



December 12, 2016

Councilmember Mike Bonin, Chair
Transportation Committee
Los Angeles City Council
RE: Support for L.A. City Car Sharing Pilot Project

Dear Chair Bonin:

On behalf of The Greenlining Institute, I am writing to express our strong support for the low-income electric vehicle carsharing pilot project.

The Greenlining Institute is a statewide racial justice non-profit working to advance economic opportunity and empowerment for people of color through advocacy, community and coalition building, research, and leadership development. We are dedicated to reducing poverty and pollution and ensuring that all Californians, especially Californians of color, participate fully in California's emerging clean energy economy. This means a diverse, inclusive, and equitable economy that provides underserved communities real access to green jobs and green entrepreneurial opportunities; real access to clean energy technology like electric vehicles and solar; full access to cleaner air; and increased mobility options. We believe this pilot project has the potential to improve the mobility and air quality of many low-income communities and communities of color in the Los Angeles area.

The Greenlining Institute, for the past three years, has partnered with the Coalition for Clean Air, Communities for a Better Environment, Environment California, and the Natural Resources Defense Council to lead the Charge Ahead California campaign. Together, we sponsored Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León's Charge Ahead California Initiative (SB 1275) in 2014 to put in place the goal for California to achieve 1 million electric cars, trucks and buses on our roads by 2023 and to ensure that the communities hardest hit by pollution – low-income communities of color – are benefitting from clean vehicles. The legislation earned the support of more than 50 different entities, including public health organizations, environmental justice advocates, faith leaders, renewable energy advocates, businesses and cities, including the City of Los Angeles. The California Air Resources Board funded electric carsharing pilot program for low-income communities is a direct result of this legislation.

The Greenlining Institute commends the City of Los Angeles for applying and seeking to implement this innovative, community-driven project to provide electric vehicle carsharing to low-income residents. California faces challenges in creating a truly equitable, diverse, and inclusive clean energy economy—this pilot project puts us on the right path.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge approval of the contract and look forward to Council action for a final approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alvaro Sanchez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alvaro Sanchez
Environmental Equity Director
The Greenlining Institute

CC: Councilmember Paul Koretz, Councilmember Jose Huizar, Councilmember Nury Martinez, Councilmember David E. Ryu, Legislative Assistant Adam R. Lid