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AIRE Collaborative

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Dear Members of the Board,

The AIRE Collaborative would like to express its support for the approval and implementation of *Owning Our Air: The West Oakland Community Action Plan* (Plan) drafted by the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (WOEIP) in partnership with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).

This action plan outlines key strategies to reduce emissions and exposure to these emissions that are in no way "unattainable", as well as strategies to improve health program access in a clearly disadvantaged community. The plan has been tailored for West Oakland, but this community action plan will also serve as a model for other communities to follow. We need a model like this as an example and template of community working with its air district and CARB to continue to define the intent of AB 617.

West Oakland faces different challenges than the ones that are other AIRE partners face; however, all of these communities share one similarity; they have to confront historical and systematic adversity and marginalization. The implementation of this community action plan will not eradicate decades of environmental injustices overnight, but it is the right step into a more equitable future.

We ask for you to approve this plan and commit to its implementation.

Sincerely,



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