



Submitted Electronically:

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Liane Randolph
c/o Clerk's Office
California Resource Board
1001 I Street, #2828
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Letter of Support for the Catalina Express and CARB's Funding Proposal

Dear Chair Randolph:

Please be advised that the undersigned is the City Manager for the City of Avalon, California. On behalf of the City of Avalon, I want to record my support of the California Air Resources Board's Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives.

Avalon is a community that is wholly dependent on the service provided by Catalina Channel Express, Inc. (CCE). CCE is the lifeline for the residents of Avalon as the primary passenger ferry operating daily to and from our island. Not only does our Business Community depend on the services provided by CCE to transport visitors to our island but our residents desperately rely upon the Express year-round to get them to and from medical appointments, and essential functions on the mainland. Should any mass evacuation of the island ever be required we know that the Express would be there for our community.

I know that CCE has worked diligently with CARB to evaluate and develop regulations that not only make sense but factor in critical funding assistance. The proposed funding for Tier-4 Commercial Harbor Craft is a common sense approach that is supported by the City of Avalon on behalf of its visitors and residents alike. In order to comply with the emission reduction standards and continue to provide critical services to our community, privately operated carriers like CCE require adequate and suitable funding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

David M. Maistros
City Manager