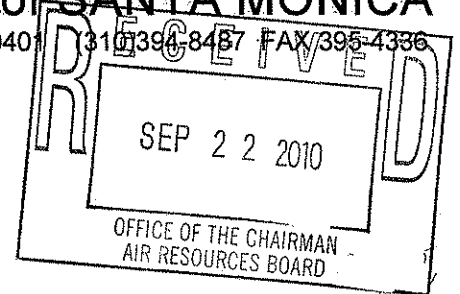




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Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
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Re: Proposed Regional Targets for SB 375

Dear Chairwoman and Board Members:

I am writing to support your staff's recommendation for regional per capita reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. I support SB 375 because these targets will help plan for future growth in a way that boosts our economy and protects our quality of life.

This letter of support is written by me as an individual. Community Corporation of Santa Monica's Board of Directors does not take positions on non-affordable housing related issues. However, SB375 is so closely tied to our mission in providing quality housing for low-income individuals and families that I must speak in support of it. In the last 25 years, our organization has developed 1,500 units in 80 properties in the City of Santa Monica. Its social justice mission includes many environmental considerations, like improving the job-housing balance and decreasing commuting miles and time.

The purpose of SB 375 is to foster better coordination of transportation and land use. It is particularly important to build a broad consensus for infill development near transit. Community Corporation of Santa Monica has found building infill, mixed-income housing to be a successful business model.

Moreover, we need to develop communities where people have options to driving because traffic is a major contributor to lost productivity, and transportation is the second highest household expense after the rent or mortgage. Reducing traffic and improving mobility will keep the cost of doing business down for employers, keep the cost of commuting down for families, and help keep the economy strong.

It is my understanding that the staff of the state's four largest regional Metropolitan Planning Organizations conducted significant modeling and analysis and found these targets to be achievable.

This is a historic moment for California as regions come together to plan for a more economically and environmentally sustainable future. The rest of the country – and the world – is watching to see what we do. I applaud the Air Resources Board, local officials, and local and regional agencies for showing the leadership that has brought us this far.

Sincerely,

Joan Ling
Executive Director