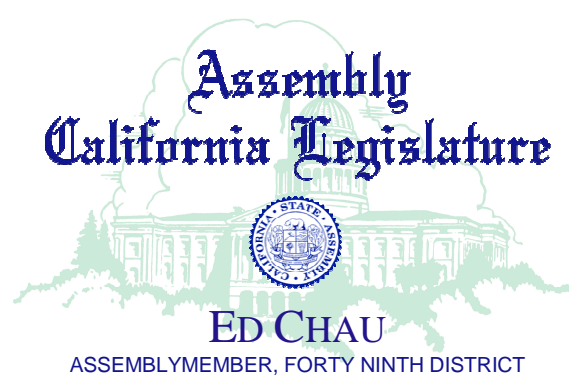


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March 14, 2016

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

Dear Chairwoman Nichols:

I am writing this letter to express support for the recommendation made by staff at the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to consolidate and relocate its current vehicle and engine emissions testing and research facilities to California State University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona). As the representative for the 49th Assembly District, which includes the City of El Monte, where the current site is located, I am very grateful to the dedicated personnel in maintaining a clean and healthy environment for the San Gabriel Valley and California.

As you may know, the staff report indicates that most of the employees in ARB's El Monte facility currently reside throughout the County of Los Angeles. As a result, a dramatic move to the County of Riverside would have a wide and potentially negative effect on the 400 personnel who currently work there and may impact the work of ARB. Additionally, I believe that by choosing to consolidate facilities at Cal Poly Pomona, you have an incredible opportunity to provide learning experiences for students and research capacities for the faculty at the University, which will help California remain a leader in environmental and resource conservation.

While it is unfortunate to hear that ARB is moving out of El Monte, I urge the Board to carefully consider staying within the County of Los Angeles and choose Cal Poly Pomona for the potential benefits to the community, which this site can yield. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, and I look forward to working with you in creating sound policies that will benefit all residents in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Chau", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

ED CHAU  
Assemblymember, District 49

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