March 20, 20aaaa24

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 -- Neighborhood Support

Dear Administration Regan,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of the San Miguel Neighbors Association (SMNA) and the SMNA neighbors to express our 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, San Miguel Neighborhood members and Board 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.

The SMNA has been an active neighborhood group since 1994. We are happy to support our city in pursuit of sustainable and equitable actions in our region. These are steps we can take to reduce our carbon footprint and secure clean water for our city.

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.

Our neighborhood, SMNA, 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 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.

On behalf of our Board and Neighbors, we hope you will move forward with these projects. They benefit us all, both locally and regionally.

Sincerely,

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