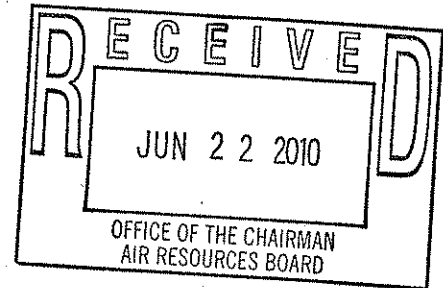


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Re: Support for implementation of SB 375

Dear Chairwoman Mary Nichols, Board Members and CARB Staff:

I am a real estate developer and long time resident of the City of Los Angeles who wholeheartedly supports the continued implementation of SB 375 as a way to set a new and more sustainable course for California by accommodating growth in ways that are economically sound, environmentally responsible and socially beneficial. Strong implementation of SB 375 will help our communities by stimulating job growth and economic recovery, improving air quality, saving tax dollars and making our communities healthier. We urge ARB to adopt ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets - especially for 2035 - that will put our communities on a path to prosperity.

Ambitious implementation of SB 375 will benefit our economy and our communities in many ways, including:

- Families save money when they live in walkable communities with better transportation choices. Vision California estimates that the average California family would save \$6,400 per year on expenses such as fuel and auto costs, electricity, gas and water if we grow smarter (Vision California)
- Strong implementation will help spur economic recovery that will create jobs in our communities. A recent Urban Land Institute report found that SB 375 will bring 'consistency, coordination, and clarity to the development process, which the land use industry needs to start recovering from the recession.
- Neighborhoods designed around transit, walking and biking allow people to incorporate physical activity into their daily routines. Diseases such as cancer, asthma, lung and heart disease, obesity, diabetes are all affected by community design. Individuals who live in walkable neighborhoods have a 35% lower risk of obesity.
- Growing smart reduces the amount we will have to sit in traffic. Vision California estimates that we will could drive 3.7 trillion miles less by 2050 if we grow smarter - that means less time stuck in traffic, and more time with family and friends.

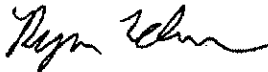
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SB 375 will promote a better balance between infill and green field development by beginning the reform of CEQA and removing barriers to infill, transit-oriented and mixed-use development in existing communities. This reinvestment and redevelopment will ultimately reduce per-capita costs for municipal services and infrastructure – providing a win-win strategy for both the public and private sectors, and for communities.

I urge you to continue to stand behind this ground breaking initiative.

Sincerely



Ryan P. Lehman