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Denver Regional Council of Governments
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RE: Letter of Support for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) - Decarbonize DRCOG Proposal

As the members of Golden City Council, we are writing to express our wholehearted support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) project proposal presented by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The "Decarbonize DRCOG" initiative encompasses a transformative and holistic approach to regional building decarbonization, and we believe it aligns with Golden's adopted Sustainability goals.

Golden's ambitious sustainability goals aim to protect local resources to assure a high quality of life for current and future generations through a series of waste, water and energy goals. The largest lift of Golden's goals are the climate and energy targets; to achieve 100% renewable energy for electricity by 2030, for heating by 2050 and to align with the Paris Accord goals. This proposal addresses Golden and the Metro Area's largest source of GHG emissions – the building sector.

From preservation of our affordable housing stock and commercial properties, to municipal buildings we have immediate ability and needs to address our built environment. The lowest hanging fruit for decarbonization is to use less energy in the first place and we have ample opportunity to do so. But even more aggressively, we need to move to all green-produced electric buildings and homes for heating water and space and cooling as well. With thousands of homes to address over the next few decades it will only be possible to make the impacts necessary if we have reliable funding resources to stand-up robust supports for homeowners, landlords, and property developers.

Focusing on Golden alone will not be sufficient. We are adjacent to the National Renewable Energy Lab and have our own world class university, the Colorado School of Mines in our town. The soon to be built Glopark is going to be an incubator for green energy producers. Golden is uniquely situated to be a hub for the region, a north star that other communities can follow and leverage, but only if there is a robust regional program made possible by a transformative grant.

Less parochially, it is worth mentioning that we are active participants in DRCOG at both the elected official and staff level and have partnered repeatedly with them over the years on transportation issues. And from an equity and inclusiveness standpoint, one of our councilors is on the Area Agency for the Aging sub-committee and will be able to help ensure prudent

spending and performance around "aging in place" issues that are so intertwined with health, warmth, safety and energy security.

We look forward to contributing our expertise, tools, and resources to support the success of this groundbreaking initiative. Should you have any inquiries regarding our support for this funding application, please feel free to contact Theresa Worsham, City of Golden Sustainability Manager at tworsham@cityofgolden.net.

Sincerely,

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