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RE: City of Glendora Comments on Air Resources Board Proposed Scoping Plan

Dear Chair Nichols:

On behalf of the City of Glendora, I want to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Proposed Scoping Plan (Scoping Plan).

We are proud of the work we have done already on reducing our City's greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). For example, our entire passenger vehicle fleet is made up of hybrid cars. In addition, we are seeking proposals for a partnership with a company to build solar panel parking cover structures that will provide alternative energy sources for the community.

While the City of Glendora is generally supportive of a number of programs and policies outlined in the Scoping Plan, it is crucial for state policymakers to take into account the financial means that will be needed to achieve these goals. AB 32 requires that reductions in GHG emissions must achieve the maximum technologically feasible and "cost effective reductions, and for the ARB to consider the cost-effectiveness of these regulations". In addition, we believe that the Scoping Plan appropriately allows the SB 375 process to develop regional transportation-related GHG targets. Implementation of the regional planning processes in SB 375 is new and largely untested. The 5 MMT figure, while a place holder nevertheless, sets an appropriate benchmark that helps assure that the state can achieve its overall 2020 goal.

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As we face critical budgetary challenges, additional costs required to meet the proposed obligations in the next 2 to 3 years will become more burdensome for local governments. While cities can influence development design to a certain extent, the reality is the developers will only build projects which will be purchased by willing customers and that are profitable. In order to affect the desired change, incentives must be provided to the development community and local agencies in order to encourage more development in areas where the reductions in GHG emissions will be the greatest. We therefore strongly encourage the ARB to consider these limitations as it moves forward with the Scoping Plan.

Sincerely,

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