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Re: Final Submittal from South Coast AQMD: Year 3 Community Recommendation for AB 617 Implementation

Dear Mr. Corey:

The South Coast AQMD staff has prepared this report in order to continue implementing the community-based engagement, monitoring, and emission reduction elements of Assembly Bill (AB) 617. The enclosed report contains the South Coast AQMD recommendation for Year 3 implementation. The recommendation package describes the technical assessment and public process that helped inform this recommendation, as well as community nomination letters received through the outreach efforts. The South Coast AQMD is proposing to implement this program in South Los Angeles by developing a community emissions reduction plan and air monitoring plan in close collaboration with the Community Steering Committee. The content and timing of the plans will be responsive to community concerns, and existing and future air monitoring data.

An uncertainty of the AB 617 program is the amount of funding allocated to South Coast AQMD. The cost of implementing the AB 617 program exceeds the \$21.8 million of implementation funds that South Coast received this current year. Also, while additional communities have been added to the program, the amount of Community Air Protection implementation funds has not proportionately increased and incentive funds allocated to South Coast AQMD have been decreasing year-to-year. This presents additional challenges in bringing emission reduction and exposure reduction projects to these AB 617 communities and other disadvantaged communities in the region. The AB 617 program implementation costs for future years depend on the number of communities that are designated within the South Coast AQMD and the amount of funding that is available. Although staff continues to work with the California state legislature to secure sustained funding for AB 617 statewide, in June 2020, no increases in implementation or incentive

funding was allocated by the state to support the community plan process for any additional communities in the program. In fact, it is likely that there will no incentive funding for the program in the coming year given the current GGRF allocation priorities. Therefore, South Coast AQMD staff also sought direction from the South Coast AQMD Governing Board to seek additional funding from the California state legislature specifically for development and implementation for potential Year 3 community designation within South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction.

The anticipated additional resource needs for South Coast AQMD's development and implementation of community plans for the South Los Angeles community is \$4 to \$6 million per year for six years. This estimated cost is based on development and implementation efforts conducted by South Coast AQMD staff for the five total Year 1 and Year 2 communities currently in the AB 617 program. By securing a consistent source of funding, South Coast AQMD would be better positioned to plan for and implement the allocation of funds for the AB 617 communities. Also, providing additional CAP funds for incentive projects is expected to result in more emissions reductions for these communities.

The South Coast AQMD remains committed to ensuring the success of the AB 617 program, which serves to address air pollution problems in our most burdened and disadvantaged communities. We look forward to our ongoing collaborations with your staff as we work toward implementing this important program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Natri', written in a cursive style.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

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Enclosures:

- Final Submittal from South Coast AQMD: Year 3 Community Recommendation for AB 617 Implementation
- Year 3 Self Recommendation Forms

Final Report to CARB

Final Submittal from South Coast AQMD: Year 3 Community Recommendation for AB 617 Implementation



South Coast AQMD: Community Recommendation for AB 617 Year 3 Community Plan Implementation

Introduction

Background

Assembly Bill (AB) 617, signed into law in 2017, addresses air pollution issues in environmental justice communities through community-focused actions. The law requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB), in consultation with air districts, to select communities for community air monitoring and/or the preparation of community emission reduction programs. AB 617 specifies that the highest priority areas shall be disadvantaged communities with a high cumulative exposure burden for criteria pollutants and toxic air contaminants.

AB 617 requires CARB to select communities on an annual basis to be included in the program for the development of community emissions reduction plans and/or air monitoring plans (“community plans”), as appropriate. Air districts submit annual recommendations to CARB for consideration. In 2018 (Year 1), South Coast AQMD staff submitted a report to CARB with a comprehensive description of South Coast AQMD’s public process and technical methodology to identify and assess communities for the AB 617 program, and recommendations for Year 1 communities (see 2018 report to CARB for more information¹). South Coast AQMD staff followed a similar process and methodology to recommend communities for 2019 (Year 2) as well. In Year 1, CARB designated ten communities statewide, including three communities in the South Coast AQMD, to implement AB 617. In Year 2, CARB designated three additional communities statewide, including two South Coast AQMD communities. The Year 1 and Year 2 designated AB 617 communities in South Coast AQMD are:

- Year 1 – AB 617 Communities
 - East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce
 - San Bernardino, Muscoy
 - Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach
- Year 2- AB 617 Communities
 - Eastern Coachella Valley
 - Southeast Los Angeles

¹ South Coast AQMD (2018). “Community Recommendations for AB 617 Implementation, Final Submittal from South Coast AQMD”, July 31, 2018. Available at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ab-617-ab-134/submittal-to-carb.pdf>

This report contains South Coast AQMD's recommendations for South Los Angeles to be added in Year 3 of the program. The report includes an overview of the approach used to determine the communities for the selection process.

Year 3 Community Selection

Based on the assessment used in Year 1 and Year 2, eighteen communities remained under consideration for implementation in Years 3-7 of the program. Community recommendations for Year 3 selection are based on the existing community identification process from Year 1 and Year 2, along with additional community input and nominations received from outreach conducted in 2020. The following factors were used to identify and prioritize the most heavily burdened community for AB 617 Year 3 implementation:

- Existing community identification and prioritization process used in prior years, including:
 - Prioritizing disadvantaged communities that are disproportionately affected by air pollution. Disadvantaged communities are defined in the California Health and Safety Code Section 39711: “based on geographic, socioeconomic, public health, and environmental hazard criteria”
 - Utilizing appropriate existing data and tools, especially those that have gone through the public process (e.g., air pollution data)
 - Considering school proximity to sources
 - Past community plans or programs
- Additional public input, new air pollution data, and nominations received from outreach meetings
- Additional consideration for geographical diversity and diverse air pollution issues
- Prioritizing communities that demonstrate readiness for collaboration with South Coast AQMD to implement AB 617 plans, such as demonstrating:
 - Knowledge of local air pollution sources
 - Experience and willingness to work with government agencies, organizations, business or business organizations, schools, hospitals, etc.
 - Community engagement and organization around air pollution issues
 - Having resources from local agencies and organizations that would contribute to the rapid implementation of this program
 - Progress with science-based community air pollution projects (e.g., community air sensor projects)

These considerations are reflected as part of the public process, the technical work, and the recommendations described in this report.

Summary of Outreach and Public Input

Outreach

In past years without COVID-19 impacts, extensive outreach was conducted through in-person meeting, flyer distribution, and engagement with environmental justice organizations and community health advocates to support outreach efforts. Due to these impacts, the Community Identification (ID) meeting information was distributed to more than 3,400 subscribers via South Coast AQMD’s email distribution and was announced via social media.

In August 2020, staff conducted a virtual Community ID public outreach meeting to gather community input on the selection of Year 3 communities for AB 617 implementation.² Approximately 40 people participated in the meeting. Staff presented an overview of South Coast AQMD’s regulatory authority, an overview of the AB 617 program, and the selection process for designating Year 3 communities. The presentation containing this information was also provided on the webpage: <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/initiatives/community-efforts/environmental-justice/ab617-134/community-identification-prioritization>. Members of community organizations and the public participated in the meeting.

During the Community ID public outreach meeting, two commenters spoke in support of South Coast AQMD recommending the South Los Angeles community for Year 3 of the AB 617 program. One commenter expressed concerns about the deadline to submit community self-nominations. To address the commenters’ concerns, South Coast AQMD staff extended the deadline from July 31st to August 17th.

Summary of Community Nominations (Self-Recommendations) Received

During the 2020 self-nomination period, staff received self-nominations for the communities listed in the **Table 1 – Year 3 Self-Nominations Received**, below.

Table 1 – Year 3 Self-Nominations Received*

Name of the Community Grouping	Nominations (& Number) Received for	Type of Nomination
Inglewood, Hawthorne, Westmont, Vermont	Inglewood (1)	University Student Intern
Santa Ana	Santa Ana (1)	Community-based organization
South Los Angeles, South Central Los Angeles, Hyde Park	South Los Angeles/ South Central Los Angeles (127)	Agencies, Community-based organizations, Elected Officials, Residents
Van Nuys	Van Nuys (1)	Community-based organization

² Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Orders N-25-20 (March 12, 2020) and N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), the meeting was conducted virtually to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

*The community groupings that appear on this list are based on the Year 1 and Year 2 community input and technical analysis. Some adjustments were made to the 2018 community profiles based on the finalized community boundaries of the Year 1 and Year 2 communities.

In the self-recommendation forms, community members provided information on their community, including the purpose of their recommendation and characteristics that make their community a good candidate for the program. Some community self-recommendations were comprehensive and provided a thorough description of the community's air quality priorities and highlighted examples of community readiness. Some communities received several nominations. However, the quality of the content was exhaustively considered in the prioritization process.

Data Sources and Methodology for Community Prioritization

Several technical data sources were used to inform the prioritization methodology, including air toxics cancer risk data from the Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study (MATES) IV³, environmental pollution, socioeconomic factors and public health factors from CalEnviroScreen 3.0⁴, a metric developed to identify areas with schools near air pollution sources, and air pollution monitoring data from special studies. These data sources are described in detail in the 2018 report to CARB.⁵ No new data from MATES or CalEnviroScreen was available as of September 2020.

Methodology for Community Identification and Prioritization

In 2018, staff applied a systematic approach to identify and prioritize communities for AB 617 and to recommend an initial implementation schedule. The Year 3 prioritization adopts this same approach, but information provided in the self-recommendation forms was used to update the “Additional Factors” considered in Step 4, as well as any additional communities identified for consideration. The same list of identified communities from Year 1 had updated boundaries and communities based on Year 1 and Year 2 development. This list was incorporated for Year 3 prioritization with minor modifications. For example, **Figure 1** summarizes the systematic approach used to recommend Year 3 communities:

³ <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-studies/health-studies/mates-iv>

⁴ <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-30>

⁵ South Coast AQMD (2018). “Community Recommendations for AB 617 Implementation, Final Submittal from South Coast AQMD”, July 31, 2018. Available at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ab-617-ab-134/submittal-to-carb.pdf>

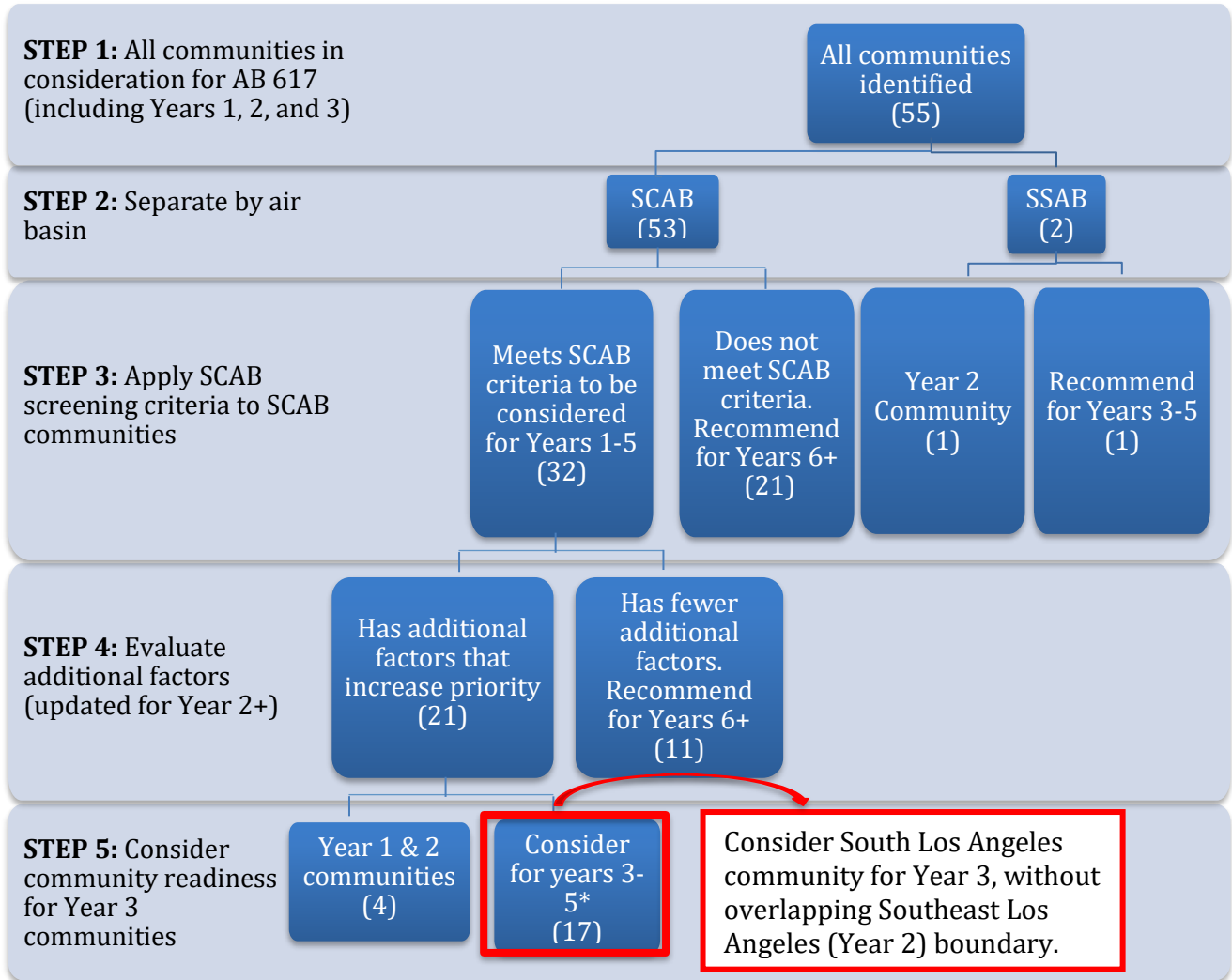


Figure 1. Flow chart to illustrate prioritization methodology. Number in parenthesis represents the number of communities in each category.

