



March 25th, 2024

Honorable Secretary Regan
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Letter of Commitment for South Coast Air Quality Management District's Climate Pollution Grant from The National Electrical Contractors Association and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Dear Honorable Secretary Regan,

On behalf of **the undersigned Locals and Chapters of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and National Electrical Contractors Association** which represents approximately 12,000 members and 400 contractors across greater Southern California, we are strongly committed to working with the South Coast Air Quality Management District on the implementation of the regional Climate Pollution Reduction Grant entitled INVEST CLEAN. Our union locals and management chapters are committed to expanding access to pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, and high-road careers throughout our region, and especially our disadvantaged communities.

The South Coast Air Basin encompasses notable regions like the Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach, warehousing corridors throughout the Inland Empire, and low desert basins of Coachella and Imperial Valley, is in dire need of heavy-duty transportation electrification infrastructure. This project is a significant step towards providing key access to public EV charging and accelerating transportation electrification to improve air quality in our communities. IBEW-NECA will help deploy thousands of innovative charging and clean energy projects for battery electric trucks, cargo handling equipment, and switcher locomotives, and more in frontline disadvantaged communities that breathe some of the dirtiest air in the nation. Heavy duty transportation from the freight industry is the leading cause of Diesel Particulate Matter, NOx, and P.M 2.5 for 20 million Californians, one third of the state's population.

South Coast AQMD has already led the state in the reduction of emission exposure and high-road labor practices within communities impacted by air pollution by working on programs with community benefits. We strongly support South Coast AQMD's initiative to continue this practice by expanding these labor practices through INVEST CLEAN that will ensure the creation of high-road careers underpinned by our joint labor-management apprenticeship ecosystem.

In support of these transformative labor criteria and project implementation, we are prepared to commit broad access to our staff, contractors, training facilities, industry, public, and community benefits partners. While estimating the precise value of our in-kind contributions is nearly impossible, our apprenticeship programs will offer significant material support and

training in aid of the CPRG. These programs will provide the labor force not only for this project but will also help prepare the rest of the nation towards obtaining the skilled labor force needed for this important transformation towards zero emission goods movement.

In summary, we believe this grant and South Coast AQMD's plan will transform our communities in line with the EPA's vision to foster an environmentally sustainable and economically equitable future for all. Our membership is comprised of many people from the very Justice40 and other historically disadvantaged neighborhoods who need this grant the most, so this is not just a work opportunity for us, it's a historic opportunity to realize the values that are integral to who we are—a commitment to environmental justice, equitable employment, and the well-being of our entire communities. We stand ready to leverage our collective resources and expertise in support of this transformative endeavor.

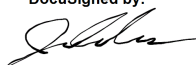
Thank you for your consideration of this critically important project. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions: Joe Sullivan, IBEW-NECA Local 11 of Los Angeles County,

Sincerely,

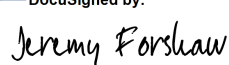
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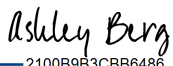
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