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The Greenlining Institute's 2022 Budget Priorities

The Greenlining Institute supports Governor Newsom's forward-thinking May Revision to spend the historic \$97.5 billion surplus on programs that combat climate change, increase access to healthcare including reproductive healthcare, and provide economic relief to California residents. We look forward to working with the Legislature to seize this nearly \$100 billion opportunity to commit to a long-term vision for racial and economic equity that goes beyond the pre-pandemic status quo. We, at Greenlining, have supported proposed financial investments for economic opportunity and climate equity since the announcement of the Governor's 2022 January Budget. As we continue to build on our efforts, we respectfully request that the final budget, more specifically, include the following expenditures:

Support the Governor's May Revision:

Economic Equity:

- **At least \$11.5 billion** to provide tax refunds addressing inflation, including at least **\$400** in direct payments targeted toward California's most economically vulnerable individuals, and **\$750 million** for three months of free public transportation.
- **\$1.2 billion**, contingent on Federal approval, for the State Small Business Credit Initiative
- **\$32 million** for the Small Business Technical Assistance Programs
- **\$39.8 million** allocated to Fee Waivers for New Businesses
- **\$1.2 billion** to provide Utility Debt Relief

Climate Equity:

- **\$10 million** for Regional Climate Collaboratives
- **\$165 million** provided to Transformative Climate Communities
- **\$1.5 billion** allocated to housing construction as part of a Climate Strategy Package
- **\$500 million** in additional funding for the Active Transportation Program
- **\$1.75 billion** in accelerated funds for the Clean Cars 4 All, Clean Vehicle Assistance Program, Clean Mobility Equity Programs and Charging Infrastructure. No new funding for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project.

Urgent and Additional Investments Recommendations:

- **\$1 billion** in total funding for the Community Resilience Centers program administered by the Strategic Growth Council to fully meet the need across the state.
- **\$40 million** to fund the establishment of the statewide Office of Racial Equity, consistent with SB 17 (Pan)

THE GREENLINING INSTITUTE works toward a future when communities of color can build wealth, live in healthy places filled with economic opportunity, and are ready to meet the challenges posed by climate change. Visit www.greenlining.org to learn more.