

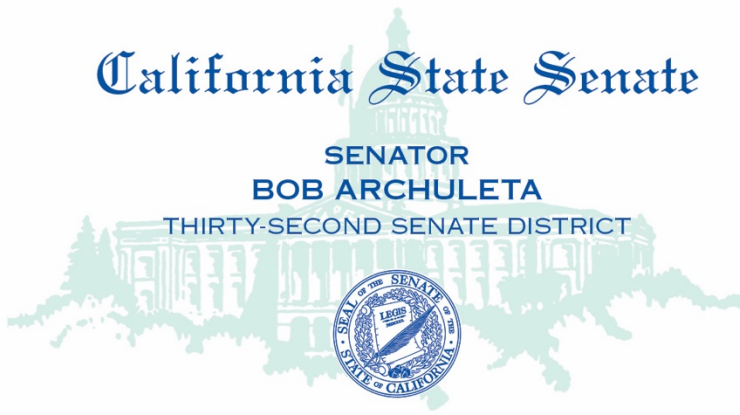
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January 26, 2022

California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Heart of Compassion Request for Assistance

To the California Air Resources Board Members:

As the State Senator representing the Thirty-Second Senate District, I have seen firsthand the vital services that Heart of Compassion Distribution (HOC), located in the city of Montebello, has provided to those in need.

For nearly 30 years, HOC has worked hard to alleviate the hardship of those experiencing hunger, food insecurities and poverty. They are a beacon of support and hope for those in Montebello, and surrounding communities, who have fallen on hard times. Their generosity has no bounds.

The need for their services has increased during the past year because of the pandemic. So many more of our neighbors, because of losing their jobs, need assistance beyond federal, county and local resources are able to provide. They partner with a network of service agencies, programs, non-profits, local officials, and community supporters to collect, package, and distribute food, clothing and other goods. The increase in service went from supplying 325,000 pounds of food and goods to 2,500 families per week, to currently 850,000-900,000 pounds of food and goods to more than 6,500 families per week. During Fiscal Year 2020-21, HOC distributed more than \$44M worth of food, PPE, cleaning supplies, and other household necessities to those in need.

Their humanitarian efforts have been hampered by the high cost of fuel. In their effort to transition from diesel and gas-fueled bobtail trucks to an electric fleet, they have secured a \$350,000 grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District to purchase electric TRU-equipped trailers. Not only will their efforts be financially beneficial to HOC, but it will also be environmentally beneficial.

Consequently, I respectfully request this board honor HOC's request for aid in identifying and securing funding for a BYD truck with an electric motor and a refrigerated box. HOC's ability to secure CARB funding for this vital transition would enable them to convert its fleet to zero emissions.

If I can assist you further in reaching your decision, please contact my district office at 562-406-1001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Archuleta", written in a cursive style.

Senator Bob Archuleta
Thirty-Second District