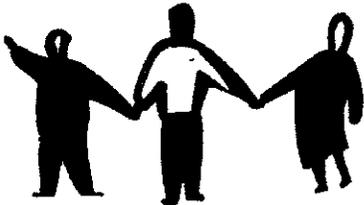


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June 20, 2007

Mrs. Barbara Messina, Councilmember
City of Alhambra
111 S. First Street
Alhambra, CA 91801

Dear Mrs. Messina,

Thank you for your support to improve air quality standards for the citizens in the West San Gabriel Valley. As you and I discussed at our meeting last week, the children in this area are particularly vulnerable to air pollution.

In Alhambra Unified School District we have approximately 1100 students who suffer from asthma. That entire group of students are considered high risk for other health related illnesses due to their asthmatic condition. In addition, 700 students have identified severe to moderate allergies that also effect their physical condition. Tragically, we have seen three students succumb to cardiac respiratory illnesses in the last several years.

Any assistance that you could provide to clean the air that we breathe through stricter emission control measures would greatly improve the health and education of the youth in our community.

Very truly yours,

Julie Hadden, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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