Steps 1 through 5 were from the existing process used to determine communities from Year 1 and Year 2 prioritization and selection. Year 3 community recommendations build upon the efforts completed in Year 1 and Year 2. Therefore, communities already selected for Year 1 and Year 2 implementation are included in the following counts. Steps 1 through 5 are outlined below:

STEP 1: To identify communities for consideration for AB 617, staff utilized a broadly inclusive approach, beginning by including census tracts that met one or more of the following three criteria:

- a) CalEnviroScreen 3.0 score in the top 25% statewide

- b) MATES IV air toxics cancer risk in the top 25% in the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB)
- c) Average percentage of industrial land use and freeways within 1,000 feet from school/daycare boundaries was in the top 20%

In addition, communities were included in the preliminary list if South Coast AQMD staff received a community self-recommendation form prior to August 17, 2020. Census tracts were grouped into communities by geographic clustering, often following city or typically understood neighborhood boundaries, as well as communities with common known air pollution sources. A total of 55 communities were identified from both Year 1 and Year 2 combined efforts. However, since three communities were designated for Year 1 and two communities were selected for Year 2, the list of all communities considered for Year 3 includes 50 communities within South Coast AQMD’s jurisdiction (**Figure 2**). These community boundaries should be considered preliminary, and the specific boundaries may change with Community Steering Committee input. However, these were the boundaries that South Coast AQMD staff used in order to complete the technical analysis for community prioritization.



Figure 2. Map showing the preliminary boundaries of the communities under consideration.

STEP 2: During the Year 2 self-nomination process, it was widely recognized that the Coachella Valley has many unique air pollution issues (e.g., the Salton Sea, agricultural pollution, and particulate matter (PM10) in windblown dust) that are very different from those for the SCAB. Therefore, the communities in the Salton Sea Air Basin (SSAB),

were considered independently from communities in the SCAB during Year 2. Based upon the Year 2 self-recommendation forms, two communities were in the SSAB: 1) Eastern Coachella Valley and 2) Chiriaco Summit. The Chiriaco Summit community is geographically separated from the Eastern Coachella Valley community by more than 20 miles; thus, was not considered as part of the Eastern Coachella Valley community for recommendation nor designation for Year 2. This step will continue to be part of the existing assessment process in the event that a future community is nominated from the SSAB that is within South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction for future AB 617 implementation years.

STEP 3: To prioritize 53 communities in the SCAB, staff identified the census tract within each community with the highest percentile score for CalEnviroScreen 3.0 and MATES IV. The following screening criteria was applied for the SCAB communities:

SCAB criteria:

- a) Has one or more census tract(s) with a CalEnviroScreen 3.0 score in the top 5% statewide; AND
- b) MATES IV air toxics cancer risk in the top 50% in the South Coast AQMD jurisdiction

This step provides a focus on the most heavily burdened communities. Since CalEnviroScreen includes several non-air quality factors, the MATES metric was added to ensure that there is a significant air toxic burden addressed by air-related measures under AB 617. A total of 32 SCAB communities met both these screening criteria.

STEP 4: To further prioritize among the 32 high priority communities in the SCAB, the following additional factors were considered:

- a) Self-recommendations received;
- b) Past or current air monitoring study findings;
- c) Past or current community plans; and
- d) School proximity metric in the highest category.

Among the 32 communities in the SCAB that met the Step 3 screening criteria (including Year 1 and Year 2 communities), there were 16 communities that had two or more of these factors and three communities that had a self-recommendation received on or prior to August 17, 2020. These 21 communities are recommended to be considered for Years 3-5 or 3-7, depending on available resources. The remaining 11 communities that had zero or only one factor, but were not self-nominated, are recommended for implementation in Years 6+.

STEP 5: In recommending a Year 3 community, staff evaluated the community's readiness for implementing AB 617. This includes the types of resources that are already available in the communities that would contribute to the rapid and successful

implementation of air monitoring and community emissions reduction plans. These include areas where South Coast AQMD already has placed monitoring resources, where previous emission reduction efforts have occurred, and where additional resources available through AB 617 would expedite air quality improvements in those communities. Other considerations include having broad-based community support, factors demonstrating community readiness, and geographic diversity, with special consideration for communities that could serve as models for future AB 617 communities in California. Such criteria are consistent with the statewide guidance provided by CARB.

For the prioritization, the maximum census tract scores for CalEnviroScreen 3.0, MATES IV, and the school proximity metric were used. A sensitivity analysis using the average of each metric within each community was also conducted. More information about this analysis and the values for the prioritization factors for all communities under consideration for AB 617 implementation can be found in the 2018 report to CARB.

Recommendations

Recommended Implementation Schedule (Year 3, Years 4-5 or 4-8, Years 6+)

Table 2 and **Figure 3** include the initial recommendations for the implementation schedule for all South Coast AQMD communities under consideration for AB 617 implementation. This implementation schedule is subject to change in subsequent years of the program as additional information becomes available that may change the prioritization.

Table 2. List of all South Coast AQMD communities under consideration for AB 617 implementation (grouped by recommended implementation timeframe, then in alphabetical order, by County). This list does not include the communities selected for Year 1 and Year 2.

<p>Community Recommended for Year 3: <u>LOS ANGELES COUNTY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Los Angeles, South Central Los Angeles, Hyde Park*
<p>Communities Considered for Years 4-5 or 4-8*: <u>LOS ANGELES COUNTY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compton, Rancho Dominguez, Willowbrook, Lynwood, Watts* • Maywood, Commerce (east), Vernon, Bell, Bell Gardens (north) • El Monte, South El Monte, Avocado Heights, Hacienda Heights, La Puente (west), Bassett • Gardena, Alondra Park, Lawndale • Inglewood, Hawthorne, Westmont, Vermont • Pacoima, North Hollywood, Sun Valley, San Fernando Sylmar • Paramount, North Long Beach • Torrance • Westlake, Korea Town, Midcity, Mid-Wilshire <p><u>RIVERSIDE COUNTY</u></p>

- Corona, Temescal Valley
- Mira Loma, Jurupa Valley, Eastvale, Pedley
- Central and East Riverside, Rubidoux
- Chiriaco Summit

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

- Bloomington, Fontana, Rialto
- Colton, Grand Terrace, San Bernardino (southwest)
- Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario (east)

ORANGE COUNTY

- Buena Park, Anaheim, Fullerton, Orange

Communities Initially Recommended for Years 6+:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

- Azusa, Duarte, Monrovia, Arcadia, North 605
- Canoga Park, Northridge, Reseda, Van Nuys, Panorama City, Winnetka, Tarzana
- East Culver City, East Palms
- Downey, Bellflower, North Lakewood, North Cerritos
- Downtown Los Angeles
- Central and South Glendale, Burbank
- Hollywood, Los Feliz, Atwater Village, Echo Park, Silver Lake
- La Puente, Covina, West Covina, Baldwin Park
- East Long Beach
- LAX, Lennox, El Segundo
- Montebello
- Pasadena near I-210
- Porter Ranch
- San Gabriel, Rosemead, Monterey Park, South Alhambra
- San Pedro, Harbor City (east)
- Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, West Whittier, Los Nietos, Pico Rivera

ORANGE COUNTY

- Costa Mesa
- Huntington Beach
- La Habra
- Santa Ana
- Westminster, Garden Grove, Stanton

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

- Beaumont
- Hemet, San Jacinto
- Lake Elsinore
- Moreno Valley
- Perris, Nuevo
- West Riverside

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

- Highland, Crestline
- Redlands, Loma Linda

CROSS-COUNTY

- Cerritos, Artesia, La Mirada, Hawaiian Gardens
- West Ontario, Montclair, Upland, Claremont (south)
- Pomona, Chino, East Walnut, San Dimas (south)

*The community may have some boundary adjustments after Year 3 designation and development process is initiated.



Figure 3. Map showing the Year 1 and Year 2 communities and the recommended implementation schedule for the remaining 50 identified communities.

Communities Recommended for Year 3 Implementation

Below is the summary of the recommended community for Year 3 implementation.

South Los Angeles (Figure 4)

The South Los Angeles community is a densely populated urban community located south and southwest of Downtown Los Angeles. There are multiple sources of pollution in this area which include both mobile sources (e.g., truck and vehicle traffic along I-10 and I- 110) and stationary sources, such as industrial and toxic facilities (e.g., petroleum production and hexavalent chrome facilities). Of the 130 community nominations received, 127 were nominations for the South Central/South Los Angeles community. Including South Los Angeles in the AB 617 program would be an opportunity to develop

a South Coast AQMD model for improving air quality in an urban community through strengthened collaboration with community leaders.

In 2019, based on the results of the technical assessment and public process, the community of South Los Angeles, South Central Los Angeles and Hyde Park was listed a candidate community for years 3-7 of the AB 617 program. This geographic area also includes the neighborhoods of University Park, Exposition Park, Jefferson Park, Leimert Park, Manchester Square, Chesterfield Square, Vermont, and Florence. This community has an average score in the 80.7th percentile for MATES IV and in the 90.6th percentile for CalEnviroScreen 3.0, indicating that this area has a high air toxics burden, as well as impacts from other environmental pollution, public health burdens, and social and economic disadvantages. If approved and designated, staff will work with the future Community Steering Committee (CSC) of South Los Angeles to finalize the community boundary for this area.

South Coast AQMD staff have established partnerships with agencies and organizations that serve this community, which enhances our ability to implement the AB 617 program in this community. Oil field and gas production facilities have been a concern for community members in this area, including the AllenCo oil drilling site. This led to enforcement and special monitoring efforts between 2010 and 2014, where South Coast AQMD inspectors responded to community complaints, conducted facility inspections, and took enforcement actions. In 2013, South Coast AQMD staff initiated monitoring at sites near the facility. Organizations, such as Esperanza Community Housing Corporation, have been working with the community for over a decade around their concerns about urban oil drilling sites. Other organizations, such as PSR-LA, have participated in South Coast AQMD efforts by serving as a member of the Environmental Justice Community Partnership (EJCP) Advisory Council, which is designed to strengthen relationships and build alliances with community members and organizations across the region with the goal of achieving clean air and healthy, sustainable communities for everyone. South Coast AQMD staff has also collaborated with the Los Angeles (LA) County Department of Public Health, LA County Department of Regional Planning, and the City of Los Angeles in development of AB 617 CERPs in Year 1 communities. Representatives from these LA County and City departments are currently serving on the AB 617 Community Steering Committees for two Year 1 communities in LA County and have been engaged throughout this process.

