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**A COALITION OF COMMUNITY NON-PROFITS RECEIVES \$24M GRANT FROM
CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL**

LOS ANGELES –The Green Together Collaborative a partnership that includes Community Partners, Pacoima Beautiful, The Trust for Public Land, LA Business Council, GRID Alternatives Greater Los Angeles, LA Conservation Corps, LA Cleantech Incubator, UCLA and the City of Los Angeles today announced that it had received a grant of \$23 million from the California Strategic Growth Council’s Transformative Climate Communities Program. (TCC) The grant will go towards the Pacoima/Community Partners: Green Together project. **Insert quotes from Pacoima Beautiful and Mayor Garcetti.**

The TCC Program, established in 2016 by Assembly Bill 2722 (Burke), delivers substantial investments to fund the development and implementation of neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans that include multiple, coordinated greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities – and that is what will be delivered to Pacoima with this award.

“The Trust for Public Land is thrilled to have coordinated the efforts of the Green Together Collaborative,” said Guillermo Rodriguez, California State Director for The Trust for Public land, “The project will build on two decades of organizing to ensure a safe and sustainable North East San Fernando Valley.”

This grant will fund multi-benefit green infrastructure projects like parks and greening urban spaces to protect the community from heat and flooding, while also funding projects that improve clean transportation options and provide renewable energy sources. These projects will transform Pacoima into a community that lowers its carbon emissions, and is more resilient to impacts from climate change. The Green Together project also will focus on workforce development and land-use policies to mitigate against displacement of low income families.

“This is a tremendous win for the Northeast San Fernando Valley,” said a Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez. “I look forward to working with our partners to reverse decades of injustice and accelerate greener, healthier neighborhoods for our kids and future generations.”

The Northeast San Fernando Valley is one of the most environmentally-impacted neighborhoods in the state. This area suffers from numerous environmental hazards including three elevated freeways, industrial uses, and a commercial airport. It is also one of the most vulnerable areas in the City of Los Angeles to climate change with the number of extreme heat days predicted to multiply in the coming decades. **Insert quote from Councilwoman Martinez.**

The Green Together proposal epitomizes the central goal of the TCC Program which is to demonstrate how meaningful community engagement coupled with strategic investments can reduce greenhouse gas emissions while advancing social equity, economic opportunity, and community resilience of the TCC program. Funding for the writing of this grant was made possible through a generous contribution by LAnSync and Wells Fargo.