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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 Administrator Regan,

I am writing 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, 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).

SPUR is a nonprofit public policy organization that brings people together from across the political spectrum to develop solutions to the big problems cities face. We are based in San Francisco, San José, and Oakland and are recognized as a leading civic planning organization and respected for our independent and holistic approach to urban issues.

SPUR's sustainability and resilience policy team works to eliminate carbon emissions and create resilient, environmentally just communities. 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.

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.

SPUR is committed to supporting the Public Facility Resiliency Implementation Project (PFRIP) by helping to organize and promote the Project's greenhouse gas reductions performance evaluation, equity analysis, and community engagement activities. As the President & CEO of SPUR, I am authorized to commit my organization's support towards and encourage EPA funds to be invested in this meaningful work.

Sincerely,

Alicia John-Baptiste