Self-nominations for South Los Angeles provided additional information that demonstrates community readiness for this program. In particular, two organizations have demonstrated leadership and grassroots community engagement around air quality issues: Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE) and Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles (PSR-LA). Both organizations have an extensive

history in the community that demonstrates the level of community engagement necessary for implementing the AB 617 program. For nearly 3 decades, the SCOPE organization has worked with the community to build grassroots power to advance racial, economic, and environmental justice. In their past and current work, PSR-LA has collaborated with a broad range of community-based organizations, health professionals and residents who are impacted by the cumulative impacts of poverty and pollution. This work includes tackling complex issues of toxic chemicals, air pollution, healthy land use, and equitable development.

In recent years, PSR-LA and SCOPE partnered together to address the lack of local air pollution data in the South Los Angeles/South Central Los Angeles, due to not having a regulatory monitoring station in this community. They worked to address this concern by having residents install 10 Purple Air sensors to provide information about fine particulate matter (PM2.5) pollution in the community. PSR-LA also spearheaded the South Central Los Angeles Project to Understand the Sources of Air Pollution and Health Impacts (SCLA-PUSH) project, which is funded by the California Air Resources Board AB 617 Community Air Grants. The SCLA-PUSH project builds capacity of organizations and community residents to better understand the state of air quality and health in their community, and to engage in air monitoring and data analysis. Since its launch in January 2019, the coalition has trained over 70 South Central Los Angeles community residents to engage in air quality policy at the local, regional, and state levels and build the community's collective capacity to understand and assess the scale and character of poor air quality.

These programs and efforts demonstrate the community's ability to partner with other community-based organizations in addition to local, regional and state agencies to leverage the resources necessary to advance environmental, public health and economic opportunity in the region, which is necessary for successful implementation of AB 617 community plans.

Recommendations received in 2020 for this community included nominations from residents, the City of Los Angeles Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration & Safety, the Office of Senator Holly J. Mitchell, the Office of Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson, the Office of Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, the Office of Councilmember Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Esperanza Community Housing Corporation, Community Development Technologies Center (CDTech), T.R.U.S.T. South L.A., Surfrider Foundation Los Angeles, Community Health Councils, Sunrise Movement Los Angeles, The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles (PSR-LA), and Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE).



Figure 4. Map showing the general area of South Los Angeles, South Central Los Angeles, and Hyde Park community included in this profile. The community boundary will be finalized after the Community Steering Committee is established and has provided input.

Conclusion and Next Steps

In the coming months, South Coast AQMD will seek additional funding from the California state legislature to support development and implementation of community plans for a Year 3 community. Staff will also conduct targeted community outreach in the Year 3 community of South Los Angeles to establish a steering committee and for each community. In December 2020, CARB will consider these recommendations when designating Year 3 communities for AB 617 community plans, and South Coast AQMD staff looks forward to working with CARB staff on the implementation of AB 617 in the South Los Angeles community.

Appendices

- Appendix A: Community Profile for Year 3 Community Recommendation for AB 617 Implementation
- Appendix B: Year 3 Outreach Materials

Appendix A

Community Profile for Year 3 Community Recommendation for AB 617 Implementation



Introduction

The community profile in this appendix contains detailed information about the community recommended for Year 3 implementation, the factors that contributed to community selection and prioritization, and existing or previous community monitoring and resources. This profile features a map of the approximate location of the community along with a narrative description of the geographical area, land use characteristics, socioeconomic factors, and major air pollution sources within or near that community. The community profiles also contain summaries of special monitoring studies, incentive measures, and risk reduction programs, such as Assembly Bill (AB) 2588 Risk Reduction Plans (<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/compliance/toxic-hot-spots-ab-2588>), pertinent to this community. The information is not meant to be exhaustive lists, but a summary of key projects that South Coast AQMD has implemented that help provide air quality information and/or improve air quality in these communities.

Within the profile is a table of key metrics that helped inform the prioritization of communities for the AB 617 program implementation, and other descriptive factors. Some metrics contain both the average value across the community and the maximum value of all the census tracts within the community. South Coast AQMD's jurisdictional average value is also presented in the table, to provide a reference value for comparison.

Each community profile also contains a description of the nearest regulatory monitor(s), which may be located within the community or within close proximity to the community, and the pollutants measured at each monitor. A brief description of past and ongoing special monitoring studies is also presented to highlight the findings of key South Coast AQMD studies within the community, along with webpage links to related information and reports. Additionally, brief summaries of previous or current air toxics risk reduction plans conducted in each community are included.

South Los Angeles

About this Community

The neighborhoods of South Los Angeles, South Central Los Angeles, and Hyde Park are located within the City of Los Angeles where the combined land use is 68% residential, 21% commercial, 7% industrial, 1% transportation, communications, and utility, 1% mixed, and 2% open space. The area has a population of 396,292, including the following race/ethnicity groups: Hispanic or Latino (65.3%), Black or African American (29.3%), White (2.2%), Asian (1.6%), American Indian or Alaska Native (0.1%), and other races (1.5%) . The average percentile scores for this community are 90.6 for CalEnviroScreen 3.0, 80.7 for South Coast AQMD's MATES IV, and 76.4 for diesel particulate matter. Within this area, there are two facilities in the AB 2588 core program, and six facilities that regularly process hexavalent chromium, lead, and/or arsenic. There are also three Title V facilities in this area.



Figure 4: Map showing the general area of South Los Angeles, South Central Los Angeles, and Hyde Park community included in this profile. The community boundary will be finalized after the Community Steering Committee is established and has provided input.

AB 617 Community Data

	Community Average	Community Maximum	Average in SCAQMD's Jurisdiction
MATES			
MATES IV Cancer Risk [percentile]	80.7	99.4	43
MATES IV Cancer Risk [add'l cancer cases per million]	1167.4	1707.3	897
MATES IV non-Diesel Cancer Risk [percentile]	91.1	99.8	

MATES IV non-Diesel Cancer Risk [add'l cancer cases per million]	300.5	631.0	
CalEnviroScreen 3.0			
Overall Score [percentile]	90.6	99.8	60
Ozone [percentile]	40.5	40.5	66
PM2.5 [percentile]	78.6	84.2	68
Diesel Particulate Matter [percentile]	76.4	94.6	58
Population Below Poverty Line [percentile]	89.2	99.9	53
Age-Adjusted Asthma ER Visit Rate [percentile]	81.4	98.2	48
Age-Adjusted Heart Attack ER Visit Rate per 10,000 [percentile]	65.0	93.5	52
Low Birth Weight [percentile]	83.6	99.8	53
Toxic Releases [percentile]	77.1	85.4	72
Age Profile		Percentage	
Population under 10 years old [%]	16.6		
Population over 65 years old [%]	7.3		
Diesel Mobile Sources			
Length of Freeways [km]	7.6		
Number of Freight Railyards	0		
Schools and Daycares Near Industrial Sources or Freeways [score]	205.4	1928.0	
Community Self-Nomination Received	Yes		
Overall Prioritization	Year 2-5 or 2-6		

Regulatory monitors in or near the Community

Los Angeles (Central) - North Main Street: CO, NO_x, NO_y, O₃, SO₂, PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, Lead (Pb), continuous PM_{2.5}, continuous PM₁₀, speciated PM_{2.5}, VOCs, multi-metals, hexavalent chromium (Cr⁶⁺), carbonyls, PAHs, black carbon (BC), total carbon (TC)
The Central Los Angeles Station is a central urban core site in Los Angeles that reflects concentrations and trends due primarily to urban mobile source emissions. Central Los Angeles site is part of STN, NCore, NATTS, and PAMS network.

AT&SF (Exide): Lead (Pb)

Reghrig (Exide): Lead (Pb)

PM_{2.5} Speciation Trends Network (STN): The PM_{2.5} chemical speciation urban trends sites include analysis for elements, selected anions, cations, and carbon.

NCore Multipollutant Monitoring Network: The NCore Multipollutant Monitoring Network is a multi-pollutant network that integrates several advanced measurement systems for particles, pollutant gases and meteorology.

National Air Toxics Trends Station (NATTS): The NATTS program was developed to fulfill the need for long-term Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAP) monitoring data of consistent quality nationwide. NATTS monitoring began in February 2007 at the Central Los Angeles station and continues.

Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS): The PAMS monitoring stations were established to provide an air quality database of ozone and ozone precursors and to track Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) emission inventory reductions.

More information about these stations can be found at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/clean-air-plans/air-quality-monitoring-network-plan>

Special Monitoring Studies in or near the Community

AllenCo Energy, Inc. Special Monitoring

AllenCo Energy, Inc. is an oil field and gas production facility located in the University Park area of the City of Los Angeles. Between 2010 and 2014, SCAQMD inspectors responded to almost 300 odor complaints, conducted more than 150 inspections, and issues 18 notices of violation. In October 2013, the SCAQMD initiated monitoring at sites near the facility, including monitoring for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) at Mount Saint Mary's College, located across the street from AllenCo. In November 2013, AllenCo temporarily shut down operations to repair equipment which was believed to cause the odors. SCAQMD continued to collect VOC samples while AllenCo was shut down. SCAQMD continues to collect samples from this facility.

Diesel Particulate Matter Incentive Programs in the Community

Goods Movement Emission Reduction Projects (Prop. 1B Program)

The Prop. 1B Program provides funding for projects that reduce emissions from goods movement operations. Emissions from diesel equipment, locomotives and vehicles involved in goods movement greatly impact the health of communities located near ports, rail yards, distribution centers and roads with high truck traffic. The Prop. 1B Program is intended to reduce diesel air pollution from goods movement operations and achieve the earliest possible health risk reduction in nearby communities.

Voucher Incentive Program (VIP)

The VIP is a streamlined approach to reduce emissions by replacing old, high-polluting vehicles with newer, lower-emission vehicles. This program is limited to owners/operators with fleets of 10 or fewer vehicles that have been operating at least 75% (mileage-based) in California during the previous 24 months. The goal of this program is to reduce emissions from in-use heavy-duty trucks in small fleets by replacing Engine Model Years 2009 and older with Engine Model Years 2013 (or newer) emissions compliant models.

Carl Moyer Program (CMP)

The purpose of the CMP is to obtain emission reductions of NOx, PM10 and Reactive Organic Gases (ROG) from heavy-duty vehicles and other equipment operating in

California as early and as cost-effectively as possible. The CMP provides financial incentives to assist in the purchase of cleaner-than-required engine and equipment technologies to achieve emission reductions that are real, surplus, quantifiable and enforceable.

Clean School Buses

Under this program SCAQMD provides substantial incentives to public school districts to purchase new very clean natural gas buses and low-emitting diesel buses. SCAQMD has provided further incentives to both school districts and private operators to install particulate trap filters that eliminate 85 percent or more of particulates in diesel exhaust. As of 2016, SCAQMD has awarded nearly \$300 million to replace nearly 1,600 pre-1994 school buses with clean alternative school buses having the latest safety features. Overall, as a result of these awards, about 4,900 school buses are currently operating that meet stringent air quality standards. At about 60 to 70 kids being transported per bus, this translates to nearly 300,000 kids traveling daily in some of the cleanest school buses in the country, the vast majority of them in Environmental Justice areas. The SCAQMD program is, thus, the largest of its kind in the country.

Ongoing and Prior AB 2588 Risk Reduction Plans (RRP)

Palace Plating

Palace Plating was a metal finishing facility located at 710 E 29th Street in the City of Los Angeles and it is currently inactive. In January 2004, the facility's RRP was approved, which was subsequently fully implemented. The cancer risk driver was hexavalent chromium and the non-cancer chronic and acute risk drivers were chlorine.

Appendix B

Outreach Materials



Introduction

In an effort to solicit public input from community members and stakeholders, South Coast AQMD staff generated specialized outreach materials that informed the general public about AB 617 at the Community Identification Meeting conducted virtually in August 2020. Appendix B contains the materials used to disseminate information to the public through electronic distribution and social media in English and Spanish. Translation services were also available at this meeting. The outreach materials are listed below.

