May 24, 2023

Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3214
RE: Patt Sanders, Vice-Chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party Comments on Draft Resolution TL-19145

Dear CPUC Industry Division:

As Vice-Chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, I strongly encourage you to approve Cruise's Draft Resolution TL-19145 which would allow Cruise to expand its operations to serve the entire city of San Francisco, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Cruise's efforts to provide clean, safe, and accessible transportation options for all in San Francisco is laying the foundation for future statewide services, including here in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles County is home to nearly 10 million residents and sadly, we often experience the effects of poor air quality due to traffic congestion. Without more zero-emission transportation options and widespread electrification, these issues will remain unchanged and our environment and the region's most vulnerable will continue to suffer the burden of air pollution. Given California's position as a leader in AV technology and its continued focus on EVs, we need Cruise's vehicles on the road as soon as possible. As one of the leaders in the AV space, Cruise helped ensure that all light-duty AVs in California would become fully electric by 2030, five years ahead of the Governor's executive order for personally owned vehicles, by passing SB 500 (Min), which was signed by Governor Newsom in 2021. Furthermore, Cruise powers its California fleet using 100% renewable energy, sourcing their credits from family-owned farms in the California Central Valley through its 'Farm to Fleet' program. This program supports our collective vision of a cleaner transportation future for all while providing sustainable revenue and jobs for California's farms.

Approving this resolution will go a long way in ensuring this innovative technology continues to grow in our state. And this means increased access to equitable transportation and that more Californians, visitors, and local businesses will get the affordable, safe, and accessible transportation options they deserve.

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Sanders (May 24, 2023 17:01 PDT)

Patt Sanders
Vice-Chair, Los Angeles County Democratic Party

CC: Douglas Ito, Director, Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division
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