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Sacramento Mayors' Commission on Climate Change
c/o Local Government Commission
980 9th St., Suite 1700
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Dear Chair Stausboll and Commissioners:

On behalf of UC Davis, I am pleased to provide this letter supporting the recommendations made by the Mayors' Commission on Climate Change in the "Achieving Carbon Zero in Sacramento and West Sacramento by 2045" report. We have followed the progress and deliberative work of the Commission and the Technical Advisory Committees for this effort. We want to state our enthusiasm for the various recommendations made to reduce emissions, secure a resilient future, and work towards a more inclusive and equitable region as the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento prepare for climate change.

Many of the report recommendations align with the University of California Policy on Sustainable Practices. UC Davis, and the entire University of California, are actively pursuing a carbon neutrality goal by 2025 for our business operations, which is both ambitious and necessary to secure a thriving future for our communities.

In particular, the report identifies electrification for building energy sources. This policy is a necessary and achievable action that will greatly improve our success in addressing climate change. As part of the University of California sustainability efforts, UC Davis is pursuing electrification for new construction to avoid the use of fossil-fuel based energy sources. For implementing this policy, we are developing analytical design and planning tools and are actively working with partners including the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Valley Clean Energy, and Pacific Gas and Electric.

At the Davis campus, we have large scale electric-only residential buildings under construction at West Village and other upcoming projects that will also achieve full electrification. At the Sacramento campus, our ambitious Aggie Square project is also planned for consistency with the UC electrification policy and will be a major showcase for energy efficiency in office, laboratory, and residential buildings.

We are eager to join with Sacramento and West Sacramento in combatting climate change through direct actions that also position our communities for resiliency, strong economic development, and future success. We support the full suite of report recommendations and look forward to sharing best practices and strategies as we collaborate in this and other key issues for the future of the Sacramento region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mabel Salon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: Mayor Darrell Steinberg
Mayor Christopher Cabaldon
Julia Burrows