



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Mary Nichols, Chairman
California Air Resources Board
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Dear Chairwoman Mary Nichols, Board Members and CARB Staff:

As Mayor of Pasadena, I greatly appreciate your diligent efforts to implement SB 375, California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act. Through its Green City efforts, the City of Pasadena has become a leader in environmental compliance and protection, and strives to cultivate superior environmental standards that will provide for sustainable municipal development.

If implemented properly, SB 375 will result in communities that are sustainable, equitable and healthy. As the first target-setting phase of SB 375 implementation comes to a close, it is reasonable for the Board to finalize the draft greenhouse gas (GHG) targets for SCAG proposed in the August 9, 2010 ARB staff report (8 percent for 2020 and 13 percent for 2035), and also to make commitments that will ensure that SB 375 implementation achieves its full range of potential benefits. The ARB's guidance will help us measure our progress on the full range of goals, including better air and water quality and more economic opportunity for all our residents.

I respectfully request that you move forward with implementation of SB 375 and adopt the CARB staff proposed regional green house gas emission reduction targets, which will put California back on the road to prosperity by promoting sustainable economic development and a more efficient and effective use of public resources.

Sincerely,

BILL BOGAARD
Mayor

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