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Nurturing Community Roots

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Mr. Richard Corey, Executive Director
c/o Laura Zaremba-Schmidt, Air Resources Engineer
California Air Resources Board
9480 Telstar Avenue #4
El Monte, CA 91731

Dear Mr. Corey:

The Gardenland Northgate Neighborhood Association (GNNA) supports the inclusion of South Natomas for air monitoring under AB 617. GNNA feels that air monitoring and additional resources will have a positive impact on our community. As residents of the Gardenland and Northgate neighborhoods in South Natomas, we are very aware of the long-standing pollution disparities in our neighborhood compared to other areas of Sacramento; especially the poor air quality due to ever increasing traffic along our main thoroughfare of Northgate Blvd. Northgate Blvd. is an older mixed use residential and business district that also includes two public schools and a charter school. Our children play in the fields and playgrounds that line Northgate Blvd. and while getting exercise they also breathe in very polluted air.

We realize that this is a very competitive program with many areas that qualify and we are heartened to hear that the South Natomas area of Sacramento is being considered for Year Two of AB 617. We realize that there are many areas that can use air quality monitoring but we feel that the continued growth of South Natomas along with the proximity to Interstate 80 and downtown Sacramento will have a great impact and produce data to help AB 617 in the future.

Our residents are very supportive of Environmental Justice aspects of collecting data on air quality. South Natomas is an older, established neighborhood with long-time residents who both choose to live in the area and are invested in our neighborhood. We hope that the California Air Resources Board will fund AB 617 funds for the South Natomas Community of Sacramento. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Annette Emery, President
Gardenland Northgate Neighborhood Association

Cc: Alberto Ayala, Executive Director
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality District

Council Member Jeff Harris