



October 30, 2023

Honorable Liane Randolph  
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Honorable Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D.  
Executive Officer, California Air Resources Board  
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**RE: California Air Resources Board's Funding Plan for Clean Cars 4 All**

Dear Chair Randolph and Dr. Cliff,

We the undersigned write to respectfully urge California Air Resources Board (CARB) to allocate the majority of its investments in the Clean Cars 4 All (CC4A) funding plan toward the five regional air quality districts – South Coast, Bay Area, San Joaquin, San Diego, and Sac Metro – which all have a proven track record of success with CC4A.

The Legislature has passed several bills over recent years related to clean transportation equity programs, such as CC4A, to reduce pollution in disadvantaged communities. [SB 459 \(Pavley, 2014\)](#) and [SB 1275 \(De León, 2014\)](#) initially established CC4A, and [AB 630 \(Cooper, 2017\)](#) codified the program to support the replacement of older, high-polluting vehicles in disadvantaged communities with newer, zero- or low-emission vehicles. The most recent measure, [SB 1382 \(Gonzalez, 2022\)](#), gives CARB specific direction on how to implement and fund the existing CC4A programs administered by the regional air quality districts, and metrics to consider such as:

- 1) The number of vouchers deployed
- 2) The proportion of applications that have successfully resulted in replacement transactions or mobility voucher
- 3) Demand for vouchers
- 4) Proportional investment to underserved populations
- 5) Populations in eligible CC4A zip codes.

These efforts and guidelines underscore the Legislature's interest in the success of CC4A. SB 1382 (Gonzalez) clearly showcases the Legislature's intent that CC4A funding allocations be based on demonstrated demand and program success. With this in mind, we highlight the fact that the five regional air quality districts encompass 85 percent of the state population, and 95 percent of its disadvantaged communities. SB 459 (Pavley) gave the original direction to administer CC4A

through regional air quality districts to keep the program closer to the communities it is designed to serve.

The anticipated “statewide” program that covers the remaining 15 percent of the state’s population appears to be fully funded by the \$125 million allocated from 2022. Providing additional funding at this time to a program that has yet to launch – while the existing district programs face the risk of running out of funds – seems premature and contrary to the intent of SB 1382 (Gonzalez).

While 25 percent of the new car sales in California are ZEVs, the electric revolution has yet to penetrate our underserved communities. The majority of California’s older, highly polluting vehicles remain in communities with a higher percentage of lower-income, Latino, or Black residents. These vehicles produce the majority of light-duty vehicle pollution by releasing lung-damaging particles and climate-warming emissions. The higher cost of ZEVs only compound this problem by keeping cleaner vehicles financially out of reach for the underserved populations.

CC4A remains California’s landmark ZEV equity program, but it is often hamstrung by stop-and-start funding cycles. The Legislature will continue to focus on CC4A because of its success in providing our constituents with the opportunity to participate in the “EV Revolution” and enjoy the associated benefits of cleaner air and improved health.

For these reasons, we urge CARB to allocate the majority of its investments in the CC4A funding plan toward the regional air quality districts that have robust experience and insight on how to serve their local populations.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Assembly District 55



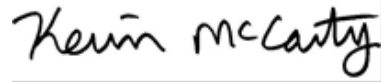
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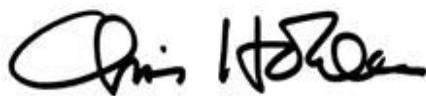
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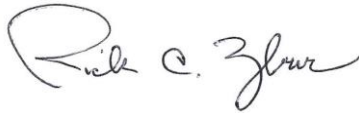
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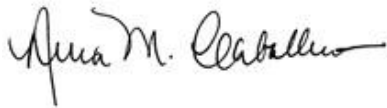
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