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Dear DACAG Members,

On behalf of the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) we would like to share our sincere appreciation for the time and expertise you have provided the State of California through your participation on the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG).

As you know, the DACAG is designed to review and provide recommendations on the CEC and CPUC's clean energy and pollution reduction programs to ensure California's most vulnerable communities, including tribal and rural communities, are able to participate in and benefit from these efforts. We are grateful for the thoughtful advice and constructive feedback you have provided.

In November 2020, Chair Greschner presented the DACAG's 2019-2020 Annual Report to each of our respective Commissions. The quantity and quality of work the DACAG has been able to accomplish this year is truly impressive. From providing recommendations on the CPUC's SGIP proceeding, to the contributions to CEC's Clean Transportation Program, to helping refine EPIC's project evaluation criteria - all with an eye towards maximizing benefits to California's low-income and disadvantaged communities. It has been a busy and productive year for the DACAG which is well reflected in the Annual Report. Input from the DACAG continues to help the CEC and CPUC in both shaping and making valuable improvements to our programs.

We look forward to continuing our partnership and work together. Below, we have highlighted a few topical priorities of each Commission. We hope you will consider weighing in on these priorities (and others) in the coming year.

CEC Priorities for 2021:

- **Building Decarbonization:** Building decarbonization continues to be priority for the CEC and there are a number of efforts including the scoping and development of the Integrated Energy Policy Report, the 2022 building standards, and the launch of the BUILD Program, in which your feedback would be valuable.

- **EPIC Program:** With the renewal of the EPIC program for another 10 years, equity and inclusion will continue to be at the forefront of program design and implementation. Over the course of the next year, staff will be developing EPIC 4, a five-year investment plan outlining funding priorities and initiatives and we warmly welcome your expertise and feedback.
- **AB 841:** The CEC is designing and launching the School Energy Efficiency Stimulus (SEES) Program, designed to help schools, particularly those located in underserved communities, update their HVAC systems and plumbing appliances. The Energy Commission hopes to build on the relationships it nurtured with nearly every local education agency in the State during Prop 39 to expeditiously, but thoughtfully, deploy these energy efficient technologies.

CPUC Priorities for 2021:

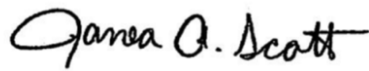
- **Transportation Electrification:** The CPUC continues to advance legislative mandates to accelerate transportation electrification and meet greenhouse gas reduction and air quality targets. The CPUC has several proceedings under development in 2021 specifically related to equity considerations in rates, infrastructure, and development of vehicle grid integration strategies. The most significant one is the DRIVE OIR, R.18-12-006 which is the CPUC's umbrella proceeding for developing a Transportation Electrification Framework (TEF). This includes implementing Assembly Bill 2127 (Ting, 2018), which requires the CPUC and CEC to assess the amount of Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure needed to meet the goals of putting at least five million zero-emission vehicles on the road. As of 2020, the CPUC has approved over \$1.6 billion in funding for Transportation Electrification infrastructure and the ongoing development of these efforts would greatly benefit from your feedback.
- **Net Energy Metering (NEM) R.20-08-020 and R.14-07-002:** The CPUC is revisiting the structure of the NEM tariff this year. The NEM 2.0 successor tariff proceeding will include these considerations: a) balances the costs and benefits of the renewable electrical generation facility and b) allows customer-sited renewable generation to grow sustainably among different types of customers and throughout California's diverse communities. There may be huge implications for how DACs can participate in the renewable energy market in the future. In addition, the previous NEM proceeding continues to address the consumer protection issues that have plagued vulnerable consumers in DACs. Before closing

R.14-07-002, the Commission will be considering a Recovery Fund and Enhanced Audits proposals.

Again, thank you for your engaged participation on the DACAG. Your constructive input over the years has been incredibly valuable in the shaping, updating, and refining of various programs across both Commissions.

Warm wishes this holiday season and we look forward to connecting in the new year.

Sincerely,



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