



HOUSING AUTHORITY

OF THE COUNTY OF KERN

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Christian Clegg
City Manager
City of Bakersfield
1600 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

RE: LETTER OF COMMITMENT - CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT

The Housing Authority of the County of Kern is pleased to provide this commitment letter formalizing our intended roles and responsibilities for the City of Bakersfield (City) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program Grant. We have worked with the City and other partners for many years to advocate for sustainable practices and the empowerment of low-income and disadvantaged communities, making this partnership an excellent fit for achieving the goals of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

The Housing Authority is the leading provider of affordable housing in Bakersfield and Kern County and we see first-hand the impact of pollution and other climate challenges on low-income households in Bakersfield. We are committed to the success of this project with specific commitments, roles, responsibilities, and contributions that include the following:

Project Design and Implementation: We will actively participate in the project's design and implementation phases to ensure that its goals are met efficiently and effectively.

Community Engagement and Outreach: Recognizing the importance of community support, we will participate in outreach efforts to engage residents and stakeholders. This will include assisting with organizing workshops, town hall meetings, and information sessions to gather input, address concerns, and ensure the community is informed and involved in every project phase.

Monitoring, Reporting, and Evaluation: We will assist in monitoring and reporting to track the project's progress, measure its impact on GHG reduction and community benefits, and ensure accountability. This includes regular reporting to the EPA and other stakeholders, highlighting achievements and areas for improvement.



Our involvement ensures a multidisciplinary approach to project design and implementation, enhancing the project's ability to achieve significant, long-lasting environmental and social outcomes. We are fully committed to this project and look forward to contributing to its success, demonstrating our shared vision for a sustainable and equitable future.

Please contact me at 661-631-8500 ext. 2005 or via email at spelz@kernha.org with questions or requests for information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Pelz', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Stephen M. Pelz
Executive Director