



April 5, 2017

Ms 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,

Capital Public Radio (CPR) is pleased that Sacramento is the top city recommended by Electrify America to be the first Green City. We wholeheartedly support this designation and encourage ARB's support as well. The Volkswagen's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan, with a proposed Green City investment of \$44 million by June 2018 will transform the ZEV landscape in Sacramento. The City of Sacramento is a strong, capable partner that stands ready to deliver on this important opportunity. Capital Public Radio is well recognized throughout the Sacramento area and has a history of working with the city and across the community on important issues and advancing solutions. CPR is pleased to support Sacramento as the Green City to help maximize, leverage, and expand upon this investment. While the City proposal is ambitious it is also achievable due to the collaborations already in place. CPR has done countless stories on electric vehicles, charging stations and infrastructure, and promoted Sacramento clean tech forums. Many of our reporters have their stories appear locally and nationally, with National Public Radio (NPR).

Capital Public Radio believes that Volkswagen's investment in Sacramento, which has an exceedingly strong environment-energy ethos, can provide a broad benefit that spurs innovation across the region. We support proposed investments in EV car sharing programs, ZEV delivery and taxi fleets, community charging infrastructure, and public education activities. Public education is one of main priorities of CPR and we're prepared to continue this work as part of Sacramento Green City. CPR is also focused on affordable housing. We're acutely aware of the challenges residents have with unaffordable housing costs, making car ownership even more difficult. But residents often don't have a choice when lack of transportation requires them to own a car to drive to work, leaving little money to pay for food. The car share programs that are possible in low income communities, as part of this work, would be of great benefit for Sacramento residents and is a program CPR would like to see succeed.

Sacramento is one of the most diverse communities in the nation, with significant potential to bring new ideas and service models to scale. We thank you for your consideration of Sacramento for this exciting program, and ask that you select Sacramento as the Green City.

Sincerely,

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