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Councilmember Mike Bonin, Chair
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RE: Support for L.A. City Car Sharing Pilot Project

Dear Chair Bonin:

On behalf of the Salvadoran American Leadership & Educational Fund (SALEF), I am happy to provide our support to the city of Los Angeles's Low-income Electric Vehicle Car Sharing Pilot Project to be discussed by the Transportation Committee.

SALEF's mission is to advocate for the educational advancement, civic participation, leadership and economic prosperity of Salvadoran and other Latino communities in the U.S. and to advance democracy and social justice in the U.S. and El Salvador.

As you probably know, the pilot project will be implemented in the Pico Union-Westlake and Korean Town, and SALEF has been an active member of the Steering Committee representing low income residents of this communities. We have been working closely with the Mayor's office, the Department of Transportation, the Office of Sustainability, the Department of Water and Power (DWP), and other community organizations in support of this important project and respectfully urge you to approve it.

SALEF commends the City of Los Angeles for taking the leadership in implementing this innovative and much-needed program to provide electric vehicle car sharing to low-income residents in Los Angeles. With this program, low-income Angelenos will have more options for getting from point A to B, all while cleaning up our air, improving public health and protecting the climate.

If Los Angeles—known worldwide for its car culture—can increase access to electric vehicles for all its residents, we are one giant step closer to ending our reliance on the dirty transportation that has poisoned the health of our communities and our planet for too long.

We urge approval of the contract and look forward to Council action for a final approval. We look forward to continuing to advocate for more neighborhoods of Los Angeles to have opportunities like what this pilot program will create, and stand ready to help in making this first step a success.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at (213) 480-1052 or e-mail me at chvaquerano@salef.org.

Sincerely,

Carlos Antonio H. Vaquerano
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