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To whom it may concern,

TreePeople applauds Climate Action Reserve's leadership in developing the [Soil Enrichment Protocol 1.0](#): Reducing emissions and enhancing soil carbon sequestration on agricultural lands. We believe that soil is a nature-based solution for carbon sequestration and climate resilience. In particular, globally, about 95% of our food comes from soils ([FAO, 2015](#)); and soils store more carbon than the atmosphere and terrestrial vegetation combined ([FAO, 2017](#)). **At the same time, we strongly recommend that urban soils should be considered and added in the future protocol development given more than 80% of Americans live in urban areas.**

TreePeople is an environmental nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire, engage and support people to take personal responsibility for the urban environment, making it safe, healthy, fun and sustainable and to share our process as a model for the world. In nearly 50 years, we have involved more than 3 million people in planting and caring for more than 3 million trees in Los Angeles. Most recently, we launched the [Healthy Soils for Healthy Communities Initiative](#) to unblock the potential of Los Angeles's soils for climate resilience building.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with you in the near future. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manny Gopez".

Manny Gopez
Director of Policy Initiatives
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