May 28, 2020

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

RE: Advanced Clean Truck Regulation: SUPPORT From the Mayor of Los Angeles

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the modified Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) regulation. I urge you to approve the proposed ACT regulation, which is an essential tool in transforming California's transportation system to zero emissions and helping achieve the state's air pollution and climate goals. The Los Angeles City Council has not taken an official position on this proposal.

As Mayor of a city with 4 million residents, at the heart of the most populous county in the country, with one of the largest manufacturing hubs and the busiest port complex in the nation, Los Angeles knows all too well the negative effects of transportation emissions. We have also recently experienced, in what may be the only silver lining of the COVID-19 pandemic, what a Los Angeles that is free of transportation emissions can be. For periods of March and April, Los Angeles had the cleanest air of any major city in the world, and our residents do not want to go back to the hazy and pollution filled skies.

Increasing manufacturers' minimum numbers of zero-emission truck sales beginning in 2024 is critical to aiding the region in advancing towards our zero-emission goals and has dual economic recovery benefits with the burgeoning ZE truck industry in the state. Passing the ACT regulation now is a critical step forward that will send clear market signals to enable the planning and investment needed to further develop and scale the zero-emission truck market.

For these reasons, while the Los Angeles City Council has not yet taken an official position, I strongly urge you to support the ACT regulation and know that Los Angeles is ready to do whatever we can to help ensure the success of the regulation and a zero-emissions future.

Sincerely,

Eric Garcetti
Mayor of Los Angeles