future.

Sincerely,

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

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