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Carla Castillo, Executive Director
Hudson Valley Regional Council
105 Ann Street, #2
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Re: City of White Plains Commitment to Joining the Mid-Hudson Municipal Building Electrification Coalition Application to the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program

Dear Ms. Castillo:

The City of White Plains 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 a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) no later than June 21, 2024. Such MOA shall be in a format and contain content that has been approved by the City of White Plains' Corporation Counsel.

As a New York State Climate Smart Bronze Certified Community and NYSEDA Designated Clean Energy

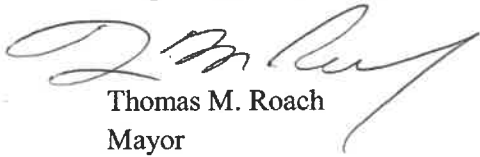
Community, the City of White Plains understands the importance of reducing our community's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. We are eager to work together with our neighboring municipalities and HVRC to significantly lower emissions produced by our Public Library, an 82,000 square foot structure that serves our community by offering a full range of library services for people of all ages, a café, an art gallery, community meeting rooms, and the White Plains cable television station.

We are part of a cohort of municipalities 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 City of White Plains 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. We understand that this multi-municipal 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 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'T. Roach', is written over the printed name and title.

Thomas M. Roach
Mayor