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RE: CITY OF BAKERSFIELD CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT APPLICATION - LETTER OF SUPPORT

I am writing to express my support for the City of Bakersfield's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program application. The imperative for decisive climate action has never been clearer, and Trust for Public Land is committed to backing Bakersfield's efforts to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and tackle the pervasive impacts of climate change on our communities.

My support for this initiative is driven by recognizing the profound benefits that robust climate action can bring to our environment, public health, and economy. The City of Bakersfield's proposed GHG reduction measures are pivotal for meeting collective climate goals and will significantly enhance the quality of life for all residents, particularly those in low-income and disadvantaged communities who are most vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

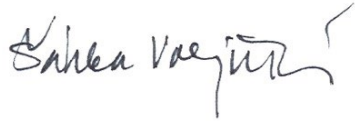
As an organization whose mission is to create parks and protect land, Trust for Public Land strongly supports the city's goal of revitalizing urban parks and connecting residents to nature. Park systems are an essential part of any urban infrastructure. This grant will support increased use and access to parks for all residents within a ten-minute walk of their homes, help reduce an equity gap in access to the outdoors, and promote public health, wellness and resiliency.

The collaborative and inclusive approach demonstrated by the City of Bakersfield in forging strong partnerships with community organizations and other stakeholders is crucial for designing and implementing climate solutions that are both effective and reflective of our community's diverse needs and aspirations. I am confident that, with the support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program,

we can catalyze meaningful and lasting environmental change in Bakersfield that can be successfully replicated in communities nationwide.

Please contact me via email at [sarka.volejnikova@tpl.org](mailto:sarka.volejnikova@tpl.org) with questions or requests for information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sarka Volejnikova', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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