



# Village of Ossining

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Attn:

Carla Castillo, Executive Director  
Hudson Valley Regional Council  
105 Ann Street, #2  
Newburgh, NY 12550

**Re: Village of Ossining- Commitment to Joining the Mid-Hudson Municipal Building  
Electrification Coalition Application to the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant  
Program**

Dear Ms. Castillo:

The Village of Ossining commits to participating in the coalition proposal being submitted by the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program. We intend to sign the Memorandum of Agreement no later than June 21, 2024. As a registered New York State Climate Smart Certified Community, a NYSEDA Designated Clean Energy Community, and a Village that has been designated by New York State as a majority Potential Environmental Justice Area (PEJA) and Disadvantaged Community (DAC), the Village of Ossining understands the importance of reducing our community's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. We are eager to work together with our neighboring municipalities and HVRC to significantly lower emissions produced by two of our Village-owned firehouses, Holla Hose and Cataract Hose.

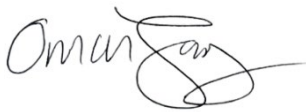
Both buildings are older construction and are overdue for new HVAC systems throughout—air source heat pumps will take the place of a natural gas furnace at Holla Hose, and a boiler at Cataract Hose, for heating and cooling all areas within the building except for the truck bays in each facility. Not only will this result in safer and more comfortable facilities for our first responders, it will dramatically reduce our dependence on fossil fuel in these buildings and help

us understand how air-source heat pumps may work in other Village facilities. It will also enable us to educate and inform the community about how these solutions may work for their homes and businesses, in pursuit of not only cleaner-running HVAC but also lower utility bills.

Our coalition is a group that has been participating in the Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) since 2023 – a program developed by HVRC to guide a cohort of local governments through the development of government operations GHG inventories and climate action plans. Grant funding from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation Climate Smart Communities made this work possible. As a group we have measured our emissions, committed to reducing them, and modeled how to implement the reductions. The CPRG Program will let us take the next important step from planning to implementing emissions reductions identified in the environmental planning documents produced as a part of CAPI.

The Village of Ossining supports the goals of the Hudson Valley Regional Council's proposal for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program and we look forward to being part of the program if selected. This coalition proposal aims to significantly cut government operations greenhouse gas emissions in the Mid-Hudson Region by enhancing municipal building efficiency and decreasing fuel oil and natural gas consumption. Additionally, this multi-municipal effort will help New York State meet the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act as well as the United States' goal to reduce GHG emissions 50% by 2030.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Omar Lopez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Deputy Mayor Omar Lopez