

LETTER OF SUPPORT

July , 2021

**Attn: Minda Berbeco, Manager
Strategic Incentives Division
Bay Area Air Quality Management District
375 Beale Street, Suite 600,
San Francisco, CA 94105**

RE: Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust funding - Light-Duty Zero-Emission Infrastructure Electric Program

Dear Dr. Berbeco,

The City of Carson supports the project to install _____ Electric Vehicles (EV) Chargers at _____ City owned sites for the Light-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure program. It is our understanding that Bay Area Air Quality Management District is serving as administrator of the Trust funds for the award of Trust funding for the Light-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure category, including up to \$5 million for electric vehicle charging station projects with a minimum of 50 percent of the funds directed to disadvantaged and low-income communities along with an emphasis on expanding EV charging access state-wide and closing geographic gaps in coverage.

The City of Carson, California is an ethnically diverse city with a high percentage of low-income, disadvantaged families. According to the CalEnviroScreen 3.0, the City has some of the poorest air-quality scores in the State of California (98-100, <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/sb535> & <https://arcg.is/1Xmaer>) and is home to several refineries, chemical manufacturing facilities, heavy to light industrial uses, is near the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and other major sources of air pollution. The City has major freeways that run through and border the City such as I-405, I-110, I-710, and the 91 freeway. While the freeway systems are a major source of pollution, they can be used to easily connect drivers with EV chargers within the City and Southern California region. Fast chargers are essential to continue growing EV

adoption in California and meeting the state's goals for combating climate change. Expanding the availability of convenient fast-charging stations near major highways is significant for the future of California transportation.

The City of Carson currently has limited access to EV charging equipment. Inadequate access to charging stations contributes to the community's apprehension about investing in clean, efficient, and affordable electric vehicles. Initiating an electric vehicle charging program will allow the local and regional market to expand and directly support local and State long-term EV goals.

We strongly support this applicant because it will bring significant improvement to air quality, health, and welfare of the citizens of this disadvantaged community, increase the adoption of zero emission vehicles, fill the EV charging gaps in the South Bay Area, and significantly improve EV charging infrastructure at key locations near major transportation routes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,