

January 30, 2013

The Honorable Mary Nichols, Chair California Air Resources Board P.O.B. 2815 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Chairwoman Nichols,



The Southwest California Legislative Council, a coalition of the Temecula Valley, Murrieta, Lake Elsinore & Wildomar Chambers of Commerce and the more than 2,200 businesses we represent, respectfully urges you to select the City of Riverside and the University of California, Riverside, for the relocation of the California Air Resources Board from El Monte.

We are pleased to join a coalition that includes the Southwest California Economic Development Corporation, the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce, the City of Riverside, the County of Riverside, UCR and our elected leaders in the state Legislature that believes the relocation of your facility to Western Riverside County will bring significant benefits to our economic development while it allows your organization to capitalize on the natural advantages offered by our region.

From the work of the Center for Environmental Research & Technology (CE-CERT) at UCR, to the region's strong commitment to champion sustainable initiatives to improve our air quality, we believe the location of your facility to Riverside will further this commitment and create a productive atmosphere for addressing environmental and air quality concerns.

Of further benefit to CARB, our region boasts a strongly competitive cost of doing business. Our cost of living is among the lowest in Southern California while our quality of life is among the highest. This will allow your facility to continue operations economically while affording your employees a high quality lifestyle with a concurrently lower cost. With four institutions of higher education and many outstanding programs and graduate schools located nearby, Riverside continues to be an excellent location for operations such as yours.

I am confident that when your site selection team visits our region and sees the advantages of locating in Riverside, they will come away with the same positive attitude toward our region that is shared by our residents, business community and local leaders.

The Southwest California Legislative Council strongly believes that Riverside is an ideal location for your facility and we look forward to your visit to our region.

Respectfully,

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