

ANTHONY SILVA  
Mayor

PAUL CANEPA  
Vice Mayor  
District 3



CITY OF STOCKTON

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL • 425 N. El Dorado Street • Stockton, CA 95202-1997  
209 / 937-8244 • Fax 209 / 937-7149

ELBERT H. HOLMAN, JR.  
District 1

KATHERINE M. MILLER  
District 2

MOSES ZAPIEN  
District 4

DYANE BURGOS MEDINA  
District 5

MICHAEL TUBBS  
District 6

May 15, 2014

Chairman Mary Nichols  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Support for Strong San Joaquin Valley Sustainable Communities Strategies

Dear Chairman Nichols:

As an elected official representing the residents of the City of Stockton, I support the adoption of the most ambitious Sustainable Communities Strategies possible this year to support healthier, more sustainable communities throughout the San Joaquin Valley. As my local Council of Governments moves forward with developing and implementing our initial Sustainable Communities Strategy and into the next round of SCS planning, we must pursue strong, actionable plans to benefit Valley residents and contribute to California's pollution reduction goals.

I believe that SB 375 offers an important opportunity that our region and my community cannot afford to miss. The San Joaquin Valley's most valuable resources are our people, but our people face many burdens that can be made lighter if we adopt and implement strong SCS plans. Our region is threatened with some of the worst air pollution challenges in the nation; high rates of asthma, obesity, diabetes, heart disease and other chronic illnesses; and our people, our air, water and agricultural heritage are increasingly threatened by climate change.

I encourage the California Air Resources Board to maintain a high level of collaboration to ensure clear communications between state, regional and local partners; support strong engagement across county borders; and a recognition that all areas of the Valley can benefit from strong sustainable community planning.

Strong, coordinated efforts to implement SB 375 will position the Valley for access to greatly needed resources to implement more sustainable planning and projects, including Strategic Growth Council sustainable planning grants or AB 32 auction proceeds. We need your help to ensure strong plans are approved, and to ensure that we set our region up for investment, jobs, and healthier communities.

Page 2  
May 15, 2014  
Chairman Nichols  
Strong San Joaquin Valley Sustainable Communities Strategy

Thank you for bringing the San Joaquin Valley Sustainable Communities Strategies forward for discussion before the Board and for working closely with us in the Valley to ensure successful implementation of SB 375 is achieved to the benefit of my constituents, to our region and to the state of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Moses Zapien". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

MOSES ZAPIEN  
COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 4