



Monday, May 14, 2018

California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

**Re: Jobs Standards in GGRF Investments**

To Whom It May Concern:

Founded in 1993, LAANE (Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy) is a nationally recognized advocacy organization dedicated to building a new economy for all. Combining dynamic research, innovative public policy, and strategic organizing of broad alliances, LAANE promotes a new economic approach based on good jobs, thriving communities, and a healthy environment.

The California Air Resources Board's April 27, 2018 presentation on statewide climate investments indicates that Cap and Trade auction proceeds benefit communities across the state, including Los Angeles. We are pleased that you have continued to focus your efforts on supporting sustainability efforts and prioritizing disadvantaged communities, on important issues like clean energy and energy efficiency, amongst other issues.

We also writing to express our disappointment in the lack of clear jobs standards. We encourage you to include them to ensure that GGRF funded projects of scale hire, ensure living wages and family supporting jobs, and track the employment of the disadvantaged communities the fund prioritizes. It is key that these communities are not presented primarily with low wage or temporary job opportunities, but rather, will benefit long-term from the measures that stem from the Cap and Trade auction proceeds. CARB can successfully achieve this by prioritizing projects that utilize trusted union apprenticeship programs, targeted and local hire Project Labor Agreements, and/or create well paying permanent jobs.

Jobs standards that pave the way for permanent jobs through sustainability programs will also create economic stability for communities that have long been under resourced or neglected. Given that it is a requirement that GGRF funded projects foster jobs creation and training wherever possible, we ask that CARB direct administering agencies to develop a point system to be used at the application phase, administering points for projects that create permanent or long-term jobs and incentivizing contractors to create longer-term jobs.

We also want to request a robust tracking system to track the quality, wages, benefits, and standards of the jobs created, as well as the demographics of the workers executing the work (race, neighborhood, and gender) which are currently not being monitored by CARB. The Los Angeles City Bureau of Contract Administration has long tracked public works construction jobs through reporting from contractors on local and targeted hire projects in our city and is an excellent model that can inform CARB developing its own future system.

By calling for jobs standards and monitoring in California Climate Investments, your board will ensure a visionary and accountable future for disadvantaged, low-income communities that reduces their economic disparities. These resources will elevate the agency in being a leader in equity and sustainability through strategic investments of funding dollars.

Sincerely,  
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