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Dr. Raymond Wolfe
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority/
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1170 W 3rd St., 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 02410

RE: SCAG Support for the SBCOG/SBCTA's Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario Metro Area's CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Dr. Wolfe:

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Implementation application led by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority/San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCTA/SBCOG), in coalition with the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), for the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario Metro Area's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). SBCTA/SBCOG, WRCOG, and CVAG are aiming to achieve significant greenhouse gas emission reductions through initiatives in municipal building decarbonization, residential building decarbonization, light-duty electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and workforce development.

SCAG works to foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices. SBCTA/SBCOG's CPRG Implementation application is aligned with this mission and will bring valuable resources that directly benefit the Inland Empire's most vulnerable families. The following measures outlined in this grant will help improve air quality, increase families' resilience and self-sufficiency, and ensure that they are included in the transition to a clean energy economy:

Municipal Building Decarbonization will create a municipal building decarbonization revolving loan fund to issue bridge loans. The fund will address funding gaps to finance decarbonization and resilience projects for public agencies within San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

Residential Building Decarbonization will establish a residential direct install program that will offer decarbonization retrofits to low-income/disadvantaged communities (LIDAC) and households at no cost to the customer. The direct install program will complement the California Energy Commission's Equitable Building Decarbonization program.

Light Duty Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure will be funded for public charging access across the metro area with funds expended directly by SBCOG using competitively selected subcontractors.

As a project consistent with the policies and goals set forth in Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), SCAG is pleased to support and collaborate with the regional team and fellow grant stakeholders in this proposal to advance our region's goals. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ryan Wolfe, Manager of Sustainable and Resilient Development, at (760) 707-7019 or email wolfe@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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