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**Re: City of Lakewood Comments on AB 32 Proposed Scoping Plan**

Dear Ms. Nichols:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Proposed Scoping Plan.

Achieving greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reductions by 2020 and 2050 is a critical goal that will not be accomplished unless the State of California emphasizes technologies and activities that can affect GHG levels immediately. Implementing alternate sources of energy, improving fuels, dealing with pollution at the ports (as SB 974 would have done) and other such actions can achieve tremendous results.

On the other hand, emphasizing land use planning to that end is impractical and will yield minimal results for decades in the highly populated areas of the state that are currently car-dependent. In the decades-long gap between mixed-use planning and development results, increasing the amount of GHG reductions expected via land use would be punitive to local governments and ineffective in achieving GHG reductions. Californians can't and won't stop driving entirely. Anyone who wants to reduce GHG must target the vehicles and the fuels they run on for the fastest possible results. They must also provide as much effective public transit as possible before they will see people abandon their cars.

Lakewood, a member ICLEI, is supportive of GHG reductions and is developing a climate action plan toward that end. We ask the ARB board to assess the programs and policies outlined in the proposed scoping plan in a realistic manner. In light of the increasingly grim state and federal economies, additional costs to heavily invest in GHG emission technologies will become more burdensome. Therefore it is even more critical to emphasize those actions that will yield true and timely emission reductions and ensure that resources are not diverted to activities that only yield results in theory or as a result of decades of effort.

Thank you for your consideration of the above comments on the AB 32 proposed scoping plan.

Sincerely,

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