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Mayor Darrell Steinberg  
City of Sacramento  
915 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  

Mayor Christopher Cabaldon  
City of West Sacramento  
1110 West Capitol Avenue  
West Sacramento, CA 95691  

Chair Anne Stausboll  
Mayors’ Commission on Climate Change

RE: Support for Mayors’ Commission on Climate Change Recommendations

Dear Mayor Steinberg, Mayor Cabaldon, and Chair Stausboll,

We thank you for your leadership and commitment to addressing climate change in Sacramento, West Sacramento, and throughout the region. Our communities are already experiencing the negative impacts of climate change, which are projected to worsen over time and disproportionately harm marginalized communities. We write to express our support for the recommendations of the Mayors’ Commission on Climate Change for achieving carbon zero by 2045.

Sacramento County Public Health delivers health, social and mental health services to Sacramento County communities. One of SCPH’s programs focuses on improving the physical environment to prevent chronic diseases, which links planning and the built environment to public health. The health impacts of climate change are profound and we have a responsibility to make changes now for the health of generations to come.

Sacramento County Public Health strongly supports the recommendations of the Commission. The Commission has called for bold, transformative action to achieve deep reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, improve public health outcomes, and create a more equitable and resilient future for all. The strategies set forth in the Commission’s report are both ambitious and achievable, appropriately reflecting the level of urgency necessary to address the defining crisis of our time.

We also support the Commission recommendation that the cities pursue early actions over the next year to demonstrate the benefits of reducing emissions and build momentum for their full suite of strategies.

Sincerely,

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Sacramento County Health Officer