

City of Vista

April 10, 2009

California Air Resources Board Attention: Legislative Office PO Box 2815 Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: AB 118 Air Quality Improvement Program Funding Plan - Notice of SUPPORT

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Vista wishes to express its support for the proposed AB 118 Air Quality Improvement Program Funding Plan for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Signed into law in October of 2007, AB 118 provides approximately \$50 million per year through the Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) for grants to fund clean vehicle and equipment projects that reduce carbon emissions and encourage research to measure the positive impacts of advanced technology vehicles on the environment.

The California Air Resources Board proposed Funding Plan for AQIP provides \$6 million in rebates for buyers who purchase zero-emission vehicles and zero emission motorcycles. Incentivizing zero emission vehicles and motorcycles will encourage purchases that replace traditional carbon emitting vehicles, thus accelerating the reduction of toxic pollutants in the environment. The Clean Vehicle Rebate Project will also help offset the cost of zero emission vehicles and motorcycles making them a very practical and affordable option over conventionally fueled vehicles.

For these reasons, the City of Vista supports the proposed Funding Plan for the 2009-2010 Air Quality Improvement Program.

Sincerely,

Morris B. Vance

Mayor