- **Image 1a & 1b** – Outreach Flyers – Virtual Community Meeting (English/ & Spanish)
 - <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ab-617-ab-134/community-id-meeting-flyer-august-12-2020.pdf>
- **Image 2** – Social Media Graphic – Virtual Community Meeting (English/Spanish)
- **Image 3a** – Community Self-Recommendation Form (English)
 - English: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ab-617-ab-134/2020-community-self-recommendation-form.pdf>
- **Image 3b** – Community Self-Recommendation Form (Spanish)
 - Spanish: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ab-617-ab-134/2020-self-rec-form-span.pdf>
- **Image 3c** – Community Self-Recommendation Web-based Form (Website can toggle to English/Spanish)
 - <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/initiatives/community-efforts/environmental-justice/ab617-134/ab617form>
- **Image 4** – AB 617 Webpage
 - <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/initiatives/community-efforts/environmental-justice/ab617-134>
- **Image 5** – Interactive Map
 - <http://xappprod.aqmd.gov/AB617CommunityAirMonitoring/Home>

Images 1a & 1b – Outreach Flyers – Virtual Community Meeting (English & Spanish)

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Community Meeting
Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617)
An Opportunity for Environmental Justice Communities Impacted by Air Pollution

Join us virtually to discuss opportunities to address community air pollution, and an update on the community plans with five communities that were designated for the 2018 & 2019 years of the Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) program. The actions will help reduce air pollution in environmental justice communities.

Staff will discuss the process for designating future communities for air monitoring and emission reduction plans, although there may be limited opportunities for the South Coast AQMD to add additional communities in 2020 due to funding limitations.

Wednesday, August 12, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
<https://scaaqmd.zoom.us/j/92738235989>
 Zoom Webinar ID: 927 3823 5989
 Teleconference Dial In: +1 669 900 6833
 Spanish Language Zoom Meeting ID: 937 9446 391

South Coast AQMD staff will be available to answer questions. The meeting is open to the public and Spanish interpretation will be offered.

South Coast AQMD is the air pollution control agency for all of Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties.

South Coast Air Quality Management District • 20802 Capley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 • scaaqmd.gov • 1-800-527-6006

For more information, please visit our website at www.scaaqmd.gov or contact Edith Wilson, South Coast AQMD Public Advisor at (909) 396-2652 or at publicadviser@scaaqmd.gov.

Documents to be electronically distributed at this meeting will be made available upon request to appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability. Disability-related accommodations will also be made available to allow participation at the meeting. Any accommodation request should be made as far in advance as possible. Requests will be accommodated unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration of program content or the organization. Please telephone the Public Advisor Office at (909) 396-2652 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD)
Reunión Comunitaria
Asamblea (AB 617, por sus siglas en inglés)
Una oportunidad de justicia ambiental generada por la contaminación atmosférica.

Únase a nosotros para discutir las oportunidades para abordar la contaminación atmosférica y obtener una actualización de los planes comunitarios que fueron designados para el programa de la Ley de la Asamblea 617 (AB 617) en los años 2018 y 2019. Las acciones ayudarán a reducir la contaminación atmosférica en las comunidades de justicia ambiental.

El personal discutirá el proceso para designar futuras comunidades para el monitoreo de la contaminación y planes de reducción de emisiones, aunque puede haber oportunidades limitadas para que el South Coast AQMD agregue más comunidades en 2020 debido a limitaciones de financiamiento.

Miércoles 12 de agosto del 2020
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
<https://scaaqmd.zoom.us/j/92738235989>
 ID de Webinar de Zoom: 927 3823 5989
 Número de Teléfono para Conferencia: +1 669 900 6833
 ID de Reunión de Zoom en Español: 937 9446 391

El personal de South Coast AQMD estará disponible para contestar preguntas. La reunión es abierta al público y se ofrecerá interpretación en español.

South Coast AQMD es la agencia que gestiona la calidad del aire para el Condado de Orange, y las partes principales de los condados de Los Angeles, Riverside y San Bernardino.

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Para más información, por favor visite nuestra página web: www.scaaqmd.gov o comuníquese con Edith Wilson, Asesora Pública del Distrito de South Coast AQMD al (909) 396-2652 o al publicadviser@scaaqmd.gov.

Los documentos que se distribuirán electrónicamente en esta reunión estarán disponibles en formatos alternativos para asistir a personas con discapacidades. También se harán arreglos para permitir la participación en la reunión. Cualquier solicitud de acomodación debe hacerse con suficiente tiempo de anticipación para que se pueda hacer. Las solicitudes de acomodación que resulten en un cambio fundamental del contenido del programa o de la organización no serán aceptadas. Llame al Asesor Público al (909) 396-2652 de lunes a viernes de las 7:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m. para más información.

Image 2 – Social Media Graphic – Virtual Community Meeting (English/Spanish)



**South Coast
AQMD**

AB 617 COMMUNITY MEETING
(Reunión Comunitaria Ley AB 617)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020
(MIÉRCOLES, 12 DE AGOSTO DEL 2020)

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Zoom Link:
<https://scqaqmd.zoom.us/j/92738235989>

Zoom Webinar ID: 927 3823 5989

Tele-conference Dial In: +1 669 900 6833
Spanish Meeting ID: 937 9466 3910
English Meeting ID: 927 3823 5989

Image 3a – Community Self-Recommendation Form (English)

 **2020**
AB 617 Community Self-Recommendation Form

Please fill out this form by **August 17, 2020 at 5 p.m.** and

Email it to: ab617@aqmd.gov OR Mail it to:
Attn: AB617 forms
21503 Cooley Dr.
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Note: Information provided by you on this worksheet (including contact or other personal information) is a public record and may be released in response to a California Public Records Act request.

Date: _____

Contact Information

1. First and Last Name: _____
2. Phone: _____
3. Email: _____
4. Organization of applicant: _____

Input on Community Selection and Priorities

5. Was this community or community area recommended in the previous year?

6. Is there any new information available from 2019-2020 that could be considered in prioritizing communities for the program?

Community Information

7. Community Name (as known by community members):

8. What areas does this community include? (City Name, Neighborhood Name, and Zip Code)

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Additional Information

12. Would you like to opt up for updates on AB617? Select "Yes" to be included in the e-mail list.

Yes No

Please save and email this worksheet to ab617@aqmd.gov

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Image 3b – Community Self-Recommendation Form (Spanish)



2020
Formulario de recomendación de su comunidad de ABSIT

Complete este formulario antes del **17 de agosto**

Envíelo por correo electrónico a **absit7@aqmd.gov**

o

Envíelo por correo postal a:
Attn: ABSIT Forms
27003 Colony Dr
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Nota: La información que usted brinda en esta planilla de que incluye información de contacto y cómo hacer recomendaciones será utilizada en registros públicos y puede ser divulgada como información a una solicitud de la Ley de Registros Públicos de California (California Public Records Act).

Fecha:

Información de contacto

1. Nombre y apellido:
2. Teléfono:
3. Correo electrónico:
4. Organización (si corresponde):

Comentarios sobre la selección y las prioridades de la comunidad

5. ¿Esta comunidad o área de la comunidad fue recomendada el año anterior?
6. ¿Hay nueva información disponible de 2018-2019 que podría considerarse al momento de priorizar las comunidades para este programa?

Información de la comunidad

7. Nombre de la comunidad (tal como lo conocen los miembros de la comunidad):
8. ¿Qué áreas incluye esta comunidad? (Nombre de la ciudad, nombre del vecindario y código postal):

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Implementación de una campaña de día de un programa comunitario

en

pregunta 10)

que le consideren en una lista puede incluir una variedad de comunidad, experiencia en el área, y experiencia y voluntad de (agencias de gobierno, hospitales, etc.)

Información adicional

13. ¿Desea incidir/para actualizaciones sobre el Proyecto de Ley ABSIT? Seleccione "SI" si desea ser incluido en la lista de correo electrónico.

SI NO

Por favor clic en enviar para que esta planilla llegue por correo electrónico a AQMD de la Costa Sur. **ENVIAR**

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Image 3c – Community Self-Recommendation Web-based Form

This screenshot shows the English version of the web-based form. At the top left is the South Coast AQMD logo. The navigation menu includes: Language, Home, Contact, Grants & Info, Online Services, AIR QUALITY, INCENTIVES & PROGRAMS, RULES & COMPLIANCE, PERMITS, and NEWS, WEBCASTS & CALENDAR. The main heading is "AB617 Community Self-Recommendation Form" with a red sub-heading "Please fill out this form by August 17, 2016". A note states: "Note: Information provided by you on this worksheet (including contact or other personal information) is a public record and may be released in response to a California Public Records Act request." Below the note is a "Name" field and a "Contact Information" section with fields for "Print and Last Name", "Address", "City", "State", and "Organization (if applicable)".

This screenshot shows the Spanish version of the web-based form. At the top left is the South Coast AQMD logo. The navigation menu includes: CALIDAD DEL AIRE, PROGRAMAS E INCENTIVOS, REGLAS Y CUMPLIMIENTO, PERMISOS, NOTICIAS, WEBCASTS Y CALENDARIO, and AREA TÉCNICA. The main heading is "Formulario de auto-recomendación comunitaria AB617" with a red sub-heading "Completa este formulario antes del 17 de agosto de 2016". A note states: "Nota: La información proporcionada por usted en esta hoja de trabajo (incluida la información de contacto u otra información personal) es un registro público y puede ser divulgada en respuesta a una solicitud de la Ley de Registros Públicos de California." Below the note is a "Nombre" field and a "Información del contacto" section with fields for "Nombre y apellido", "Teléfono", "Correo electrónico", and "Organización (si corresponde)".

Image 4 – AB 617 Webpage



Background

In 2007, Assembly Member Cristina Garcia authored Assembly Bill (AB) 617 to address air pollution impacts in environmental justice communities. The program requires local air districts and the state Air Resources Board to reduce air pollution in their most impacted communities. Some additional state funds provided new funding to support this program. This funding helps to reduce air pollution by changing out older trucks and other equipment for newer, cleaner technologies.

South Coast AQMD is committed to making this a community-driven process, including conducting extensive outreach to stakeholders in each stage of this program. A key part of this outreach includes the formation of Community Steering Committees in each community that is designated for the program.

Community Steering Committees

Please visit the respective links below for updates on each community approved for implementation:

2008 Designated Communities

- Wilmington/West Long Beach/Cerros (WLC)
- San Bernardino/Murphy (SBM)
- Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles/West Commerce (ELAWC)

2009 Designated Communities

- Southeast Los Angeles (SELAQ) - includes the cities of South Gate, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Huntington Park, and the unincorporated Los Angeles County neighborhoods of Florence Firestone and Walnut Park.
- Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) - includes Coachella, Indio, Menlo, North Shore, Oasis, and Thermal.

General FAQs on the Community Steering Committees are provided below:

- Community Steering Committee Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Preguntas de Frecuencia y Respuestas sobre el Comité Directivo Comunitario (PCR)

Image 4 – AB 617 Webpage (continued)

Community Identification & Prioritization Process, Meetings and Documents

South Coast AQMD is hosting a series of meetings to seek input on how to prioritize communities in our region for future air monitoring and emissions reduction programs. These pages will contain meeting documents such as presentations, fact sheets, an infographic, community input and South Coast AQMD's recommendations to CARB.

- 2020 Community Identification & Prioritization
- 2019 Community Identification & Prioritization
- 2018 Community Identification & Prioritization

Forms

Community Steering Committee Interest

To be considered for a Community Steering Committee, please complete the Community Steering Committee Interest Form.

- Community Steering Committee Interest Form

AB 617 Program Components

AB 617 is a wide-ranging program, and includes the following:

- Community Plans:** Communities may develop a Community Air Quality Improvement Plan (CAQIP), a Community Plan, or a Community Air Quality Management Plan (CAQMP). These plans are developed in close collaboration with the local Community Steering Committee. In addition, the AB 617 Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will be working with the community to address the community's air quality needs, including emissions reduction, outreach to business and industry, and collaborations with other agencies.
- "BART" Implementation:** Communities may be required to reduce air pollution and adopt Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART), greenhouse gas cap and trade, and other measures. For BART information, visit the BART website.

The screenshot shows the South Coast AQMD website. The navigation menu includes: HOME, ABOUT US, REGIONS, CONTACT, COMMUNITY, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MEDIA CENTER, NEWS, REPORTS & CALendars, REGULATORY, COMPLIANCE, PERMITS, AIR QUALITY, and RESOURCES. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home / News / Community / Community Identification & Prioritization. The main heading is '2020 Community Identification & Prioritization'. Below it, a sub-heading reads: 'South Coast AQMD will host a series of meetings to seek input on how to prioritize communities in our region for future air monitoring and emissions reduction programs.' The page content includes a section for '2020 Meetings & Activity' with a list of events: 'Meeting 1: Community Identification & Prioritization', 'Meeting 2: Community Identification & Prioritization', and 'Meeting 3: Community Identification & Prioritization'. There is also a section for 'Community Self-Recommendation Form' with a link to the form.

