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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

May 27, 2020

The Honorable Senator Holly Mitchell
Chair, Senate Committee on Budget
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Senator Bob Wieckowski
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee #2
State Capitol, Room 4085
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Funding for the CALeVIP Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Mitchell and Senator Wieckowski:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to respectfully request your support to keep the State's funding allocation for the CALeVIP Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program, which equals to an estimated \$5 Million in Transportation Electrification Dollars for Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

The funding addresses regional needs for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure throughout California, while supporting state goals to improve air quality, combat climate change and reduce petroleum use. Over the past year, Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP) has partnered with the Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE) to implement the CALeVIP – Central Coast Incentive Program. MBCP began working with regional partners to expand the CALeVIP Program into the communities of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties, as well communities in Ventura County. As members of the MBCP, the County strongly relies on the program for funding electrical vehicle infrastructure projects that help accelerate transportation electrification in the County of Santa Barbara.

The County has a strong interest in supporting efforts to transition from the use of natural gas, gasoline, and other fossil fuels to electricity to enable deeper GHG reductions economy-wide. CALeVIP helps the County by providing incentives for EV charger installations and works with local partners to develop and implement projects that meet current and future regional EV needs for Level 2 and DC fast charging.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a 2020 Legislative Platform that includes the Energy and Climate Plank, which specifically states that the County will support funding for local and regional energy and climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives. For these reasons,

the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors requests your support to keep the State funding for the CALeVIP Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program in the California State Budget.

If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Nancy Anderson at 805-568-3403 or NAnderson@countyofsb.org.

Sincerely,



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