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Good Morning. I am Romel Pascual, the Associate Director for the Environment for Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles.

We all know that the South Coast Basin experiences a disproportionate share of exposure to PM2.5 in excess of federal standards. This has a significant public health impact on all Angelenos.

The South Coast Air District approved the 2007 Air Quality Management Plan on June 1, 2007, expecting that the Air Resources Board would consider the Plan at this meeting, to assist the region in meeting our EPA-mandated submittal deadline for the 8-hour Ozone plan.

We urge ARB to take more responsibility for greater mobile sources control. Any delay in adopting strong and feasible measures would only continue the uncertainty in the region about what rules and regulations are forthcoming and sends the message to the EPA that we are unclear about what measures to take to resolve our air quality problems.

As ARB moves forward in the coming months to complete the SIP, we urge you to make the strongest commitment possible in reducing mobile sources.

Thank you for your attention and for your commitment to clean air.

Thank you.