

Sustainability & Mobility Department

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Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Re: The Selection of The International Border Community in the San Diego Air Pollution Control District to develop both a community air monitoring plan and a community emissions reduction program.

Dear Richard W. Corey:

The City of San Diego strongly supports the California Air Resources Board Staff's recommendation for the International Border Community in the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD) to be selected to develop both a community air monitoring plan and a community emissions reduction program.

As a city, we are focused on achieving the shared goal of improved air quality for all residents, and particularly in our historically underserved communities which suffer the greatest impacts of poor air quality. Through AB617, strong partnerships have been formed between agencies and our residents. We fully support an expansion of this program in San Diego. The City of San Diego remains committed to working closely with the APCD and our residents as we have through the development of the Portside Environmental Justice Communities Community Emission Reduction Plan (CERP). San Diego's Portside CERP has been successful in bringing agencies and stakeholders together around specific actions that will make measurable progress to improve community health. San Diego's Border Community similarly faces very poor air quality. The unique complexity of tackling emissions from international border crossings warrants a dedicated and multi-agency approach well-suited to AB 617.

A community air monitoring plan and a community emissions reduction program is vital for the long-term health and prosperity of our Border Community by reducing exposure to air pollution. It is also in alignment with City priorities to leverage our climate-related work and investments such as the City's Climate Equity Fund to address the public health outcomes of poor air quality. Throughout our engagement with communities on the update to San Diego's Climate Action Plan, the lived experiences and advocacy of residents and organizations in those communities has reinforced the need to prioritize the severe and longstanding health disparities related to poor air quality and be a committed partner to achieving cleaner air.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide this letter of support. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the California Air Resources Board and improving the quality of life in our communities.

Sincerely,



Alyssa Muto
Director