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Commitments in Support of Mayors' Climate Commission Recommendations

**Larry Carr**  
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I am writing on behalf of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Sac Metro Air District) to express our continuing support for the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change (Commission) and our report "Achieving Carbon Zero in Sacramento and West Sacramento by 2045." Besides what the two cities will do to fulfill the goals of the Commission, there is significant potential to accomplish additional meaningful low-carbon actions if Commission members also commit similarly to integrate into existing business practices, programs, or policies some of the ground-breaking ideas the Commission is promulgating. Thus, in the spirit of "doing our small part," the Sac Metro Air District pledges to be an ally in this effort and is making the following commitments, that align with specific Commission recommendations as noted below, to help put the region on a path toward a zero-carbon future:

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- We will continue to prioritize financial incentives for zero emission school buses and commit to provide up to \$10 million of incentive funding over the next five years for school districts to electrify their fleets (mobility strategy #3).

**Patrick Kennedy**  
Supervisor  
County of Sacramento

- We commit to provide up to \$10 million of incentive funding over the next five years for hydrogen fueling infrastructure to help fill the gaps in our current network and ensure equitable accessibility to all our residents. Specifically, hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles are needed to make zero emission vehicles a reality for renters and for long-distance commuters who cannot use battery electric technology alone (mobility strategy #3).

**Paige Lampson**  
Council Member  
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- We will continue to advocate and pursue more state incentive dollars to promote innovations in mobility that our region is becoming known for such as our efforts on mobility hubs. These promote shared electromobility and equitable access to transportation options that have not been historically available for all of our residents (mobility strategy #2).

**Don Nottoli**  
Supervisor  
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**Susan Peters**  
Supervisor  
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- We will continue to promote a sustainable built environment that promotes active transportation, urban density, and one that is not dependent on fossil-fuels, including a transition away from natural gas and an increase in alternate modes (built environment strategy #1, 2, 3, mobility strategy #1).

**Phil Serna**  
Chair  
Sacramento County

**Donald Terry**  
Council Member  
City of Rancho Cordova

- We will continue to promote climate resiliency projects and advocate for mitigation measures that will reduce our region's urban heat island impact (community health and resiliency strategy #1, 3).

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Alberto Ayala**

I realize the above list does not include at this point an estimate of the GHG emission reductions associated with each of our commitments. We look forward to working with you and others as we transition the Commission's work to the implementation phase where we can tackle the quantification of the carbon reductions associated with our collective commitments.

In addition to the above stated goals, the Sac Metro Air District will continue to work on reducing its own carbon footprint by electrifying our agency fleet (mobility #3), supporting alternative transportation options (mobility #1), and implementing teleworking opportunities for our staff (year one project recommendation). Finally, we will continue to improve our outreach efforts and community engagement practices by following the Commission's lead and adopting robust equity considerations in our programs. This is an action consistent and expected of us pursuant to our AB 617 Community Air Protection Program and we look forward to sharing the lessons we have learned in implementation of this new state mandate.

I close by saying we applaud the Commission's strong commitment and aggressive decarbonization goals for the two cities and our region. The science on our changing climate is clear. We are running out of time to take action to avoid the worst effects of a warming world. The Commission can serve as an example of what local entities can and should consider doing in order to give our society and planet a fighting chance against the ravages of the expected change in the global climate.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director and Air Pollution Control Officer