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RE: Support the ARB Staff Recommendation for the Southern California Consolidation Project to be located at the Pomona site.

Dear Chairwoman Nichols and Board Members:

I write in strong support of the staff recommendation that the Air Resources Board's consolidation facilities should be located at the Pomona site. I am proud to represent the ARB's current vehicle and engine emissions testing and research facilities in El Monte. The work that is done at these facilities is incredibly important to maintaining a clean environment and healthy communities in our state.

I am also grateful for the economic benefit that these facilities bring to the San Gabriel Valley, and the many constituents of mine that work here. As you are aware, your internal polling concluded that 85% of the employees support the Pomona site location. I ask that your respect the overwhelming request of the employees and my constituents so that they are not further burdened by this relocation.

I applaud Cal Poly Pomona and the CSU System for their commitment to keeping ARB in LA County. I am glad that Cal Poly signed an MOU with the State for the acquisition of the former Lanterman Development Center that requires the University to "accommodate the real property needs" of ARB. This proposal will be beneficial for both ARB and Cal Poly by creating partnerships between state scientists, regulators, professors and students which will improve ARB's current work and create hands-on workforce development opportunities for the next generation of ARB scientists and staff.

Thank you for your careful consideration of your staff's recommendation.

Sincerely,

Grace F. Napolitano
Member of Congress