



April 10, 2017

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,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and volunteers of Cool Davis I am writing to express our support for the Volkswagen's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan, including the designation of Sacramento as the first Green City. Sacramento is a strong, capable partner that is ready to deliver on this important opportunity. Moreover, the Sacramento plan supports the City of Davis' and Cool Davis' ZEV goals (referred to in our VW-ZEV application). Our community is accelerating ZEV adoption. Success is dependent on implementing a regional charging network.

Cool Davis supports the plan to invest in EV car sharing programs, ZEV delivery and taxi fleets, community charging infrastructure, and public education because it will provide broad regional benefit. Our latest data for commute trips outside of Davis estimates that some 20,000 commuters depart Davis for work destinations every day. The emissions produced in those commutes contribute dramatically to harmful regional air quality. The outer edge communities like Davis (Folsom, Roseville, Woodland and Elk Grove) are all challenged with similar commuters who we must help make different vehicle choices to achieve a cleaner future. Implementing Sacramento's plan will make an EV a smart and feasible choice for these commuters. Similarly the media resources spent in the Sacramento metro area will reach beyond Sacramento to communities like Davis and help to shape regional household attitudes about ZEV transportation choices.

Sacramento's ZEV Plan is an opportunity for truly diverse impact cutting across cultural and communal boundaries. New ideas and service models can be scaled up in one of the most diverse regions in the nation. It is an ideal test market, large enough to test new concepts, but small enough to implement visible change. Here the urban, suburban and rural use of ZEV's can be better understood. Small cities in the region are ready to work with Sacramento to grow the regional ZEV infrastructure and study ZEV use between our cities. In small farm communities in our area they are installing charging infrastructure at key employer and public locations and testing options for electrification of farm vehicles. Some like Davis are already planning for autonomous vehicles and significant expansion of public charging.

We applaud you for your consideration of Sacramento for this exciting program and look forward to partnering on its implementation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christine L. Granger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Christine L. Granger  
Executive Director

cc: Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor  
Kevin de León, Senate President Pro Tempore  
Anthony Rendon, Assembly Speaker  
Doris Matsui, Congresswoman  
John Garamendi, Congressman  
ARB Board Members  
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