

**LETTER OF INTENT  
BETWEEN  
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND  
THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS  
ON  
SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY, CIRCULAR ECONOMY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND  
RESILIENCY**

**Paragraph 1  
Background**

**WHEREAS**, the State of California of the United States of America (“California”) and the Kingdom of the Netherlands (“Netherlands”) (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”) share a strong commitment in addressing global climate change;

**WHEREAS**, California and the Netherlands have committed themselves to stringent climate change programs to meet 2030 goals in terms of greenhouse gas reductions, resulting in ambitious policies for zero emission transportation, energy innovation and zero waste initiatives;

**WHEREAS**, California and the Netherlands share the belief that the transition to a sustainable economy boosts economic growth and generates family-supporting jobs, and recognizing that innovation in both the public and private sectors are of great importance in this transition;

**WHEREAS**, California and the Netherlands acknowledge the successful collaboration between their two governments, including multiple visits, events and workshops, and the Letters of Intent signed;

**WHEREAS**, California and the Netherlands are committed to mutual support for organizing and developing the experiences, common activities, and future programs of their relationship on the basis of previous agreements of mutual cooperation and directions set forth by this declaration;

**THEREFORE**, in pursuit of these shared goals, California and the Netherlands shall work to further their relationship in the following areas:

**Paragraph 2  
Areas of Cooperation**

**Sustainable Mobility**

California and the Netherlands shall continue cooperation on sustainable mobility, including smart charging, urban transportation planning and zero emission transportation, continue the joint efforts in the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Policy Lab and International ZEV Alliance, with an increased focus on the decarbonization of the heavy-duty transportation sector;

**Circular Economy**

California and the Netherlands shall explore cooperation and exchange on the transition to a circular economy, focusing on the further cooperation between the economic development agencies GO-BIZ and Holland Circular Hotspot to support our business communities, recognizing the importance of the role of the private sector in the transition to a circular economy. explore the possibility of a public-private partnership on circular economy;

**Climate Change and Resiliency**

California and the Netherlands shall prioritize exchanges in the areas of climate change adaptation and resiliency, focusing on natural and built infrastructure and land use planning to minimize impacts from flooding, sea-level rise and water supply disruptions;

**Sharing of Expertise**

The California Environmental Protection Agency and Natural Resources Agency and the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management shall explore the opportunity of collaboration through information exchange, design and policy consultation, joint university projects, and sharing of innovative technologies.

**Paragraph 3  
Coordination**

The Parties respectively designate the Consulate General of the Netherlands in San Francisco for the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development for the State of California to establish the creation of an action plan to implement the objectives of this Letter of Intent.

**Paragraph 4  
Availability of Personnel and Resources**

This Letter of Intent, once in effect upon signature, does not create any legally binding rights or obligations for either Party.

This Letter of Intent does not involve the exchange of funds, nor does it represent any obligation of funds by either Party. All costs that may arise from activities covered by, mentioned in, or pursuant to this Letter of Intent will be assumed by the Party who incurs them, unless otherwise stipulated and decided pursuant to a future written arrangement. All activities undertaken pursuant to this Letter of Intent are subject to the availability of funds, personnel and other resources of each Party.

The personnel designated by the Parties for the execution of this Letter of Intent will work under the orders and responsibility of the organization or institution to which they belong, at all times maintaining their employment relationship with that organization or institution. Their work will not create an employer-employee relationship with any other organization or institution, so in no case will that other organization or institution be considered as a substitute or joint employer of the designated personnel.

**Paragraph 5  
Compliance with Applicable Laws**

All activities undertaken pursuant to this Letter of Intent, and all personnel designated by the Parties for the execution of those activities undertaken pursuant to this Letter of Intent are subject to the applicable laws of the receiving country. Such personnel, if visiting the other Party to participate in an activity pursuant to this Letter of Intent, will not engage in any activity detrimental to this Letter of Intent.

**Paragraph 6  
Interpretation and Application**

Any difference that may arise in relation to the interpretation or application of this Letter of Intent will be resolved through consultations between the Parties, who will endeavor in good faith to resolve such differences.

**Paragraph 7  
Final Provisions**

This Letter of Intent is effective from the date of its signature, for a five (5) year period.

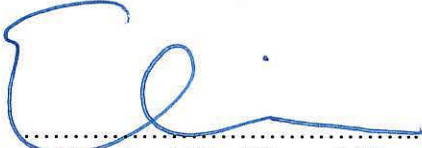
This Letter of Intent may be modified at any time by mutual consent of the Parties. Any modification will be made in writing and specify the date on which such modification is to become effective.

Either of the Parties may at any time, withdraw from this Letter of Intent by providing a written notice to the other Party thirty (30) days in advance.

The termination of this Letter of Intent should not affect the conclusion of the cooperation activities that may have been formalized during the time this Letter of Intent is in effect, unless the Parties mutually decide otherwise.

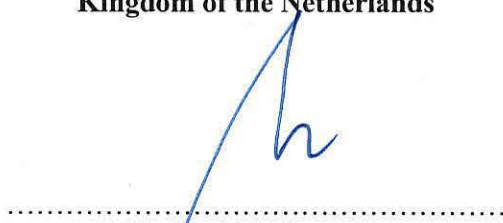
This Letter of Intent is signed on 13 November 2019 in Sacramento, California; each of the two sides has one copy.

**State of California  
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