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Hello Folks,

I understand that the Board meeting is about to start. I signed up for it but will be coming on at 5pm due to another meeting.

I heard something troublesome today, that Watts may not be part of the "South L.A." region considered as an AB 617 Air Improvement Community. If this is true, I strongly urge the Board to not accept this and to include Watts. As my support letter states, there are incredible people working in Watts and South L.A. on efforts to reduce pollution and improve air quality. But great minds fall short if crucial resources are not available. Yes, Watts Rising did receive money from the TCC fund; however, there is much more to be done. I have witnessed the existing disparities between multiple sources of pollution in Watts (traffic, smog, airplanes) and other areas and AB 617 funds are much needed in the area.

If there is an opportunity to do public comments after 5pm at the meeting, I shall do so.

Thank you again for your attention to this.

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Hello ARB Folks,

Please find attached letter urging the Board to designate South L.A. as an AB617 Air Improvement Community.

Thank you and all the best,

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