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Randy Iwasaki, Executive Director
Contra Costa Transportation Authority
2999 Oak Road, Suite 100
Walnut Creek, California 94597

Subject: Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Electric Vehicle Ready Communities Phase II – Blueprint Implementation Grant

Dear Mr..Iwasaki:

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors supports the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) application for the California Energy Commission's Electric Vehicle Ready Communities Phase II – Blueprint Implementation grant to provide funds to deploy strategies outlined in CCTA's 2019 Electric Vehicle Readiness Blueprint for Contra Costa County (Blueprint). The grant will facilitate the implementation of the following key activities identified in the Blueprint:

- 1) Provide charging infrastructure incentives at publicly accessible and multi-residential units located in priority communities considered "disadvantaged" under the State's CalEnviroScreen tool;
- 2) Provide workforce training for electric vehicle mechanics in partnership with the Contra Costa Community College District;
- 3) Leverage the secondary electric vehicle market to create more opportunities for low-income household to access electric vehicles;
- 4) Leverage CCTA's 511 Contra Costa electric bicycle rebate program with a bonus for the priority communities included in this grant; and
- 5) Educate County residents about how to access opportunities for electric vehicle use and/or ownership, whether it be a car or a bicycle.

As outlined in CCTA's Blueprint, this grant provides the opportunity to implement electrification strategies in underinvested communities, enhance workforce training, develop and amplify

educational outreach campaigns, and install EV charging infrastructure in communities that need it the most. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, this grant will help provide zero emission personal transportation and valuable workforce skills to the communities hit hardest by the economic consequences of the pandemic and in greatest need of reliable transport.

As a partner in the development of the Contra Costa Electric Vehicle Readiness Blueprint, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors values this work and its relevance to the County's complementary efforts to reduce greenhouse gases, improve air quality and community health, and encourage equitable economic prosperity.

Sincerely,

Candace Andersen
Chair, Board of Supervisors