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## **Riverside's Electric Vehicle Charging Initiative Continues to Make Progress**

**Riverside, Calif.** – Electric vehicle owners have another reason to charge up while visiting downtown Riverside.

As part of the City of Riverside's continued commitment to sustainability and vehicle electrification, 24 new Superchargers are available near City Hall. Tesla provided the chargers as one of their latest additions to the growing Supercharger Network.

These state-of-the-art, electric vehicle chargers can quickly re-charge Tesla vehicles so that commuters and road trippers can get back on the road. The addition means Riverside now has two downtown charging stations – one for Teslas and another for other vehicles.

"This next generation of charging stations is a great addition to Riverside's green portfolio," Mayor Pro Tem Chris MacArthur said. "The ability to quickly charge even more electric vehicles will further enhance Riverside's reputation as a home for residents and businesses who care deeply about sustainability."

The city already had a charging station downtown on the west side of the City Hall parking lot near 9<sup>th</sup> Street. That station has two type of plugs to accommodate different vehicle charging systems and can provide a charge of up to 80 percent of the battery in just 30 minutes. That gives electric vehicle owners the option of recharging their vehicles while dining at one of Riverside's downtown eateries or checking out a museum or two.

The 24 new chargers for Teslas are located on the top level of the Mission Square parking garage located on the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Market streets, across from White Park. That location and the location near City Hall can be found on the mobile application Plugshare, which provides information about locations of chargers throughout the area.

"Riverside Public Utilities embraces sustainability and actively works to promote sustainable practices," Interim General Manager Todd Jorgenson said. "These Tesla chargers will enable people working downtown, or visiting us for the day, to travel with

confidence, knowing they will be able to re-charge their vehicles while enjoying our downtown.”

For additional information on electric vehicles in Riverside visit **GreenRiverside.com**.

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Since 1895, Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) has provided high quality, safe, and reliable electric and water services to the residents of Riverside, CA. RPU remains committed to increasing its use of renewable energy resources and promoting sustainable living practices, and is actively planning and implementing essential energy and water infrastructure improvements that will better serve this and future generations.

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