



**Mayor Karen K. Goh**  
City of Bakersfield

March 28, 2024

Mr. Michael S. Regan, Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

On behalf of the City of Bakersfield, I write in support of our application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program.

The City of Bakersfield – California's ninth largest city and the County seat – is one of the state's fastest growing cities and a leader in housing development. Bakersfield remains one of the most affordable communities in the state. However, for the city to meet its rapidly growing housing demands, we must have adequate infrastructure, a critical buttress for Bakersfield's economic diversification, recovery, and resiliency.

The funding of the City of Bakersfield's CPRG implementation application will revitalize over forty acres of green space in six parks, develop complete streets projects along major corridors in disadvantaged communities, add solar to the Bakersfield Senior Center, and weatherize 100 low-income homes. It will also add solar to 150 low-income homes, electric vehicle infrastructure to municipal buildings, 124 electric vehicles, 5,000 trees annually until 2045, new compost and recycling sorting equipment, and more.

More than half of the families in Kern County toil to make ends meet. These struggling working families comprise of more than a third of all residents. Moreover, Bakersfield bears a disproportionate share of pollution and poverty with communities scoring in the 98<sup>th</sup> -100<sup>th</sup> percentile on CalEnviroScreen 4.0. We stand ready for investments from the federal government into one of its most underserved and impoverished communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this program that will change the futures of generations to come.

Sincerely,

Karen K. Goh  
Mayor, City of Bakersfield