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To: City of Burlington Committee of the Whole

Subject: BACCC COMMENTS REGARDING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POLICY AND PRICING OPTIONS (PWS-06-26)

The Bay Area Climate Change Council (BACCC) represents a collaborative voice for climate action in the Hamilton-Burlington region. Members of the Council and our implementation teams span the region and represent organizations in the non-profit, education, public and private sectors.

We are writing in regards to the "Electric Vehicle Charging Policy and pricing options" (**Report PWS-06-26**).

BACCC's goal is to ensure the Hamilton-Burlington region achieves net zero emissions by 2050. Emissions from the transportation sector account for 17% of our region's total emissions, and 46% of Burlington's emissions. The pathway to net zero transportation emissions requires a shift from traditional fossil-fuel powered vehicles to zero carbon vehicles, like EVs.

Building, maintaining, and expanding public charging infrastructure is critical to support current EV use and encourage further uptake, as highlighted in BurlingtonGreen's 2022 *E-Mobility Strategy*.

BACCC supports the City in its effort to provide EV charging infrastructure for the community. We trust that with improved cost-recovery, the City will continue to expand its EV charging network.

In alignment with City Staff's recommendation, BACCC endorses the adoption of **Option 4** in the proposed pricing strategy. We offer the following additional justification, beyond what's set out in the staff report:

1. **Promotion of Energy Resilience and Grid Balancing:** Option 4 includes a strategic overnight rate of \$0.50/hour between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.. This lower rate incentivizes charging during off-peak hours, effectively shifting energy demand away from daytime peaks and mitigating constraints on the local electricity grid. By encouraging residents to utilize chargers when they would otherwise sit idle, the City maximizes the efficiency of its existing energy infrastructure.
2. **Accelerating Adoption via Residential Accessibility:** Many residents, particularly those in multi-unit buildings, lack access to private home charging. Option 4 addresses this "charging gap" by providing an affordable overnight public option, making EV



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ownership a more viable reality for a broader segment of the population. Strengthening this accessibility is essential for continued adoption and city-wide decarbonization, building on the 500 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions already saved through the City's EV charging network.

In order to reduce emissions from transportation, an ongoing increase in EV ownership is required. By investing in the necessary infrastructure, the City of Burlington can help incentivize and drive this uptake. BACCC believes that by adopting Option 4, the City of Burlington will balance the needs of energy resilience and community accessibility, while ensuring financial sustainability that can allow charging infrastructure to scale alongside the uptake of electric vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for this initiative.

Sincerely,

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