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Lastly, organizations are only as good as the employees that work for them and I commend the ARB in considering your employees' views in the decision. As evidenced in the Staff Report, the ARB employees have made their preferences very clear, with approximately 85% of the respondents preferring the Pomona site. They cited commute distance and time, the impact a move to Riverside would make on their personal lives and families, and the impact to their work. For the latter, the ability to complete field/outreach tasks within a day versus overnight, proximity to ports, railroads, refineries, etc. was a concern, in addition to "siting in Pomona would likely allow ARB to select from a larger candidate pool because of its proximity to the Los Angeles area."

For these reasons, I strongly encourage ARB to adopt the Staff Report recommendation; it makes economic and operational sense from multiple angles and it is consistent with the will of your employees. I look forward to hearing the results of the March 17th Board meeting and sincerely hope that ARB will remain in LA County. If you need additional information, please contact myself or my staff at 714.671.9474.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Huff", is positioned above the printed name.

Bob Huff
Senator, 29th District