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PHOENIX GETS 11 NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS SRP rebate means chargers will be purchased and installed at a significantly lower cost

(PHOENIX) – Mayor Kate Gallego and the Phoenix City Council have authorized the purchase of additional Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers. The dual-port charging stations are for use by the public and will be installed at eleven locations parks and library locations city-wide.

"Electric vehicles are a critical part of our clean-energy future," said Mayor Kate Gallego. "To have cleaner air, and to blunt the effects of climate change, we must move away from gasoline and toward electricity. Yet, many people are still hesitant because of what's called 'range anxiety' – the worry that the EV's charge will run out before they reach their destination. Easing that anxiety means having more charging stations at more locations and thanks to SRP, that is exactly what we're accomplishing."

These installations are possible because of an incentive rebate program Salt River Project (SRP) made available to cities. Total cost to purchase and install these charging stations was an estimated \$224,000. The SRP rebate brings the city's cost down to less than half of the cost associated with installing the charging stations.

"SRP's EV-related incentives promote improved electric vehicle infrastructure across the Valley which supports our EV drivers and increases EV adoption," said Kelly Barr, Chief Strategy, Corporate Services and Sustainability Executive at SRP. "SRP is thrilled the city of Phoenix recognizes the value associated with adding more EV charging stations and helping remove barriers for residents driving electric. The reward is lower carbon emissions and improved air quality for years to come."

Electric vehicles and the essential infrastructure to support them remains a high priority for newly inaugurated District 7 Councilwoman Yassamin Ansari.

"Ensuring that electric vehicles are affordable for working families and advancing electric infrastructure are powerful ways to combat air pollution in our city, and we will reap the benefits for generations to come," said Councilwoman Ansari. "It's a multi-fold return on investment.



Electrification is set to create thousands of good-paying jobs, improve tourism, and position Phoenix as a global leader on climate action and sustainability."

Mayor and council members also authorized Phoenix to sign-on to the C40 Clear Air Cities Declaration. C40 is a network of the world's megacities committed to addressing climate change.

Ozone and particulate matter pollution remain serious challenges for the Phoenix metro area. By signing-on to the Declaration, Phoenix gains access to resources and information, as well as the opportunity to collaborate with cities worldwide in the effort to identify best practices and put those effective ideas to work here. The Declaration also further affirms Phoenix's commitment to achieving excellent air quality.

For more information about environmental programs and sustainability in the city of Phoenix, please visit <u>https://www.phoenix.gov/oep</u>.

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