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The Honorable Darrell Steinberg, Mayor of Sacramento
and Members of the Sacramento City Council
Sacramento City Hall
915 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95819

RE: **December 12, 2017 City Council Meeting Item 26 - 2017 Electric Vehicle Strategy**

Dear Mayor Steinberg and Members of the City Council:

Since installing the first public charging infrastructure downtown in the early 1990s, the City of Sacramento and SMUD have been partners in developing electric vehicle infrastructure for our community. It is with that history in mind that SMUD encourages the adoption of the 2017 Electric Vehicle Strategy.

City of Sacramento staff worked diligently to develop this strategy so that it takes full advantage of the City's selection as Electrify America's Green City, and focuses on future opportunities for new partnerships and grants. SMUD staff served as a resource and sounding board as the City staff researched and refined the policy and implementation items. Once the City's EV Strategy is approved, SMUD is committed to continuing to work with the City staff on the implementation of those ideas, including support of curb-side high speed charging, as is proposed for Southside Park, and pilot testing new car share plans that can provide life-changing opportunities to citizens who don't have the means to own a private vehicle.

Electric transportation research and market adoption has been a focus for SMUD since 1990. In that time, we have become a nationally recognized leader in the electric vehicle space. We look forward to continuing to work in collaboration with the City of Sacramento, and other local governments, public agencies, private businesses, manufacturers, and electric vehicle drivers to make our region a hub for more innovation and accomplishments.

Again, SMUD commends the City of Sacramento's commitment to the future of zero emission transportation and supports the adoption of the 2017 Electric Vehicle Strategy.

Sincerely,

Arlen Orchard
Chief Executive Officer & General Manager