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Hi,

I am a mom and environmental organizer, as well as an elected member of the LACDP in AD51.

I am thankful for the consideration of South Los Angeles for an air improvement plan that will benefit the community health and well being, and are thankful to CARB and AQMD for prioritizing South LA.

For too long South Central Los Angeles has suffered the consequences of being exposed to toxic air, poor oversight by regulatory agencies, lack of enforcement on polluting industries, and lack of prioritization of community health. Now South Central Los Angeles residents are demanding long overdue solutions that can be provided by an AB617 community selection for Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

To date, CARB has chosen 13 communities to benefit from this program and for the past 3 years South Central Los Angeles has been left out of this opportunity and its communities such as Watts, Leimert Park, and Crenshaw can not be left out of the AB617 community boundary. Communities cannot continue to be forced to compete with each other for AB617 resources.

South LA communities are overexposed to the clustering of more than 280 facilities of concern that include oil drilling sites, auto body shops, dry cleaners, metal manufacturing facilities in addition to several high vehicle capacity freeways that are placed next to sensitive receptors. Community air monitors have consistently measured PM 2.5 emissions above the National annual standard level. Consistent exposure to poor air quality in South LA impacts the health of residents including high asthma and coronary heart disease rates, low birth weight, cancer clusters, and low life expectancy.

The South Los Angeles Community is ready to engage in a rigorous process to bring resources and investments to the community to improve air quality. I stand in strong support for South LA to be designated as an AB617 Air Improvement Community to push for significant emissions reductions and improvements in air quality.

I look forward to working together with CARB and the local air district to bring real emissions reductions to South LA.

Thanks,

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