Image 5 – Interactive Map – Community Air Monitoring

Home / About / Initiatives / Community Affairs / Environmental Justice / AB 617 / AB 617 Community Air Monitoring

AB 617 Community Air Monitoring


Air monitoring can provide valuable information about sources of air pollution, types of pollutants, and air quality impacts in the community information that is collected from air monitoring can be used to track air quality improvements.

- AB 617 Community Air Monitoring
- Communities
- Resources
- Follow us @CalEnviro
- FAQ
- Disclaimer
- Contact

Recently added or updated:

- Air monitoring progress reports are now available for 1008 community ([view records](#))
- Air monitoring progress reports are now available for 21,809BC community ([view records](#))
- Air monitoring progress reports are now available for 90700.8 community ([view records](#))

Click on the map below to be transferred to the Air Monitoring Data Display



Background

AB 617 Community Air Monitoring is being conducted in selected communities as part of the AB 617 program. The locations and types of pollutants being monitored is unique to each community and was determined through close collaboration with stakeholders. Data collected from air monitoring can provide valuable information about sources of air pollution, types of pollutants, and air quality impacts in AB 617 communities. Monitoring data resulting from the implementation of the Community Air Monitoring Plans (or CAMPs) can be used to support and track air quality actions prioritized by the community to reduce local exposure to harmful air pollutants.

Image 5 – Interactive Map – Community Air Monitoring (continued)

21 South Coast AQMD – AQ Act Community Air Monitoring

AQ Act COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING

Community Air Monitoring is being provided to selected communities as part of the AQ Act program. The program was developed to provide timely information to communities about air quality issues and to help them understand the AQ Act program. The program is designed to provide information about air quality issues and to help them understand the AQ Act program. The program is designed to provide information about air quality issues and to help them understand the AQ Act program.

Key Goals & Objectives

- To help provide information to communities about air quality issues and to help them understand the AQ Act program.
- To support the development and implementation of air quality monitoring systems in communities.
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Types of Monitoring and Data Reporting

- To provide information to communities about air quality issues and to help them understand the AQ Act program.
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Key Highlights

- To provide information to communities about air quality issues and to help them understand the AQ Act program.

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:26 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM]Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to designate South Central Los Angeles as an AB 617 community. I stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

I participated in the SCLA-PUSH Air Quality Academy because I care about improving the air quality in my community. The air quality academy was important to me because I learned about air pollution and solutions to protect my family and myself from harmful pollution.

Our communities are concerned that South Central Los Angeles is being left out of the air protection program AB617. South Central LA has long been ignored and deserves this opportunity to improve air quality and address the legacy of contamination of auto body shops, dry cleaners, and metals facilities. I want real improvements and investments in zero emissions transportation options and clean production that works for working people in South Central Los Angeles Communities.

I am asking you to listen to our communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide us with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of our families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90018
[REDACTED]

From: Ariana Vito <ariana.vito@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 9:20 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: AB 617 Letter of Support - South Central Los Angeles
Attachments: Letter of Support AB 617_Surfrider.pdf

Categories: AB617

Good Morning,

Please find a letter of support from Surfrider Foundation Los Angeles to nominate South Central Los Angeles for an AB 617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ariana Vito
Climate Committee
Surfrider Foundation Los Angeles



Surfrider Foundation
Los Angeles Chapter
2902 Lincoln Blvd.
Santa Monica CA 90405

July 24, 2020

Sent to: ab617@aqmd.gov

RE: South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

We are writing on behalf of Surfrider Foundation Los Angeles to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate our South Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community selection process in 2020. The South Central Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans. South Central Los Angeles was not selected as one of the first ten communities of AB 617 in 2019 and was not nominated to be selected for the second year; however, it has been recognized as a strongly supported community for consideration in the 2020 Community Selection Process. We stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

Our organization is dedicated to the protection of the world's oceans, waves, and beaches, and Surfrider recognizes the pervasive impact of the climate crisis on our oceans and public health.

We know that South Central Los Angeles is overexposed to a variety of air pollutants. Health disparities are further compounded by exposure to multiple pollution sources and social stressors. Clusters of incompatible land uses are often disproportionately concentrated in disadvantaged and minority communities, wreaking havoc on the health of nearby residents. At the same time, social stressors, such as under- or unemployment, unsafe working conditions and racism make residents less able to cope with their health problems and more susceptible to disease and premature mortality.

In South Central Los Angeles, there are 1,318 hazardous sites (like auto-body shops) within 500 feet of 585 sensitive receptors (like schools)¹ where residents are most at risk of developing respiratory problems and other chronic diseases. These chronic diseases and weakening of the immune system disproportionately increase susceptibility to other diseases such as COVID-19.

In 2010, the South Central LA area had one of the highest asthma emergency visits and hospitalization rates in the county. The census tracts consistently and overwhelmingly score in the top 5-10% most vulnerable communities in both environmental and socio-economic factors, according to the CalEnviroScreen². Coronary heart disease and respiratory illness are leading causes of death throughout the South Central Los Angeles neighborhoods. In 2013, there were 2,687 deaths to lung cancer, the most common followed by breast cancer among the highest for Black and Latino adults³. In contrast, Brentwood residents can expect to live 12 years longer than a resident from Watts⁴.

South Central Los Angeles residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to their wealthier neighbors in West and North Los Angeles. Currently, there are no regulatory agency air monitors located in the South Central Los Angeles area. Community members have installed 10 community air monitors (PurpleAir) to assess the state of particulate matter (PM) 2.5 pollution in their communities. Over the span of a year, 60% of these monitors have consistently measured PM 2.5 emissions above the healthy standard level⁵. These conditions are evident in the health profile of the community as South Central Los Angeles.

We urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board to nominate and select South Central Los Angeles for an AB 617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Thus, we ask you to ensure that South Central Los Angeles gets the opportunity to address the community's needs and to start implementing long overdue solutions to improve local air quality and public health.

Ariana Vito

Ariana Vito
Climate Action Committee
Surfrider Foundation Los Angeles

¹ PSR-LA 500 Feet Project: <http://500ft.psr-la.org/>

² *Between the 110 and the 405: Environmental Injustice in South Los Angeles*, SCOPE-LA, Nov 27 2018

³ LA Public Health Department Mortality Rates 2013

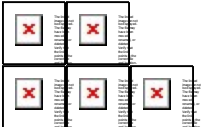
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dca/data/documents/mortalityrpt13.pdf>

⁴ Health Atlas of Los Angeles Department of City Planning: https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/7f065983-ff10-4e76-81e5-e166c9b78a9e/Plan_for_a_Healthy_Los_Angeles.pdf

⁵ Purple Air Monitors www.purpleair.com

From: Jessica Melendez <jmelendez@chc-inc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 9:48 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: AB 617 Letter of Support
Attachments: AB 617 support lettter-The L.A.Trust.pdf

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Community Health Councils
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July 21, 2020

RE: South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617
Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

We are writing on behalf of The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health (The L.A. Trust) to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate our South Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community selection process in 2020. The South Central Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans. South Central Los Angeles was not selected as one of the first ten communities of AB 617 in 2019 and was not nominated to be selected for the second year either. We stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

Formed in 1991, The L.A. Trust is the key 501(c)3 organization exclusively focused on school health programs in Los Angeles County. Working specifically within the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), the mission of The L.A. Trust is to improve student health and readiness to learn through access, advocacy and programs. The L.A. Trust provides strategic funding and support for the LAUSD Wellness Networks, school health centers and other student health services; increases public awareness of and advocates for effective responses to critical health needs of children

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In 2010, the South Central LA area had one of the highest asthma emergency visits and hospitalization rates in the county. South Central LA census tracts consistently and overwhelmingly score in the top 5-10% most vulnerable communities in both environmental and socio-economic factors, according to the California Environmental Screening Tool². According to the Health Atlas, over 20 % of adults

¹ PSR-LA 500 Feet Project: <http://500ft.psr-la.org/>

² *Between the 110 and the 405: Environmental Injustice in South Los Angeles*, SCOPE-LA, Nov 27 2018

and 25 % of children in South Los Angeles were obese in 2007. Over 10 % of adults in some neighborhoods are living with diabetes. Coronary heart disease and respiratory illness are leading causes of death throughout the South Central Los Angeles neighborhoods. In 2013, There were 2,687 deaths to lung cancer, the most common followed by breast cancer among the highest for Black and Latino adults³. Also, Brentwood residents can expect to live 12 years longer than a resident from Watts⁴. South Central Los Angeles Residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to their wealthier neighbors in West and North Los Angeles. Currently, there are no regulatory agencies air monitors located in the South Central Los Angeles area. Community members have installed 10 community air monitors, PurpleAirMonitors, to assess the state of Particulate Matter 2.5 pollution in their communities. Over the span of a year, 60% of these monitors have consistently measured PM 2.5 emissions above the healthy standar level⁵. These conditions are evident in the health profile of the community as South Central Los Angeles Residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to their wealthier neighbors in West and North Los Angeles. These narratives and substantial data sets demonstrate that South Central Los Angeles communities living next to incompatible land uses continue to breathe toxic air, and while air monitoring is essential, real action to reduce emissions is needed direly.

The L.A. Trust has conducted an asthma screening program three years ago and on average 1 in 10 students in LA Unified were found to be positive for asthma. Four years ago, the Fremont High School Campus was also designated as a school that had consistent poor air quality. Students created warning signs for athletes that had poor air quality day warning messages. An investment in this community is critical. Additionally, air filters for school sites and partnerhip agencies in south LA should be required to support the health of our students and their families. Research demonstrates that schools with high quality air filters have healthier and more successful students.

It is clear that solutions are needed direly and must be centered in impacted and front-line communities and rooted in prioritizing investment in community health and environmental justice if we expect to see real and tangible results on the ground. South Central Los Angeles communities deserve the opportunity to start improving air quality and quality of life.

We urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board to nominate and select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. The purpose and intent of AB 617 is ultimately to improve air quality in communities overburdened by cumulative impacts from air pollution sources. Thus, we ask you to ensure that South Central Los Angeles gets the opportunity of benefiting from the AB 617 program, listen to the community's needs, and support the community to start implementing long overdue solutions to clean up the air and improve public health.

Sincerely,



Maryjane Puffer
Executive Director
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health

³LA Public Health Department Mortality Rates 2013 <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dca/data/documents/mortalityrpt13.pdf>

⁴ Health Atlas of Los Angeles Department of City Planning: https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/7f065983-ff10-4e76-81e5-e166c9b78a9e/Plan_for_a_Healthy_Los_Angeles.pdf

⁵ Purple Air Monitors www.purpleair.com



The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 5:14 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: AB617 CERP Nomination Comment

Categories: AB617

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to designate South Central Los Angeles as an AB 617 community. I stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

As someone who has professionally worked with many groups across South Central to further environmental justice and economic development, I can tell you that the community has been marginalized and is in great need clean air investments.

I am asking you to listen to communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide them with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of their families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 11:41 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to designate South Central Los Angeles as an AB 617 community. I stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

I participated in the SCLA-PUSH Air Quality Academy because I care about improving the air quality in my community. The air quality academy was important to me because I learned about air pollution and solutions to protect my family and myself from harmful pollution.

Our communities are concerned that South Central Los Angeles is being left out of the air protection program AB617. South Central LA has long been ignored and deserves this opportunity to improve air quality and address the legacy of contamination of auto body shops, dry cleaners, and metals facilities. I want real improvements and investments in zero emissions transportation options and clean production that works for working people in South Central Los Angeles Communities.

I am asking you to listen to our communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide us with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of our families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90004
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [ARB Community Air](#)
Subject: NASA Research + AB617
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 8:25:21 AM

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Hello,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a rising senior at Vanderbilt University. This summer, I interned with NASA's Student Airborne Research Program (<https://baeri.org/sarp/>), a competitive summer research program focusing on atmospheric sciences.

