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The Honorable Mary Nichols
California Air Resources Board
P.O. Box 2815
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March 14, 2016

RE: Selection of University of California, Riverside for Relocation of California Air Resources Board Research Facility

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the CORONA Chamber, I am writing to offer the full support of our business community in your consideration to relocate the facility of the California Air Resources Board (ARB), currently located in El Monte, to the University of California, Riverside (UCR).

UCR is at the forefront of technology, research, and innovation that can propel ARB's work in Southern California. The students, researchers, and faculty of UCR are finding new ways to pioneer sustainable agriculture, mitigate air pollution, convert bio-waste into energy, and explore environmental issues on a molecular level. This is the kind of research in California that only a UC campus can provide and ARB can be a critical stakeholder, contributor, and benefactor to this work.

Furthermore, with more than 22,000 students at UCR, not to mention the thousands more that attend institutions of higher learning across Inland Southern California, there will assuredly be a steady source of quality workforce to meet ARB's needs for in the near and distant future. In the short term, the influx of 400 highly-skilled engineers, administrators, researchers, and air quality experts will be a significant boon to our regional economy.

Locating the facility within close proximity to UCR is a great opportunity to begin bridging the gap between the State's inland and coastal communities. Inland communities like those in the Central and Inland Southern California have long suffered from a lack of investment on the part of State government, which has led to a disparity of attention and resources. As ARB's mission is to improve the air quality of all Californians, its placement of resources, talent, and facilities should match that same mission.

We strongly believe that Riverside is an ideal location for your facility. The Chamber is committed to making this happen and pledge our full support and assistance. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Bobby Spiegel
CEO | President CORONA Chamber

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