March 20, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant – Commitment and Support for the Public Facilities Resiliency Implementation Project

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Clara County Fire Chiefs' Association to express my strong commitment and support for the coalition application led by Silicon Valley Clean Energy, in partnership with the Cities of San José, Sunnyvale, Morgan Hill, and Cupertino, for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition for the *Public Facility Resiliency Implementation Project (PFRIP)*. Specifically, the Santa Clara County Fire Chiefs' Association supports the electrification features proposed in the Fire Station 2 rebuild project located at City of Sunnyvale. Fire Station 2 is one of two regional fire training facilities to offer numerous required training courses for firefighters throughout Santa Clara County and serves two low-income disadvantaged (LIDAC) communities in Sunnyvale.

The goal of the proposed electrification features to rebuild Fire Station 2 is to turn the critical facility into an all-electric facility with the capacity to support future electric fire trucks and a solar microgrid system. Achieving this goal would provide significant greenhouse gas reductions by replacing fossil-fuel powered equipment with electric alternatives and serving as a demonstration site for other fire stations. The project will also support targets identified in Play 2.2 of the City's Climate Action Playbook to eliminate non-electric sources of power in municipal buildings upon rebuild or significant remodel by installing an electric HVAC system, electric heat pump water heaters, chargers for electric fire truck, and induction cooktops. If funded, Fire Station 2 could serve as a model to accelerate the scaling-up of solar microgrid installments at fire stations in the region during time of rebuild or significant remodel.

The Santa Clara County Fire Chiefs' Association supports the efforts of the *Public Facility Resiliency Implementation Project (PFRIP)* by helping to promote its activities and achievements to construct major decarbonization and resiliency projects at 59 countywide public facilities located in or serving EPA-recognized disadvantaged communities. The project will benefit low income and disadvantaged communities in the Bay Area through electrifying and fortifying critical facilities that serve our communities' most urgent needs during emergencies as first responders or cooling and heating centers, gathering/family reunification spaces and shelters for those without traditional homes or access to personal emergency equipment like generators. I encourage EPA funds to be invested in this meaningful work.

Sincerely,

Jason Schoonover
President, Santa Clara County Fire Chiefs' Association