I spent eight weeks this summer focusing on Xylene and Toluene, two VOCs that AB617 identifies, in disadvantaged communities near LAX, particularly Inglewood. I used data from six years of NASA research flights over LAX (spanning 2011-2019) for my research. At the culmination of the program and my research, I found elevated levels of both Toluene and Xylene, which I used a tracer to account for LAX pollution, in communities downwind of LAX, specifically Inglewood. These elevations were up to nearly 50x the background levels. You can watch my full presentation (<11 minutes long) on my research here: <https://youtu.be/761EunUErWc>

I am emailing this for a couple of reasons. First, I think CARB and AB617 do incredible work at identifying disadvantaged communities to monitor air pollution, an issue of environmental justice. I greatly admire AB617, CARB, and AQMD. Secondly, I hope that my research can be of useful policy benefit. My policy recommendation is to move Inglewood from a Year 6+ community to a Year 3-5 community (my understanding is that we are entering Year 2 or 3, so it cannot be moved further up than that). More importantly, out of everywhere sampled in California over the past ten+ years of NASA SARP flights, I found the highest elevations of Toluene and Xylene at LAX or slightly downwind of LAX at Inglewood. While there are more dangerous pollutants than Toluene and Xylene, this suggests that Inglewood is facing large continuous enhancements of many pollutants from LAX, not just Toluene and Xylene.

I look forward to your response and again, I reiterate that I greatly admire this effort to help these communities. Thank you so much!

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: Oscar Monge <oscar@trustsouthla.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 12:39 PM
To: AB 617
Cc: Edgar Campos
Subject: TRUST South LA Support for inclusion of South Central LA in AB 617
Attachments: AB 617_TRUST South LA LOS_7.30.20.pdf

Categories: AB617

Good afternoon,

We hope this email finds you well and healthy.

Given the current unprecedented times and the need to take action to ensure our most vulnerable communities are protected, we are calling on you to help ensure that communities of South Central Los Angeles receive the fair share of resources available to start improving air quality and community health.

South Central Los Angeles communities are breathing some of the most polluted air in California. For too long, South Central Los Angeles has suffered the consequences of being exposed to toxic air, poor oversight by regulatory agencies, lack of enforcement on polluting industries, historical negligence, and lack of prioritization of community health. Air pollution has been long impacting South Central LA residents and emissions reductions are needed immediately. The South Central Los Angeles community deserves cleaner air and must be designated as an AB 617 Air Improvement Community.

Sincerely,

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Oscar Monge, MPL (He | His)

Associate Director / Community Development Director

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July 30, 2020

RE:South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

We are writing on behalf of T.R.U.S.T. South L.A. to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate our South Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community selection process in 2020. The South Central Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans. South Central Los Angeles was not selected as one of the first ten communities of AB 617 in 2019 and was not nominated to be selected for the second year either. We stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

Our organization works to serve as a steward for community-controlled land; to be a catalyst for values-driven, community-serving development; to build awareness and community leadership in issues of housing, transportation and recreation; and to create programs and initiatives that encourage community building and economic opportunity.

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One of the principle that we follow is to “Take responsibility to take care of the earth, minimize what we take from her, and help heal what has been harmed.” We all have a role in the protection of our environment. We owe it to our communities that in whatever we do, wherever we work, play, or live, it should be of such a nature that it is not causing irreversible damage to the environment.

It is clear that solutions are needed direly and must be centered in impacted and front-line communities and rooted in prioritizing investment in community health and environmental justice if we expect to see real and tangible results on the ground. South Central Los Angeles communities deserve the opportunity to start improving air quality and quality of life.

We urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board to nominate and select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. The purpose and intent of AB 617 is ultimately to improve air quality in communities overburdened by cumulative impacts from air pollution sources. Thus, we ask you to ensure that South Central Los Angeles gets the opportunity of benefiting from the AB 617 program, listen to the community's needs, and support the community to start implementing long overdue solutions to clean up the air and improve public health.

Sincerely,

Oscar Monge
Associate Director

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 6:59 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Carta de Residentes de la Comunidad para Apoyar la Nominación del Sur Central de Los Ángeles como Comunidad de AB617
Categories: AB617

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

Le escribo para pedirle al Distrito de Gestión de la Calidad del Aire de la Costa Sur (SCAQMD) que designe a nuestra comunidad del Sur Central de Los Ángeles como una comunidad de AB 617. Apoyo firmemente una selección comunitaria de AB 617 para que el Sur Central de Los Ángeles pueda implementar un Plan de Reducción de Emisiones Comunitarias.

Participé en la Academia de Calidad del Aire SCLA-PUSH porque me importa mejorar la calidad del aire en mi comunidad. La academia de calidad del aire fue importante para mí porque aprendí sobre la contaminación del aire y las soluciones para proteger a mi familia y a mí mismo de la contaminación dañina.

A nuestras comunidades les preocupa que el Sur Central de Los Ángeles se quede fuera del programa de protección del aire AB 617. El Sur Central de LA ha sido ignorado durante mucho tiempo y merece esta oportunidad para mejorar la calidad del aire y abordar el legado de contaminación de talleres de carrocería, tintorerías e instalaciones de metales. Quiero mejoras e inversiones reales en opciones de transporte de emisiones cero y producción limpia que funcione para las personas que trabajan en las comunidades del Sur Central de Los Ángeles, es momento que se den cuenta que tan importante es la calidad del Aire para nuestra Comunidad personas se estan muriendo por tanta Contaminacion por favor no nos dejen fuera y apoyen a AB 617 muchas gracias.

Le pido que escuche a nuestras comunidades del Sur Central de Los Ángeles y nos brinde soluciones reales que garanticen la protección de la salud y el bienestar de nuestras familias y comunidades. Le llamo a que seleccione el Sur Central de Los Ángeles para un Plan de Reducción de Emisiones de AB 617. Porque juntos podemos crear soluciones para comunidades más saludables en el Sur Central de Los Ángeles y necesitamos que ustedes nos ayuden a hacer realidad esa visión.

Gracias por su consideración,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Los Angeles, CA 90011-6087 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 5:00 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Carta de Residentes de la Comunidad para Apoyar la Nominación del Sur Central de Los Ángeles como Comunidad de AB617
Categories: AB617

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Gracias por su consideración,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Los Angeles, CA 90007-2154 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 4:01 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Carta de Residentes de la Comunidad para Apoyar la Nominación del Sur Central de Los Ángeles como Comunidad de AB617
Categories: AB617

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Gracias por su consideración,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Los Angeles, CA 90037-1119 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 8:30 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Carta de Residentes de la Comunidad para Apoyar la Nominación del Sur Central de Los Ángeles como Comunidad de AB617
Categories: AB617

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POR ESTE MEDIO ME UNO A MI COMUNIDAD DEL SUR CENTRAL DE LOS ANGELES EN EL PLAN DE DESARROLLO Y PROGRAMA DE PROTECCION DE LA CALIDAD DEL AIRE AB 617, POR DECADAS HEMOS SIDO MARGINADOS Y HEMOS SUFRIDO LAS CONSECUENCIAS DE LA MALA CALIDAD DEL AIRE POR TANTA CONTAMINACION DE LOS FRY WAYS 110, 10 Y 105. QUE SON LOS MAS PROXIMOS A DONDE YO VIVO, APARTE DE TALLERES DE CARROCERIA Y PINTURA, DRY CLEANERS, FABRICAS, INDUSTRIAS, ETC...AFECTANDO NUESTRA SALUD, SOBRE TODO LAS. QUE SUFRIMOS ALERGIAS, ASMA Y OTROS PROBLEMAS PULMONARES, POR ESTO ME DIRIJO A USTEDES Y NOS AYUDEN A NUESTRA COMUNIDAD DEL SUR CENTRO DE L. A. HACIENDO SU MAYOR ESFUERZO, PARA APOYAR EL PROGRAMA DE PROTECCION DEL AIRE AB617. A nuestras comunidades les preocupa que el Sur Central de Los Ángeles se quede fuera del programa de protección del aire AB 617. El Sur Central de LA ha sido ignorado durante mucho tiempo y merece esta oportunidad para mejorar la calidad del aire y abordar el legado de contaminación de talleres de carrocería, tintorerías e instalaciones de metales. Quiero mejoras e inversiones reales en opciones de transporte de emisiones cero y producción limpia que funcione para las personas que trabajan en las comunidades del Sur Central de Los Ángeles.

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Gracias por su consideración,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Los Angeles, CA 90003-3515 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 12:58 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Ally Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to designate South Central Los Angeles as an AB 617 community. I stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

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South Central LA breathes some of the most polluted air in California. For too long, South Central has suffered the consequences of being exposed to toxic air, lack of regulatory oversight enforcement, historical negligence, remaining environmental harms from deindustrialization, and lack of prioritization of community health. Over 21,000 residents live within 500 feet of hazardous land uses, such as oil drilling, metal manufacturing, and auto body shops. Over 24,000 residents live within 500 feet of a major truck route and are consistently exposed to pollution from diesel exhaust. South Central has been passed over the past three years of AB617 implementation, but our community deserves clean air now.

South Central is ready to take on this opportunity. Despite the COVID pandemic, resident leaders and graduates of the SCLA-PUSH Air Quality Academy are building power and using their local expertise to co-design environmental reporting tools that will keep industries accountable to public health and safety. In a recent climate impacts survey, nearly one thousand South Central residents cited their top concern for the community is that air is difficult to breathe, dirty, or polluted -- only second to difficulty paying rent/utilities.

I am asking you to listen to our communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide us with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of our families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90020
[REDACTED]

From: Sonya Vasquez <svasquez@chc-inc.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 5:29 PM
To: AB 617
Cc: Grace Song; Paula Torrado (ptorrado@psr-la.org)
Subject: Community Health Councils AB 617 Nomination Letter
Attachments: CHC_SouthLA_CommunityNominationLetter_AB617CommunityEmissionsReductionPlan.pdf

Categories: AB617

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Thank you and we look forward to a positive response.

Sonya Vasquez, MSW
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South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

RE: South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District

I am writing on behalf of Community Health Councils (CHC) to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate our South-Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community selection process in 2020. The South-Central Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans. South Central Los Angeles was not selected as one of the first ten communities of AB 617 in 2019 and was not nominated to be selected for the second year either. We stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

For nearly 30 years, CHC has been at the forefront of systems change work to eliminate disparities in health and well-being. In partnership with thousands of multi-sector stakeholders CHC works to collectively build equitable systems. We have actively been engaged in efforts to improve Air quality and mitigation of local pollution sources in under-resourced communities like South Los Angeles. Over the past 15 years, CHC has led efforts to monitor the activities of the Baldwin Hills Oil Field and voice community concerns through the Community Advisory Panel. CHC is also been collaborating with PSR-Los Angeles and SCOPE to successfully build the capacity of community residents to build their understanding of the state of air quality and health in their community, and to engage in air monitoring and data analysis.

We know that South-Central Los Angeles is overexposed to a variety of air pollutants emitted by a range of air pollution sources and health disparities are further compounded by exposure to multiple pollution sources and social stressors or incompatible land uses. Clusters of incompatible land uses are often disproportionately concentrated in disadvantaged and minority communities, wreaking havoc on the health of residents nearby. At the same time, social stressors, such as under- or unemployment, unsafe working conditions, racism, and social exclusion, make residents less able to cope with their health problems and more susceptible to disease, morbidity, and premature mortality. For example, there are 1,318 hazardous sites (like auto-body shops) within 500 feet of 585 sensitive receptors (like schools)ⁱ. Sensitive receptors are most at risk of developing respiratory problems and other chronic diseases.

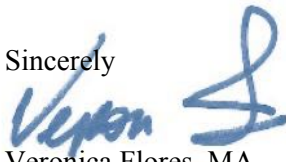
In 2010, the South-Central LA area had one of the highest asthma emergency visits and hospitalization rates in the county. South Central LA census tracts consistently and overwhelmingly score in the top 5-10% most vulnerable communities in both environmental and socio-economic factors, according to the California Environmental Screening Toolⁱⁱ. According to the Health Atlas, over 20 % of adults and 25 % of children in South Los Angeles were obese in 2007. Over 10 % of adults in some neighborhoods are living with diabetes. Coronary heart disease and respiratory illness are leading causes of death throughout the South Central Los

Angeles neighborhoods. In 2013, There were 2,687 deaths to lung cancer, the most common followed by breast cancer among the highest for Black and Latino adultsⁱⁱⁱ. Also, Brentwood residents can expect to live 12 years longer than a resident from Watts^{iv}. South Central Los Angeles Residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to their wealthier neighbors in West and North Los Angeles. Currently, there are no regulatory agencies air monitors located in the South-Central Los Angeles area. Community members have installed 10 community air monitors, Purple Air Monitors, to assess the state of Particulate Matter 2.5 pollution in their communities. Over the span of a year, 60% of these monitors have consistently measured PM 2.5 emissions above the healthy standard level^v. These conditions are evident in the health profile of the community as South-Central Los Angeles Residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to their wealthier neighbors in West and North Los Angeles. These narratives and substantial data sets demonstrate that South Central Los Angeles communities living next to incompatible land uses continue to breathe toxic air, and while air monitoring is essential, real action to reduce emissions is needed direly.

