



February 23, 2023

Dear Chair Randolph, Board Members and CARB staff,

United For Justice Inc, and 146 signatures of community residents/advocates are requesting to consider the community of Salton City, Imperial County for AB617 Program. We feel that the community of "Salton City", should be designated an AB617 community under the CAPP, with its own Community Air Monitoring Plan and Community Emissions Reduction Program Plan on February 23, 2023. The CARB Staff report that was provided on December 6, 2022, Salton City is one of three communities that is listed as a "Community Self-Nominations". If funding is limited, we would like to suggest if we would at least be considered for the Community Emissions Reduction Program Plan.

Sadly, the community of Salton City has not been protected from harmful effects of air pollution nor any type of action to fight climate change by any Local, State or Federal governmental entity. Our challenges are one of a kind and critical within the entire County of Imperial, as we are at proximity to the Salton Sea.

The Salton Sea is recognized as an impaired body of water, by the USEPA and California, and is the largest inland body of water in California. It is impaired by many constituents, a few are: Arsenic, Chlordane, Chlorpyrifos, DDD, DDE, DDT and many more. As the Salton Sea decays, the community has been and will continue to be exposed to high levels of Toxic Air Contaminants. Also, Hydrogen Sulfide has impacted the community for some time now, which penetrates the homes, schools, vehicles, and other places of unity. It is inhumane for our community to continue to be exposed to such.

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According to the United States Census Bureau, the CDP has a total area of **21.1 square miles**, all land: thus, **Salton City** being the **largest city or town of land area in Imperial Valley**. Salton City is the closest to the formal Salton Sea Test Base (Naval


Test Base) and the U.S. Border Patrol Checkpoint. According to government documents, unexploded ordnance is exposed on the shoreline. Salton City is exposed to high winds, traffic from down South, idling at the Border Patrol Checkpoint, off-road vehicles, lack of proper roads, sidewalks, a park with no grass or trees, lack of green spaces throughout entire community, lack of funding for indoor air purifiers, public resources, and no regulatory monitoring.

Evidently, the exposure to unhealthy levels of pollution can result in health issues; that at time might need emergency aid. Unfortunately, the community of Salton City does not have a local hospital or emergency room. The closest hospital is in Brawley, Imperial County, which is 37.8 miles away, approximately a 45-minute drive. The second closest hospital is Desert Care Network (aka JFK), Riverside County, which is 37.5 miles, approximately a 45-minute drive.

To conclude, Salton City is a "high community exposure burden" to air pollution. On December 13, 2019, we had our youngest advocate 6 years old, speak at the CARB Board Meeting held in Sacramento. One thing that she stated, **"the trees are the lungs of our planet, but we have very few"**. We have advocated for the past year(s), and will continue to do so, hoping you will consider our community of **"Salton City"**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



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- 9 *Luzmila B. Garcia*
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