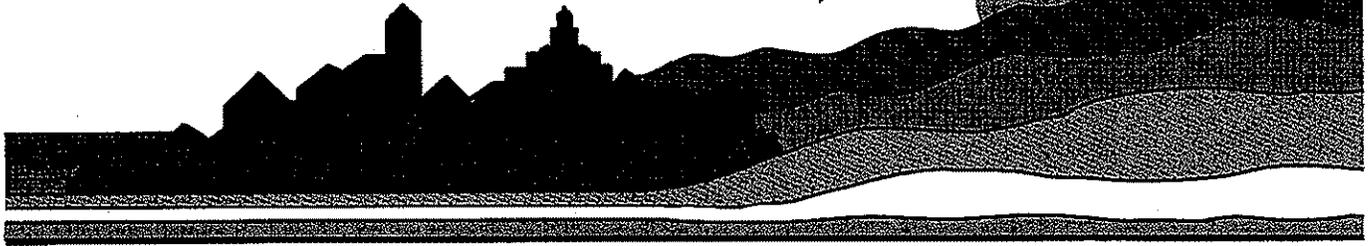


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RE: Support for implementation of SB 375

Dear Chairwoman Mary Nichols, Board Members and CARB Staff:

I write to you today to communicate my ongoing support of your strong efforts to implement SB 375. As an elected official from the Central Valley, I am highly interested in promoting the long-term sustainability of our cities and the families they serve. Through committed implementation of this law I believe our region can preserve our valuable resources of water and agricultural land, the source of a major economic engine in our community. In addition, designing cities with higher levels of mixed use developments provides for increased economic prosperity, more transportation options for the public, decreased health impacts from air pollutants and is, in general, becoming more attractive to residents of all ages.

I realize that this issue is challenging and I commend you for your dedicated leadership. Because of California's diverse regions, other states and countries will learn from the example you set for greenhouse gas emission reductions and apply the principles from our experiences as state and local policymakers.

Finally, I look forward to the coordination and clarity that your decision will bring to the City of Merced as we move forward with the development of our Climate Change Action Plan as well as the support we will gain for our continued efforts to bring green technologies and improvements to our established community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary-Michal Rawling
Merced City Council Member

