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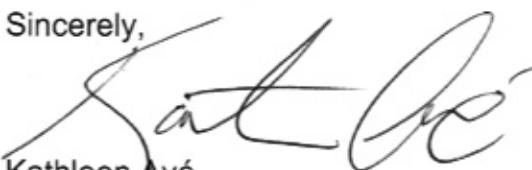
I am writing to express my full support for all of the recommendations proposed and thus far adopted by the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change. Your chartering of this Commission was a visionary step to activate community leaders across sectors and address this enormous challenge.

As one of the co-chairs of the Community Health & Resiliency Technical Advisory Committee I witnessed the deep and impressive commitment made by so many people and organizations to this effort and their clear awareness of the need for immediate action to address harms already faced by our most vulnerable communities. COVID does not change this, nor do recent protests – in fact, the pandemic and social unrest accelerate the need for rapid policy and funding shifts to correct generations of injustice. As quickly as possible we need to electrify and steer our brittle economy away from its unsustainable reliance on the fossil fuels which undercut our health and that of the ecosystems that support us. New jobs, cleaner air and better opportunities here will follow.

The concerns expressed by the representatives of the Metro Chamber at the last Commission meeting fail to recognize the savings and health benefits of electrification and the dire threat that climate change poses to the economy of the region. The GDPs of Sacramento and Yolo Counties are projected to drop by 4% with **every** degree of increase in average annual temperatures (°C). Without immediate actions the cost will be enormous and the livability of the region irreparably altered. The Metro Chamber would better serve its members by advocating for more ambitious climate action, not delay, and assisting them to develop their own climate action plans.

The good news is that there are plenty of people and organizations here who are ready for the collaborative work necessary to bring a new, better and more inclusive reality to life. Please support them and maintain your commitment to this Commission so that its recommendations can transition from ideas into action in the coming weeks, months and years.

Sincerely,



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