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Mary D. Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1011 I Street, P.O. Box 2415
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Volkswagen Settlement California ZEV Investment Plan

Dear Chair Nichols,

We are writing to express our support of the Volkswagen's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan, including the designation of Sacramento as the first Green City with a proposed investment of \$44 million by June 2018. We believe that the City of Sacramento is a strong, capable partner that is ready to deliver on this important opportunity. The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) has a history of working with the City and the community to deliver ambitious projects and programs that benefit the region.

SHRA has partnered with the City of Sacramento, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, Sacramento Municipal Utility District and Zipcar to pilot a subsidized car sharing program at two public housing communities with funds from the California Cap and Trade – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The two public housing communities are located in the Sacramento Promise Zone, one of only 12 federally designated Promise Zones in the United States. Administered by SHRA, the Promise Zone is a partnership between federal, state and local agencies to give local leaders proven tools to improve the quality of life in some of Sacramento's most vulnerable areas. As a Promise Zone, Sacramento receives significant benefits including priority access to federal staff investments that further local strategic plans and goals. The City of Sacramento, SHRA and our partners are committed to pursuing opportunities that support the goals of the Promise Zone.

Sacramento is one of the most diverse communities in the nation, with significant potential to bring new ideas and service models to scale. Sacramento provides an ideal test market that is large enough to test new concepts, but small enough to implement visible change. Strong public-private partnerships such as the Promise Zone provide a unique opportunity for the development of the ZEV industry, including new jobs-training programs and an emerging market for autonomous vehicle deployments. Sacramento's diverse neighborhoods also stand to benefit from new programs for clean and affordable transportation, including low-cost ZEV vehicles, public charging infrastructure, and new car share programs.

We support proposed investments in EV car sharing programs, ZEV delivery and taxi fleets, community charging infrastructure, and public education activities. We believe that Volkswagen's investment in Sacramento can provide a broad benefit that spurs innovation across the Promise Zone and the region. Sacramento has the potential to deliver a transformational program that delivers real benefits to our communities. We thank you for your consideration of Sacramento for this exciting program.

Sincerely,



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Director of Development

cc: Jennifer Venema, City of Sacramento