

July 14, 2017

California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Electrify America 2.0L California ZEV Investment Plan – SUPPORT

Members of the California Air Resources Board:

On behalf of the **Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC)**, an organization whose purpose is to raise standards of living for the residents of L.A. County by increasing economic opportunity and regional prosperity, I am writing *in support of* Electrify America's first 30-month zero emission vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan, which invests in electric vehicle (EV) charging throughout key metro areas across California, with approximately \$23-\$25 million being invested here in the Los Angeles region.

The LAEDC greatly appreciates the fact that Electrify America's plan acknowledges the distinct electric charging needs of Los Angeles, while also recognizing the strategic importance, productive advantages and regional concentrations that Los Angeles has as the top market in the state for transportation electrification. In fact, the LAEDC's economists believe the need for charging stations in LA County will increase dramatically over the next two to five years to support the fast-shifting transportation (consumer) habits of LA's 10+ million residents. The LAEDC's perspective has been further informed by years of directed research (primary and applied) into the swiftly growing EV consumer and producer markets, along with their related and supporting infrastructure needs; indeed, a durable ZEV market requires more than just car technologies.

The EV industry's market growth potential served as the impetus for the LAEDC forming its e4 Mobility Alliance more than a half decade ago to promote and further develop the LA basin as the leader in alternative transportation, including maximizing plug-in EV adoption and zero emission fleet conversion rates, among other initiatives. The e4 Mobility Alliance's predominant goal is to develop a robust research, manufacturing and export-oriented advanced transportation cluster here in the LA region, ensuring that the LA region is not only a profligate consumer of ZEV and other advanced transportation technologies, products, services and processes, but also a researcher, designer, creator, producer and exporter of them. Its work has been further reinforced by the LAEDC's operation of the Southern California Advanced Transportation Center (ATC), which too encourages adoption and development of EV and other so-called "alternative fuel" vehicles, technologies and infrastructure, while addressing – through public policy, infrastructure investment and technology deployment – the dire need for cleaner air in our neighborhoods, especially in LA County's disadvantaged communities, which represent over 50 percent of the disadvantaged communities in the state.

The Electrify America Plan for ZEVs supports all of the above e4 Mobility Alliance and ATC co-equal goals, as it is not only predicated on the strategic importance of the LA market, but also readily accepts the fact

that the needs of Los Angeles's communities, especially the region's disadvantaged communities, are much greater than this first funding plan can solve. This is why the LAEDC strongly believes that Los Angeles should receive a significant share of funding, as Los Angeles makes good business sense and has manifest environmental justice needs that can begin to be addressed by the first in a series of large streams of funding to stimulate transportation electrification and to reduce air pollution in our communities.

For all of the above reasons, the LAEDC strongly supports **Electrify America 2.0L California ZEV Investment Plan**, and I urge you to move forward with the plan, which is on a tight timetable since the settlement has already been approved in court. Please contact me or my staff if you have any additional questions. We are anxious to move this forward, lest we lose ground to other parts of the country where investment has already started.

Sincerely,



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Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC)

The LAEDC is a 501(c)(3) public-benefit organization