



September 22, 2023

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: Letter of Support for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) – Clean Communities Investment Accelerator (CCIA)

Dear Administrator Regan,

The City and County of San Francisco commends the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Biden Administration's proactive and ambitious approach towards addressing climate change. Their commitment to rejoining the Paris Agreement, setting net-zero emission targets, and prioritizing climate action as a cornerstone of their policy agenda showcases strong leadership in the global fight against climate change. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) investments and focus on the environment, clean energy, infrastructure modernization, and green jobs ensure a sustainable and equitable future for generations to come.

San Francisco has consistently been at the forefront of climate action. For more than two decades, San Francisco has championed environmental justice policies and actively supported community initiatives. In 2020, the City enacted legislation to prohibit the use of natural gas in new construction. The following year, San Francisco passed legislation mandating that municipal buildings no longer install fossil fuel equipment in existing structures, and unveiled a groundbreaking Climate Action Plan to transform San Francisco into a net-zero emissions City by 2040. This plan outlines pathways across various sectors to equitably eliminate the City's carbon emissions by 2040, while promoting the development of green and affordable housing.

San Francisco is committed to partnering with the various coalitions applying for the CCIA funds to help build and execute a robust, national transaction pipeline of qualified projects to secure that future. The culmination of San Francisco's comprehensive climate, housing, and financing programs has exceptionally prepared our City to collaborate with recipients of the CCIA funding in creating and executing a robust national transaction pipeline.

Investments from the EPA hold the key to advancing our City's housing and climate goals, and play a pivotal role in reducing carbon pollution, expanding the availability of affordable housing, and aligning with a clean energy future. I support this application to the EPA to further reinforce our commitment to a sustainable and equitable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "London N. Breed".

London N. Breed
Mayor