

May 27, 2021

California Air Resources Board
1001 I St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Electrify America's Cycle 3 Investment Plan

Dear California Air Resources Board Members:

The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), as a champion and catalyst for an equitable, sustainable and resilient economy, supports Electrify America's Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan.

LAEDC is proud to serve as an EV industry leader through our creation and convening of the e4 Mobility Alliance for more than a decade. We developed this forum to bring together leading voices across the sector to form a robust, dynamic, and unique industry council that is focused on growing businesses of the future while meeting quarterly around issues such as market trends, forecasting, tech development, and the workforce of the future.

This is the third of four investment cycles by Electrify America, which is investing \$800 million over 10 years to accelerate transportation electrification in California. The Cycle 3 ZEV Investment Plan will continue to expand access to zero emission vehicles (ZEV) in California, by further building out ultra-fast charging infrastructure in metropolitan areas and along highway corridors, supporting transit and medium- and heavy-duty fleet charging, and continuing to invest in brand neutral education and awareness efforts, including supporting and sponsoring the ZEV education and training of other organizations. Importantly, the plan continues to prioritize rural, disadvantaged, and low-income communities for investment, to ensure that all communities can access charging and benefit from the transition to electric vehicles.

Among other activities identified in the plan, Electrify America will invest \$25 million in a Green City program in the Long Beach-Wilmington community, home to the nation's busiest port complex and served by a fleet of more than 18,000 drayage trucks. This targeted investment to support electrification of transit and medium and heavy-duty vehicles in this predominantly disadvantaged and low-income community will advance CARB's priorities to quickly transition buses and drayage trucks to ZEVs, and quickly reduce pollution in a community that is classified as extreme non-attainment under the Clean Air Act.


Electrify America's investments are also creating economic opportunities for many stakeholders throughout California. For example, responding vendors to Electrify America's 2020 survey identified more than 8,000 workers employed by themselves and subcontractors that worked on Electrify America projects from July to December 2020, including 1,022 workers in California.

Of these workers, vendors reported that 62% lived in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

It also bears mentioning that although the Cycle 3 Investment Plan is focused on charging infrastructure, adding those chargers to the Long Beach-Wilmington freight corridors will also spur greater demand for EV drayage trucks, which will stimulate demand at California EV truck manufacturers and create more green jobs for Californians, allowing the industry to scale and grow to better address Southern California's air pollution and climate change as a whole.

For all the above reasons, the LAEDC seeks your support on this and offers its endorsement for Electrify America's Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan to accelerate transportation electrification in California.

Sincerely,


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LAEDC