Solutions are needed direly and must be centered in impacted and front-line communities and rooted in prioritizing investment in community health and environmental justice if we expect to see real and tangible results on the ground. South Central Los Angeles communities deserve the opportunity to start improving air quality and quality of life.

We urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board to nominate and select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. The purpose and intent of AB 617 is ultimately to improve air quality in communities overburdened by cumulative impacts from air pollution sources. Thus, we ask you to ensure that South Central Los Angeles gets the opportunity of benefiting from the AB 617 program, listen to the community's needs, and support the community to start implementing long overdue solutions to clean up the air and improve public health.

Sincerely



Veronica Flores, MA
Chief Executive Officer

ⁱ PSR-LA 500 Feet Project: <http://500ft.psr-la.org/>

ⁱⁱ *Between the 110 and the 405: Environmental Injustice in South Los Angeles*, SCOPE-LA, Nov 27 2018

ⁱⁱⁱ LA Public Health Department Mortality Rates 2013

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dca/data/documents/mortalityrpt13.pdf>

^{iv} Health Atlas of Los Angeles Department of City Planning: https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/7f065983-ff10-4e76-81e5-e166c9b78a9e/Plan_for_a_Healthy_Los_Angeles.pdf

^v Purple Air Monitors www.purpleair.com

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:33 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90011
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:46 PM
To: AB 617
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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Montebello, CA 90640
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:43 PM
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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] n behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:53 PM
To: AB 617
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My community is concerned that we (South Central Los Angeles) is being left out of the air protection program AB617. The environmental health of South Central has been neglected and as a result we are more prone to respiratory diseases and other illnesses. We deserve this opportunity to improve air quality and it is about time we address the legacy of contamination of auto body shops, dry cleaners, and metals facilities. I want real improvements and investments in zero emissions transportation options and clean production that works for working people in South Central Los Angeles Communities.

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90043
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 10:22 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90047
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 10:19 PM
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Categories: AB617

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[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90047
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 5:54 PM
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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90011
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:18 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90032
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 11:47 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90037
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 5:21 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90011
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 3:35 PM
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[REDACTED]
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 3:22 PM
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[REDACTED]
El Segundo, CA 90245
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 2:47 PM
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[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90011
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Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 2:44 PM
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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
South Gate, CA 90280
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 2:43 PM
To: AB 617
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[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90011
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 1, 2020 11:21 PM
To: AB 617
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[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90011
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
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Los Angeles, CA 90011
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 8:36 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to designate South Central Los Angeles as an AB 617 community. I stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

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I am asking you to listen to our communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide us with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of our families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because, together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Angeles, CA 90007-4316 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 11:31 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90011
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 9:12 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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All people deserve clean air. I'm concerned that South Central Los Angeles is being left out of the air protection program AB617. SCLA has long been ignored and deserves this opportunity to improve air quality and address the legacy of contamination of auto body shops, dry cleaners, and metals facilities. I want real improvements and investments in zero emissions transportation options and clean production that works for working people in South Central Los Angeles Communities.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Culver City, CA 90230
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:11 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90037
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 9:35 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90058
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 8:19 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Whittier, CA 90601
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 8:27 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Our communities are concerned that South Central Los Angeles is being left out of the air protection program AB617. South Central LA has long been ignored and deserves this opportunity to improve air quality and address the legacy of contamination of auto body shops, dry cleaners, recycle center, metals facilities, cell towers, and illegal dumping. The Western corridor is a big polluter highway. I want real improvements and investments in zero emissions transportation options and clean production that works for working people in South Central Los Angeles Communities.

Sincerely a vulnerable resident,

[REDACTED]

I am asking you to listen to our communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide us with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of our families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90047

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 5:09 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90018
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 4:45 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90001
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 4:27 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90059
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 4:26 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
El Segundo, CA 90245
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 3:04 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Where we raise our families matter now and for generations to come. Our communities are concerned that South Central Los Angeles is being left out of the air protection program AB617. South Central LA has long been ignored and deserves this opportunity to improve air quality and address the legacy of contamination of auto body shops, dry cleaners, and metals facilities. My relatives who live in South Central L.A. and I want real improvements and investments. We want zero emissions transportation options and clean production that works for working people in South Central Los Angeles Communities.

Thank you

I am asking you to listen to our communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide us with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of our families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Santa Monica, CA 90404
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 2:05 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Pasadena, CA 91107
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 4:00 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90011
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2020 1:51 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
South Gate, CA 90280
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
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Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90011
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 10:37 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90011
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 1:14 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90044
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:27 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Los Angeles, CA 90007-3809 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 1:44 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90061
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 12:51 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90011
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 9:39 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90011
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 6:46 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:29 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90044
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 11:24 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90034
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 11:20 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:45 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90006
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:30 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90027
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:02 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Oakland, CA 94612
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:01 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90064
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 9:52 AM
To: AB 617
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Categories: AB617

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Van Nuys, CA 91401
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 9:49 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90064
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 5:10 PM
To: AB 617
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Categories: AB617

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We need investments in zero emissions transportation and clean up of our community due to decades of destruction by metal facilities, auto body shops, and dry cleaners. Do not exclude South Central from AB617!

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90006
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 4:39 PM
To: AB 617
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Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Topanga, CA 90290
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 1:58 PM
To: AB 617
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Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90065
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 1:22 PM
To: AB 617
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Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Sylmar, CA 91342
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 12:31 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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I am a young person who just wants to be able to grow up and have children like my parents did. The impending threat of climate change leaves me, as well as my peers, concerned that this will be impossible for us in the near future.

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Silver Spring, MD 20902
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 12:28 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Glendale, CA 91206
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:33 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Irvine, CA 92604
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:09 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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I was a Greendot public school teacher in South LA for 6 years.

My students and their families deserve clean air. I deserve clean air.

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Pasadena, CA 91105
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 10:13 AM
To: AB 617
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Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90062
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 9:33 AM
To: AB 617
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[REDACTED]
Sylmar, CA 91342
[REDACTED]

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Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 7:49 AM
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Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Bell, CA 90201
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 1:00 AM
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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90037
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 11:26 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90003
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 11:09 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90017
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 11:06 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90027
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 8:13 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90032
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 8:05 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Long Beach, CA 90805
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 7:30 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90025
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 5:33 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Gardena, CA 90248
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 5:29 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90065
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 5:09 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90011
[REDACTED]

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Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 5:05 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90018
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 4:41 PM
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Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Mission Hills, CA 91345
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 4:39 PM
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[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90003
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 4:15 PM
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Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90037
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:37 PM
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Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90044
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:30 PM
To: AB 617
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Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90062
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 2:43 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90018
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 10:46 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED] Los Angeles, CA 90026-2502 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 5:21 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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For the 20 years that I have lived here, things have only gotten worse. We are seeing the full impacts of climate change. Our low-income, predominantly Black and Brown community, is experiencing the consequences of capitalism and environmental racism. There are organizations that have been organizing the stats, analyzing the data, and advocating for change, but that now need the funding to enact it.

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90037
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 5:01 PM
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Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90003
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 4:14 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Riverside, CA 92507
[REDACTED]

From: Gina Charusombat <gcharusombat@scopela.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 2:30 PM
To: AB 617
Cc: Gloria Medina; Laura Muraida
Subject: Community Self-Recommendation
Attachments: Letter of Support South Central Los Angeles AB 617 Community Selection_SCOPE.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please see attached letter of support to nominate the South Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community emission reduction plan selection in 2020. Thank you for the consideration.

Kind regards,

Gina

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Gina Charusombat (she/her)
Policy & Research Associate



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Los Angeles, CA 90047
(P) 323.789.7920 x 115
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gcharusombat@scopela.org
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July 30, 2020

Send to ab617@aqmd.gov

RE: South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE) urges the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate the South Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community emission reduction plan selection in 2020. The South Central Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans. South Central Los Angeles was not selected as one of the first ten communities of AB 617 in 2019 and was not nominated to be selected in the second year either. I am in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

Established in 1993 in response to the 1992 civil unrest in South Los Angeles, SCOPE builds grassroots power to advance racial, economic, and environmental justice. As a membership-based organization with a broader base of 50,000 supportive voters, SCOPE's campaigns are informed by the problems and conditions faced by South LA residents who live on the frontlines of pollution and poverty. Over the past 27 years, SCOPE has advanced a policy and power-building agenda that shifts this reality to one in which low-income Black and Latinx families have the ability to shape and realize their vision for a thriving, healthy, and resilient community.

In 2010, the South Central LA area had one of the highest asthma emergency visits and hospitalization rates in the county. South Central LA census tracts consistently and overwhelmingly score in the top 5-10% most vulnerable communities in both environmental and socio-economic factors, according to the California Environmental Screening Tool¹. According to the Health Atlas, over 20 % of adults and 25 % of children in South Los Angeles were obese in 2007. In 2013, There were 2,687 deaths to lung cancer, the most common followed by breast cancer among the highest for Black and Latino adults². On the other hand, Brentwood residents can expect to live 12 years longer than a resident from Watts³. Despite these conditions, currently, there are no regulatory agency air monitors located in the South Central Los Angeles area. Community members have installed 10 community air monitors, PurpleAirMonitors, to assess the state of Particulate Matter 2.5 pollution in their communities. Over the span of a year, 60% of

¹ *Between the 110 and the 405: Environmental Injustice in South Los Angeles*, SCOPE-LA, Nov 27 2018

² LA Public Health Department Mortality Rates 2013
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dca/data/documents/mortalityrpt13.pdf>

³ Health Atlas of Los Angeles Department of City Planning: https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/7f065983-ff10-4e76-81e5-e166c9b78a9e/Plan_for_a_Healthy_Los_Angeles.pdf

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these monitors have consistently measured PM 2.5 emissions above the healthy standard level⁴. These conditions manifest in the health profile of the community as South Central Los Angeles Residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to their wealthier neighbors in West and North Los Angeles. The narrative and data clearly demonstrate that South Central Los Angeles communities, in addition to air monitoring, need to receive the resources to reduce emissions.

Over the course of 2019, we have mobilized more than 30 community residents to advocate for South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 community selection. Together we hope to see the SCAQMD taking necessary action to invest revitalizing South Central Los Angeles communities and be part of the air quality regulatory process of AB617. Our community is organized. We have built and strengthened the capacity of community members to engage in coordinated efforts to improve the health of the region's communities. Our grassroots community members received the training to be able to identify and monitor air pollutants and hazardous land uses in their community. An AB617 Community Air Protection selection will support community residents' ability to proactively engage in the AB 617 process to move towards creating solutions that can lead to real emissions reductions.

The purpose and intent of AB 617 is ultimately to improve air quality in communities overburdened by cumulative impacts from air pollution sources. Thus, we ask you to ensure that South Central Los Angeles gets the opportunity of benefiting from the AB 617 program, listen to the community's needs, and support the community to start implementing long overdue solutions to clean up the air and improve public health.

Sincerely,



Gloria Medina, Interim Executive Director
Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education

⁴ Purple Air Monitors www.purpleair.com

From: [Davis, Monique@ARB](mailto:Davis.Monique@ARB)
To: [Buckley, Karen@ARB](mailto:Buckley.Karen@ARB); [Salardino, David@ARB](mailto:Salardino.David@ARB); [Zaremba-Schmidt, Laura@ARB](mailto:Zaremba-Schmidt.Laura@ARB)
Subject: FW: Nominate South Central as an Air Quality Improvement Community!
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 8:43:51 AM

FYI

Monique Spears Davis, P.E.

California Air Resources Board
Climate Investments Branch
caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/

Monique.Davis@arb.ca.gov
916-322-7304

From: SCOPE <webmaster@scopela.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Davis, Monique@ARB <monique.davis@arb.ca.gov>
Subject: Nominate South Central as an Air Quality Improvement Community!

