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Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Chairwoman Nichols:

On behalf of Riverside Medical Clinic, I write to express my concern that the recently-released California Air Resources Board "Staff Report: Analysis of Sites for the Southern California Consolidation Project" recommends the El Monte facility be relocated to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly) instead of the University of California, Riverside (UCR).

In reading the report, it appears the staff recommendation ultimately chose Cal Poly solely based on proximity to the current El Monte facility. The report also downplayed the importance of being located next to a research university. While the current CARB staff sentiment of commute time is indeed an important factor, the framing of the timing and transition period did not seem to be presented in obtaining their opinions, therefore we feel that a re-evaluation should occur. Moreover, the staff sentiment and commute distance for current employees should be only one of the factors based in the analysis of the long term impacts for a CARB relocation.

A location in close proximity to the UCR School of Medicine is invaluable. The synergies realized by a working relationship with the School of Medicine at UCR will provide opportunities with respect to medical research regarding greenhouse gases and air pollution. Further research in this area will serve to enhance the health of California.

I urge you to take a critical look at the staff report and its underlying motives and make the best long term decision for the future of California. Finally, I respectfully request the CARB Board select UCR as the site for the new CARB facility.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 951-782-3618 or email at steven.larson@rmcps.com

Sincerely,


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