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**RE: CITY OF LAKE FOREST COMMENTS ON AIR RESOURCES BOARD PROPOSED SCOPING PLAN**

Dear Chair Nichols:

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

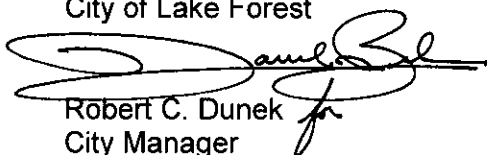
The City of Lake Forest supports efforts to minimize negative impacts to the community and the natural environment. Toward this end, the City has established a voluntary green building program for residential remodels known as the Lake Forest Green Home Education Program, which encourages homeowners and building professionals to employ green design and building practices. In addition, the City requires that environmental impact analyses performed pursuant to CEQA assess a project's estimated GHG emissions and potential incremental contribution to global climate change.

A recent project which is an example of the City's efforts is the Opportunities Study, which represents a comprehensive planning process for the future development of 838 acres within the City. Based on the certified program environmental impact report for this project, the City imposed several mitigation measures aimed at reducing the project's contribution to global climate change, including a requirement to adhere to the future requirements of AB 32 and SB 97.

The City of Lake Forest supports the current voluntary nature of the provisions of the scoping plan related to local government action, and the efforts outlined in the plan to develop and provide local government with the guidance and tools necessary for implementation, tracking and reporting of GHG reduction measures. However, it is crucial that state policymakers account for the means to achieve the stated goals and that the plan adheres to the provisions of AB 32 which require that the ARB consider the cost-effectiveness of regulations aimed at achieving GHG reductions.

The City of Lake Forest strongly encourages the ARB, as it moves forward with the Scoping Plan, to allow the City to preserve local control. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. The City of Lake Forest looks forward to working with the ARB in the future.

Sincerely,  
City of Lake Forest



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