

June 30th, 2022

California Strategic Growth Council 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Letter of Support for Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grant

To Whom it May Concern,

As the City's Director of the Department of Public Works and Utilities, I support the Monterey County Sustainability Program's Application for a Transformative Climate Community Planning Grant in partnership with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, Ecology Action, and Regeneración. I attest that the Pajaro Valley is a multi-jurisdictional community and fundamentally connected to the City of Watsonville. Site control within the City of Watsonville boundaries will be provided if necessary during planning activities by the City.

The City of Watsonville has in place a 2030 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) that the City incorporates into planning activities for consistency. As such, the climate adaptation and mitigation strategies will be guided by the CAAP and will be consistent with local planning efforts. Additionally, the City has a strong working relationship with the Monterey County Sustainability Program and I am confident that the Public Works and Utilities Department will be kept apprised of any planning needs resulting from this grant.

Thank you for considering this project for funding. Should you have any questions regarding the application's local planning requirements, please contact me by email at christian.direnzo@cityofwatsonville.org or by phone at 831 768 3100.

Sincerely,

Christian Di Renzo Director of Public Works and Utilities City of Watsonville