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Councilwoman, First District
City of Long Beach

September 24, 2018

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

Re: Support for western Long Beach in Year 1 of the Community Air Protection Plan

Dear Chair Nichols,

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of western Long Beach as a "Year 1" community (along with Wilmington and Carson) under Assembly Bill 617's (Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017) Community Air Protection Program.

AB 617 prioritizes the most environmentally-burdened and vulnerable communities for increased monitoring efforts and/or local emissions reduction plans and strategies. At full implementation, these plans and strategies include expedited investments, enhanced regulatory tools, stricter pollution control requirements and greater community engagement and empowerment. The robust implementation of AB 617 in this region will help build upon existing air quality improvement efforts currently underway at the local, state and Federal levels.

Western Long Beach's needs strongly support its nomination for AB 617. Though the Ports are global leaders in reducing emissions, significant environmental challenges persist. Due to the thousands of trucks and other port activities, western Long Beach experiences persistently high levels of diesel particulate matter, which is known to contain more than 40 cancer-causing chemicals. Western Long Beach also experiences significant exposure to other criteria air pollutants as the community is close to multiple freeways, a large railyard, heavy industries, refineries and oil and gas operations.

Given the many sources of pollution, western Long Beach's air quality faces many challenges. According to CalEnviroScreen 3.0, much of western Long Beach ranks among California's most environmentally-burdened communities. Additionally, many of western Long Beach's neighborhoods rank among the highest for exposure to toxins and cancer risk according to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study IV (MATES IV).

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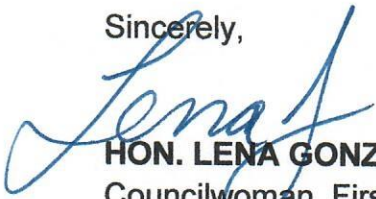


Yet, because of these challenges, Long Beach is uniquely positioned to take advantage of the opportunities provided by AB 617. The City of Long Beach has long been committed to reducing emissions from the ports, and a system of community engagement currently exists. Additionally, a robust network of regulatory air monitors currently exists, and the growth of community air sensors can provide multiple data points to regulators, industry, policy makers and the public.

There are many challenges facing western Long Beach's air quality. However, the community has the will to address these challenges, and our history shows it. The resources provided through AB 617 will help Long Beach, along with our neighbors in Wilmington and Carson to address these longstanding challenges and provide a healthier community for our residents. For these reasons, I support western Long Beach's nomination for Year 1 of AB 617 implementation and its Community Air Protection Plan.

If you have any questions or would like further comment about my support for this application, please contact my Chief of Staff, Cory Allen, via email at cory.allen@longbeach.gov or phone at (562) 570-6919.

Sincerely,



HON. LENA GONZALEZ
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Sincerely,

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Vice Mayor Dee Andrews, Sixth District Councilmember



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California Air Resources Board
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Re: Support for Wilmington, Western Long Beach, and Carson in Year 1 of the Community Air Protection Plan

Dear Chair Nichols,

I am writing in support of the nominations of Wilmington, western Long Beach and the City of Carson as "Year 1 communities" under the Community Air Protection Program created by Assembly Bill 617.

The people that live in these three areas experience significant exposure to high levels of diesel particulate matter as well as other dangerous air pollutants, given their proximity to the Ports, multiple freeways, a large railyard, heavy industries, refineries and oil and gas operations.

The "Year 1" designation by CARB would enable SCAQMD to develop specific strategies for reducing the emissions impacting these two communities and Carson. This includes requiring large polluters to retrofit their operations to reduce emissions, as well as additional air quality monitoring and increased air quality enforcement.

This is a real opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people who live, work and raise their families while dealing with the debilitating health impacts of air pollution. The Community Air Protection Program is an effective instrument to improve air quality in communities most impacted by pollution, and I believe that Wilmington, western Long Beach, and Carson would benefit greatly if selected.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Re: Support for East Los Angeles' Nomination for Year One of AB 617 Implementation

Dear Chair Nichols,

I am writing to support the nomination of East Los Angeles as a "Year One" community under Assembly Bill 617's (Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017) Community Emissions Reduction Program.

AB 617 prioritizes the most environmentally-burdened and vulnerable communities for increased monitoring efforts and/or local emissions reduction plans and strategies. At full implementation, these plans and strategies include expedited investments, enhanced regulatory tools, stricter pollution control requirements and greater community engagement and empowerment. The robust implementation of AB 617 in this region will help build upon existing air quality improvement efforts currently underway at the local, state and Federal levels.

East Los Angeles' needs strongly support its nomination under AB 617. Not only are the East LA communities surrounded by infamously congested freeways, but they are also impacted by three massive railyards and one of the busiest rail corridors in the nation. As a result, East LA experiences persistently high levels of diesel particulate matter, which is known to contain more than 40 cancer-causing chemicals. East LA also experiences significant exposure to other criteria air pollutants from nearby heavy industrial sources, such as the former Exide Technologies site which released dangerous levels of lead and arsenic into our communities.

Given these many sources of pollution, East LA's air quality faces numerous challenges. According to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's CalEnviroScreen 3.0, much of East LA ranks among California's most environmentally-burdened communities. Additionally, many of East LA's neighborhoods rank among the highest for exposure to toxins and cancer risk according to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study IV (MATES IV).

Yet, because of these challenges, East LA is uniquely positioned to take advantage of the opportunities provided by AB 617. The City of Los Angeles has long been committed to reducing emissions throughout the city. A robust network of regulatory air monitors currently exists, and the growth of community air sensors can provide multiple helpful data points to regulators, industry, policymakers and the public that can be used to help our efforts to improve air quality. Many residents of East LA and the surrounding communities are afflicted with

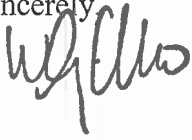


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serious health issues because of poor air quality. AB 617 offers us a way to ensure that current and future generations will not have to suffer as a result of these pollutants.

Despite East LA's air quality difficulties, the community has the will to address these issues. The resources provided through AB 617 will help East LA address these long-standing challenges and provide a healthier community for our residents. For these reasons, I support East Los Angeles' nomination for Year One of AB 617 implementation and its community emissions reduction program.

Sincerely,

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Wendy Carrillo
Assemblymember
51st Assembly District
California State Assembly