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March 11, 2016

Mary Nichols, Chair  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re:** Commitment Letter for the California Air Resources Board Proposal

Dear Ms. Nichols,

I write to reiterate my support for Cal Poly Pomona's proposal to house the California Air Resources Board (ARB) on campus property. I have been following the status of ARB's Southern California Consolidation Project closely as the results will impact not only my District, but Los Angeles County as well. I was pleased to read that the *ARB Staff Report Analysis of Sites for the Southern California Relocation Project* document released February 11, 2016 recommended the Pomona site as the proposed location for ARB and I am writing to strongly urge the California Air Resources Board to adopt the staff's site recommendation for Pomona for multiple reasons.

When surveyed regarding possible relocation sites, ARB employees made their preference clear, as "approximately 85% of the respondents preferred the Pomona site" The commute distance, time, and quality of life would be greatly impacted by a move to Riverside, whereas the distance of relocating to Pomona makes such a transition significantly better for most employees.

Furthermore, I urge ARB to consider the costs associated with a move to Riverside. The required relocation costs to the Riverside site –in which almost 80% of employees are eligible for–is estimated to cost the State between \$1 million to \$7.3 million. State agencies need to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, and these significant costs need to be seriously considered in the decision making process.

I continue to support a relocation of ARB to Cal Poly Pomona. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. I look forward to working with you on this issue moving forward.

Sincerely,

*Carol Liu*

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