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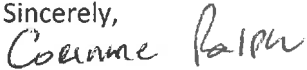
Subject: Support of the Proposed Innovative Clean Transit Regulation

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the California Air Resources Board:

On behalf of The City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Transit, I write to you in support the Proposed Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) released August 7, 2018. The ICT provides an attainable plan for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the transition of our transit fleets to zero emission buses (ZEBs). This transition to ZEBs will achieve the overall goals of health-based air quality standards, address community needs, and fight climate change.

LADOT Transit currently operates 371 buses with a family of services that include community circulators (DASH), AM and PM peak only express service (Commuter Express), and paratransit service for seniors and the disabled (Cityride). In November 2017, the City Council mandated LADOT Transit to convert its bus fleet to ZEBs by 2030 or sooner. Since that time, LADOT Transit has embraced the challenge of meeting the Council's directive. LADOT Transit is leading the ZEB transition effort in the Los Angeles County area. Below are some of the efforts LADOT Transit has completed thus far.

- Performed a Market Analysis that determined the currently available BEBs meet our performance profile (range).
- Collaborated with Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti's Office, formed the LA Regional Zero Emission Working Group to bring ZEB information to both large and small transit agencies in Los Angeles County. Topics addressed at the working group include electrification infrastructure, utility rates, grant funding, and the development of a statewide ZEB procurement.
- Secured federal, state (TIRCP, LCTOP) and local grant funding to purchase 155 BEBs to support an 80% expansion of DASH service.

Sincerely,

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