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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 Administration Regan,

I am writing as the Executive Director of Silicon Valley Leadership dba Leadership Sunnybale 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, I support the electrification of Fire Station 2 and the Water Pollution Control Plant Cleanwater Center in 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 current Water Pollution Control Plant is one of the oldest wastewater treatment facilities on the West Coast with aging fossil fuel infrastructure and serves the entire population of Sunnyvale by safely collecting and treating wastewater generated by residents and businesses.

Leadership Sunnyvale has the overarching themes of climate/sustainability and equity in all that we do. This grant application supports both de-carbonization and serves a typically underserved area.

As part of the PFRIP, Sunnyvale intends to fully electrify both Fire Station 2 and the Water Pollution Control Plant Cleanwater Center. This will achieve significant greenhouse gas reductions by replacing fossil-fuel powered equipment with electric alternatives and serving as a demonstration site for other fire stations and buildings. Solar will be added to both buildings and Fire Station 2 will add a battery energy storage system to support microgrid functionality.

We support 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 62 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. I encourage EPA funds to be invested in this meaningful work.

Sincerely,

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