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March 22, 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 – Letter of Support for the Public Facilities Resiliency Implementation Project

Dear Administrator Regan,

The County of Santa Clara Office of Sustainability (OOS) supports the coalition application led by Silicon Valley Clean Energy, in partnership with the Cities of San José, Sunnyvale, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, 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)*. Our Office served as the lead for the CPRG Planning Grant for the San Jose–Sunnyvale– Santa Clara, CA metropolitan statistical area (MSA), which includes the partners listed above and we very are supportive of such local building decarbonization initiatives.

PFRIP will be a transformative project that will achieve significant greenhouse gas reductions countywide, drive green market equipment and workforce demand, inject vitality and climate awareness into our community, and accelerate adoption of climate adaptation measures in Santa Clara County. Through a regional coalition, PFRIP will construct major decarbonization and resiliency projects at over 60 countywide public facilities located in EPA-recognized disadvantaged communities, including electric infrastructure retrofits and creating resiliency centers with electric vehicle (EV) charging and coupled solar/battery storage, or microgrids.

The project will benefit low income and disadvantaged communities in the Bay Area through electrifying and fortifying critical facilities such as community shelters and fire stations 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. The project includes activities that will create opportunities for job training and engage the community in the climate adaptation process.

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My office is committed to supporting the *Public Facility Resiliency Implementation Project (PFRIP)* by helping to promote its activities and achievements through the OOS-led Santa Clara County Climate Collaborative. The Collaborative is a network and community of practice for public agencies, academia, nonprofit and community-based organizations, and businesses to advance regional solutions to climate change. Through the Collaborative, the project team will be able to share updates and lessons learned from PFRIP and offer opportunities for feedback during the project period. I encourage EPA funds to be invested in this meaningful work.

Sincerely,

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