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Dr. Alberto Ayala
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Re: Support for Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's Application for a Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Dr. Ayala:

I write in support of *Going Beyond Green: Cultivating Community, Connections, and Crops*, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's (Sac Metro Air District) grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants notice of funding opportunity.

Sacramento County is a strong partner throughout the development of the region's Priority Climate Action Plan, known as the Capital Region Climate Priorities Plan, and supports the implementation efforts described in the Sacramento Metro Air District's application. Sacramento County encompasses approximately 994-square miles in the middle of the 400-mile long Central Valley, which is California's prime agricultural region. The County possesses both agricultural land and urban development, which directly relates to green-means-go carbon farming and infill development.

The *Going Beyond Green* project will enable Sacramento County to pursue key Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction measures outlined in the Capital Region Climate Priorities Plan, our Draft County Climate Action Plan, and County declaration of climate emergency. The County supports carbon farming as it shows tremendous GHG reduction potential. This project is needed to effectuate a one-stop-shop for technical assistance and incentives for our farmers and ranchers. The County also supports infill development through green-means-go. Infill development will result in meaningful GHG reductions, such as development that is walkable and transit supportive.

For these reasons, the County supports Sacramento Metro Air District's *Going Beyond Green* grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Kennedy", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Patrick Kennedy, Chair
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors