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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

CEC applauds the leadership of the County of Santa Barbara on procuring EVs and charging stations. CEC requests the County to start a pilot project to add EVs to the sheriff fleet.

Please see the attached letter and can the clerk confirm receipt?

Thanks,

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February 13th, 2023

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Re: Agenda Item #2, Zero-Emission Vehicle Policy Adoption and EV Update

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

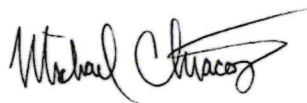
Community Environmental Council (CEC) applauds the leadership of County of Santa Barbara in procuring EVs and charging stations. Staff have done fantastic work to translate the EV policy into real action. The County now has one of the largest EV fleets on the Central Coast, is cutting greenhouse gas emissions and petroleum usage every day, and is a model for other local governments to emulate. County employees now are becoming familiar with EVs, have access to workplace charging, and hopefully will be more inclined to purchase them for personal vehicles.

CEC supports the future actions that staff proposes to add more charging stations, EV sedans, SUVs, vans and trucks to the County fleet. We also note that many sheriff and policy departments around the US are adding EVs to their fleet, and request that the County start a pilot project to add EVs to the sheriff fleet, even if only for admin/non-pursuit vehicles to start.

As a Central Coast Community Energy member, the County can access special rebates and charging stations funding for member agencies. CCCE also has a member agency Transportation Electrification advisory service that can help the County with their ZEV planning and purchasing.

The Inflation Reduction Act has passed new tax credits for fleets. While further analysis is needed, it appears that tax exempt entities like County of Santa Barbara may qualify for point-of-sale rebates of \$7,500 for light duty and up to 30% and \$40,000 for medium and heavy-duty ZEVs. CEC looks forward to supporting the County of Santa Barbara as you continue your EV fleet leadership.

Sincerely,



Director of Climate Policy