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Clerk of the California Air Resources Board
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RE: Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program – Selection of 2020 Communities

Dear Clerk,

It is with pleasure that we welcome Madame Liane Randolph as the Chair of the Air Resources Board. We look forward to working with you, not only through the AB 617 Program, but also in all other endeavors aiming to achieve cleaner air in the disadvantaged communities of the Salton Sea Region.

The Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD), in partnership with Comité Civico del Valle, Inc. (CCV), submitted the Recommended Communities of the North End of Imperial County for Year 2 of the State's Community Air Protection Program (CAPP) to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) on October 23, 2019. This nomination includes communities in the northern portion of the County (outside of the Year 1 Community Corridor of El Centro-Heber-Calexico) that have a high community exposure burden to air pollution, calling for the North End to be designated an AB 617 community under CAPP, with its own Community Air Monitoring Plan and Community Emissions Reduction Program Plan.

The ICAPCD and CCV respectfully request CARB to consider the 2019 nomination of the North End of Imperial County to be selected as a Year 3 Community for AB 617/CAPP. ICAPCD and CCV have demonstrated significant success in implementing strategies leveraging other existing funding with AB 617 funding for the Year 1 Community Corridor, including but not limited to: a parking lot paving project at Calexico High School (\$203,240), indoor air filtration projects at Heber schools (Heber School \$148,688; Dogwood Elementary \$97,982), electric school bus project for Calexico Unified School District (\$314,449), and Revised ICAPCD Policy #34 - Agricultural Burning Procedures, which reduced the daily maximum acreage allowed to burn in Imperial County.

With our impressive track record demonstrating the commitment to implement projects to improve our local communities, and exemplary and transparent partnership, ICAPCD and CCV look forward to further discussion and potential agreements with CARB in welcoming the North End of Imperial County to AB 617 /CAPP as its own stand-alone community. Thank you for your consideration, and please contact the ICAPCD at (442) 265-1800 or CCV at (760) 351-8761 if you have any questions.



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