

Public-Private Coalition Launches to Accelerate Equitable Build Out of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure in California

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. – A new California coalition of diverse public and private sector leaders has teamed up to form the <u>Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strike Force</u> to help ensure the equitable buildout of charging infrastructure necessary to support the state's transition to zero-emission transportation over the next decade and beyond. The Strike Force, which convenes public bimonthly meetings, comprises leaders representing academia, environmental justice, labor, charging network providers, auto manufacturers, utilities, public sector agencies, and environmental and energy-focused

"The Strike Force is committed to working with our state partners to advance equitable, accessible and affordable EV infrastructure for all, and the Governor's May Revision to his proposed state budget provides a significant boost to our efforts," said EVgo Chief Executive Officer and Strike Force Co-Chair Cathy Zoi. "By bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders from the zero-emission transportation industry, academia, labor and equity groups, the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strike Force is uniquely positioned to assist our public sector partners with the equitable build-out of EV infrastructure."

The Strike Force's next public meeting is <u>Tuesday, May 25, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.</u> where it will unveil a draft assessment of the economic benefits, including job creation, associated with California's EV charging infrastructure build-out.

"Focusing California's investments in EV infrastructure on areas of the state that currently have the least access to affordable charging will be an essential part of achieving California's zero-emission vehicle goals," said White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council Member and Strike Force Co-Chair Angelo Logan. "We have a first-of-its-kind opportunity to demonstrate how a consistent focus on equity can help break down the structural and systemic barriers that have prevented too many communities from across California from accessing the job creation, economic development and health benefits of the green economy. Accessible and affordable EV infrastructure for all begins and ends with equity."

More information on the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strike Force, including registration for the May 25 public meeting, is available online at www.etcommunity.org/strike force.html.



About the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strike Force: The Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strike Force is a coalition of public and private sector zero-emission vehicle leaders that is focused on advancing programs and policies to build out the charging infrastructure necessary for California's transition to zero-emission transportation over the next decade and beyond. More information about the Strike Force, its members and their commitment to advancing equitable, accessible and affordable EV infrastructure for all Californians is available at https://etcommunity.org/strike_force.html.