

## **801 Attachment**

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**Section 2:** The Consulate General of Sweden in San Francisco represents Sweden in California and Hawaii. Its mission is to provide assistance to Swedes and to promote Swedish interests.

**Section 3.2:** This visit to Sweden will provide important information on the scope and scale of the development necessary to support a robust, efficient, and beneficial domestic battery supply chain ecosystem and transition to clean electric fleets, including tours to visit battery manufacturing facilities, electric vehicle manufacturers, and electric boat and ferry operations.

The tour is also anticipated to build critical relationships and enhance cooperation between international partners and stakeholders working domestically within the U.S. and California. As a key decision maker, Chair Hochschild's participation in the Swedish battery manufacturing and electric vehicle/vessel tour is paramount. He brings leadership and technical understanding, and has a history of engagement on issues related to zero-emission vehicles, battery technology, energy storage, and infrastructure planning. The study tour planning team is grateful to have his participation for the entirety of the tour.

California and Sweden share the conviction that research, innovation, and international collaboration are key to solving future challenges, building competitiveness, accelerating the green transition, and further developing innovative and just societies. A Letter of Cooperation was signed in February 2024 between California and Sweden that outlined future cooperation and knowledge exchange between the two governments on multiple topics, including sustainable mobility and safety in the transportation sector. The Letter of Cooperation also underscored the crucial role of the private sector in the green transition and the potential for Californian and Swedish companies with expertise in the green transition to mutually benefit from closer ties.

Norwegian Consulate General (575 Market St., Ste. 3950; San Francisco, CA, 94105) funded a dinner on the first evening, about \$60 / person (\$120 in total for Chair Hochschild and Ken Rider).