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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 City of Sacramento as the first Green City Designation

Dear Chair Nichols,

I am writing on behalf of the Institute for Local Government (ILG) to express our strong support of the Volkswagen's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan designation of **Sacramento** as the first Green City. The City of Sacramento is a member of ILG's Beacon Program, a program designed to support and recognize local governments that are committed to saving energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and implementing innovative policies and programs that promote sustainability. Sacramento has been a leader and a role model in the program, both for its achievements and its graciousness in sharing its lessons learned.

I am confident that the City of Sacramento be a role-model for Electrify America's Green City Program as well. The designation as the first Green City will allow Sacramento to accelerate key elements of its Climate Action Plan, thereby further reducing its greenhouse gas emissions. This opportunity will increase the adoption and penetration of electric vehicles in the region, and provide a model for other communities to pursue in support of the same goals.

The need for investment in Sacramento is high. A disproportionate share of Sacramento residents live in disadvantaged communities. Moreover, Sacramento has been ranked the sixth most polluted city in the nation for ozone and has the second highest youth unemployment rate in the nation.

The city's elected leadership is strong, and the staff is top notch. The City of Sacramento has strong regional ties, serving as a major player in the Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative, of which ILG is also a member.

The Institute for Local Government will enthusiastically support the Sacramento Green Cities work and looks forward to a very successful regional collaboration.

Thank you for your consideration of Sacramento for this exciting work.

Sincerely,

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cc: Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor
Kevin de León, Senate President Pro Tempore
Anthony Rendon, Assembly Speaker
Doris Matsui, Congresswoman
ARB Board Members
Darrell Steinberg, Mayor of the City of Sacramento
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