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Hello Clerk of the Board,

I am the City Manager of the City of Bell Gardens and experienced technical difficulties in attempting to submit the following comment regarding the Year 2 AB617 Community Selection through the comment portal. Please accept the paragraph below (in quotations) as my official submission of comment.

"The City of Bell Gardens encompasses approximately 2.4 square miles and includes more than 42,000 residents. The I-710 freeway runs along the eastern boundary of the City of Bell Gardens, from north to south. The City is not bifurcated along any appreciable east/west boundary line that separates the northern and southern portions of the City from the significant impacts of air pollution. The southern portion of the City does not suffer a greater proportion of these impacts as compared to the northern portion. Therefore, for the purposes of defining a community for Year 2 AB 617, it is only logical and fair to the impacted residents of the City for the complete and whole City of Bell Gardens to be considered one whole community."

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael B. O'Kelly City Manager City of Bell Gardens

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