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Dear Monique,

We are calling on you to help us ensure that communities in South Central Los Angeles receive the fair share of resources available to start improving air quality and community health, by nominating South Central as an Air Improvement Community under AB617's Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

South Central Los Angeles communities are breathing some of the most polluted air in California. For too long, South Central has suffered the consequences of being exposed to toxic air, lack of regulatory oversight enforcement, historical negligence, and lack of prioritization of community health. Air pollution and emissions reductions are needed immediately. South Central deserves clean air and must be designated as an Air Improvement Community under AB617.

AB 617 was signed into law in 2017 to develop a new community-focused program to more effectively reduce exposure to air pollution and improve public health, which is the Community Emissions Reduction Plan. To date, [13 communities](#) statewide have been chosen to benefit from this program, and for the past 3 years South Central Los Angeles has been left out of this opportunity. **South Central Los Angeles deserves that opportunity!**

TAKE ACTION:

Help us make sure that South Central Los Angeles is nominated as an Air Improvement Community under AB617's Community Emissions Reduction Plan, to ensure our community does not get left behind of the opportunity of achieving cleaner air and healthier communities. You can do this by writing a Community Nomination letter to the South Coast Air Quality Management District and submit it **BEFORE** July 30th to ab617@aqmd.gov.

You can use this letter template, in [English](#) or [Spanish](#), and review this [fact sheet](#) for more information. For any questions please contact our partner, Paula Torrado at ptorrado@psr-la.org

As we continue to fight for environmental, racial and economic justice, we would like to announce new opportunities to join the SCOPE team. We currently have two management-level job openings: Program Director and Policy Director. You can find a full job description at: scopela.org/about-us/careers/. If you would like to apply, please send a cover letter and resume to info@scopela.org.

Thank you for your support and attention to this important matter. We hope you will support us with a letter nominating South Central as an Air Improvement Community under AB617's Community Emissions Reduction Plan!

In solidarity,

SCOPE



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1715 W. Florence Ave.
2nd Floor.
Los Angeles, CA 90047
United States

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 5:59 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to designate South Central Los Angeles as an AB 617 community. I stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

I participated in the SCLA-PUSH Air Quality Academy because I care about improving the air quality in my community. The air quality academy was important to me because I learned about air pollution and solutions to protect my family and myself from harmful pollution.

Our communities are concerned that South Central Los Angeles is being left out of the air protection program AB617. The majority of residents in South Central LA are Black and Latinx people who have lived in this area for generations due to redlining. This is their home and they have a right to clean air. South Central LA has long been ignored and deserves this opportunity to improve air quality and address the legacy of contamination of auto body shops, dry cleaners, and metals facilities. I want real improvements and investments in zero emissions transportation options and clean production that works for working people in South Central Los Angeles Communities.

I am asking you to listen to our communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide us with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of our families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Inglewood, CA 90303
[REDACTED]

From:

[REDACTED]

Sent:

Wednesday, August 5, 2020 4:23 PM

To:

AB 617

Subject:

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90018-4631 [REDACTED]

From:

[REDACTED]

Sent:

Wednesday, August 5, 2020 11:16 AM

To:

AB 617

Subject:

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90027-2919

[REDACTED]

From:

[REDACTED]

Sent:

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 7:30 PM

To:

AB 617

Subject:

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Pasadena, CA 91104-1301 [REDACTED]

From:

[REDACTED]

Sent:

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 5:27 PM

To:

AB 617

Subject:

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Arcadia, CA 91006-2406

[REDACTED]

From:

[REDACTED]

Sent:

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 1:42 PM

To:

AB 617

Subject:

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Claremont, CA 91711-3738 [REDACTED]

From:

[REDACTED]

Sent:

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 1:18 PM

To:

AB 617

Subject:

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90035-3036 [REDACTED]

From:

[REDACTED]

Sent:

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 1:06 PM

To:

AB 617

Subject:

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles, CA 90062-1236 [REDACTED]

From:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:56 AM

Sent:

To:

AB 617

Subject:

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Los Angeles, CA 90016-6200 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 1:10 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Ensure South Central LA is Selected for A Community Air Improvement Plan

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Lifelong Resident

From: Rabeya Sen <rabeya@esperanzacommunityhousing.org>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 4:36 PM
To: AB 617
Cc: Jazmine Johnson
Subject: Fwd: South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan (from Esperanza Community Housing Corporation)
Attachments: AB 617 -- Letter of Support Template for South Central Los Angeles AB 617 Community Selection -- ECHC Letter -- 7-31-20.pdf
Categories: AB617

(**With Attached letter)

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Thank you,
Rabeya
Rabeya Sen
Director of Policy
Esperanza Community Housing Corporation

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Rabeya Sen** <rabeya@esperanzacommunityhousing.org>
Date: Fri, Jul 31, 2020 at 4:34 PM
Subject: South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan (from Esperanza Community Housing Corporation)
To: <ab617@aqmd.gov>

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July 31, 2020

Send to ab617@aqmd.gov

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Esperanza works with low-income communities of color, who live at the intersection of social justice issues affecting South Central Los Angeles's communities – upholding the pillars of health, public health, housing, economic justice, environmental justice, racial and immigrant justice, and supporting local arts and culture – to achieve comprehensive, long-term community development in the Figueroa Corridor of South Central Los Angeles. Low-income communities of color are the foundation of Esperanza's grassroots work. As an affordable housing service provider and as a community-based social justice organization, Esperanza develops opportunities for growth, security, participation, and recognition by developing and preserving affordable housing; promoting health and access to care; stimulating involvement in the arts and culture; pursuing economic development; and advocating for progressive public policy and human rights.

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We at Esperanza have spent over a decade raising awareness around one particularly egregious toxic site, the Allenco oil extraction site, that is located directly across from several of our affordable housing buildings and is located in an area surrounded my homes and schools. Through community meetings, we began to record symptoms experienced by community members and their children and we found patterns consistent with current research on health effects by chemical exposures. The most common symptoms were: intense headaches, blurred vision, confusion, stomach ailments, nausea, pressure in the head, pediatric and adult onset asthma, respiratory distress, sensitivity and pain of eyes and throat, and spontaneous nosebleeds. The harm to the community and to individual members is incalculable. More importantly, these are harms that could have been avoided if the public health and environmental health of our most vulnerable communities – mostly low-income and Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities where most such practices are concentrated -- was centered in our decision-making around land use an zoning policies. If anything, the experience of the community living near the Allenco site should be a cautionary tale to all regulatory agencies and leaders that we cannot allow our communities to be used as sacrifice zones for mere industrial profit. Our communities deserve better – they deserve to live long, healthy lives and in communities where public health and environmental health are paramount.

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Sincerely,



Nancy Halpern Ibrahim, Executive Director
Esperanza Community Housing Corporation

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 1:32 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: It's a Community Resident Support for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to designate South Central Los Angeles as an AB 617 community. I stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

I participated in the SCLA-PUSH Air Quality Academy because I care about improving the air quality in my community. The air quality academy was important to me because I learned about air pollution and solutions to protect my family and myself from harmful pollution.

Our communities are concerned that South Central Los Angeles is being left out of the air protection program AB617. South Central LA has long been ignored and deserves this opportunity to improve air quality and address the legacy of contamination of auto body shops, dry cleaners, and metals facilities. I want real improvements and investments in zero emissions transportation options and clean production that works for working people in South Central Los Angeles Communities.

I am asking you to listen to our communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide us with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of our families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Redondo Beach, CA 90277
[REDACTED]

From: Erica Blyther <erica.blyther@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:10 PM
To: Philip Fine; Jo Kay Ghosh; Lozo, Carolyn@ARB
Cc: CommunityAir@arb.ca.gov; AB 617
Subject: Letter of Support AB617 Year 3 Community: South Central Los Angeles
Attachments: Final AB 617 Location Recommendation Letter - 8.17.20.pdf

Categories: AB617

Good Evening,

Please see the attached. I'd like to recommend South Central Los Angeles for Year 3 of AB617 due to the need for more local high quality health studies and air monitoring data to better inform long term policy decisions including the development of citywide continuous fenceline air monitoring at drill sites. AB617 air monitoring data would be extremely valuable for these efforts.

Sincerely,

Erica

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Erica Blyther, MS, REHS
Environmental Affairs Officer
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DATE: August 17, 2020

TO: Dr. Phillip Fine
Deputy Executive Officer, Planning, Rule Development & Area sources
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

FROM: Erica Blyther, Acting Petroleum Administrator
Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration & Safety

SUBJECT: SITE SELECTION FOR AB 617 – SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES, CA

Dear Dr. Fine,

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The South Central Los Angeles community features a heavy concentration of industry operations, major freeways, oil & gas fields including three drill sites in the City of Los Angeles; the Jefferson drill site in Council District 8, the Murphy drill site in Council District 10 and the AllenCo drill site in Council District 1. The Murphy drill site remains active, the Jefferson drill



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If you have any questions, please call me at (213) 978-2679 or via email at Erica.Blyther@lacity.org.

Sincerely,



Erica Blyther
Acting Petroleum Administrator

CC:

Jo Kay Gosh, South Coast Air Quality Management District
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From: ARB Community Air
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 8:32 AM
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Cc: Salardino, David@ARB
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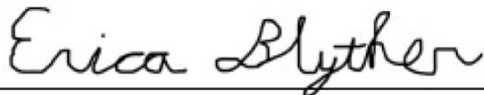
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Erica Blyther
Acting Petroleum Administrator

CC:

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From: Alvidrez, Tiffani <Tiffani.Alvidrez@sen.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 2:31 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Letter of support for South LA
Attachments: SenHollyMitchell Support SCQAMD.pdf

Importance: High

To Whom it May Concern:

Please see attached a letter of support from Senator Mitchell on behalf of South LA to be selected an AB617 Air Improvement Community. Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.
Best,

Tiffani Alvidrez

Chief of Staff

Office of Senator Holly J. Mitchell

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HOLLY J. MITCHELL

SENATOR, THIRTIETH DISTRICT

July 27, 2020

South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

RE: South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

As the State Senator of the 30th District, I represent constituents living in South-Central Los Angeles. I write to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate our South Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community selection process in 2020. The South Central Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans. South Central Los Angeles was not selected as one of the first ten communities of AB 617 in 2019 and was not nominated to be selected for the second year either. I stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

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Regards,

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SENATOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL
30th Senate District

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From: Yvette Nunez <ynunez@cdtech.org>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 11:14 AM
To: AB 617
Cc: Susy Coracero; Benjamin Torres
Subject: Letter of Support to Include South Los Angeles in AB617
Attachments: Letter of Support Template for South Central Los Angeles AB 617 Community Selection 07312020.pdf

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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July 31, 2020

SCAQMD

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RE:South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

We are writing on behalf of the Community Development Technologies Center (CDTech), to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate our South Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community selection process in 2020. The South Central Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans. South Central Los Angeles was not selected as one of the first ten communities of AB 617 in 2019 and was not nominated to be selected for the second year either. We stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

Community Development Technologies, CDTech, is a nationally recognized non- profit organization dedicated to promoting economic opportunities and justice for low income residents and communities throughout Greater Los Angeles. CDTech's mission is to build livable and economically viable communities in the low-income areas of Greater Los Angeles. This is accomplished by strengthening the skills and self-sufficiency of residents, businesses and community serving institutions through a variety of capacity building and direct service programs.

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In Solidarity,

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Benjamin Torres
President & CEO

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 12:11 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Nominate and select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Categories: AB617

JULY 21, 2020
ab617@aqmd.gov

RE:South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing as a resident of Los Angeles and an Educator in South Central, to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate our South Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community selection process in 2020. The South Central Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans. South Central Los Angeles was not selected as one of the first ten communities of AB 617 in 2019 and was not nominated to be selected for the second year either. We stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

The residents of these neighborhoods are essential workers, children, parents, grandparents and you have an opportunity to help them work towards clean air and a healthy future. They have been on the frontlines (the redlines) too long. BUT YOU CAN CHANGE ALL OF THAT. Give them the resources they need to improve their lives, to take steps towards equality and justice in Los Angeles. It's in your hands , you have the power say yes and nominate them.

I know that South-Central Los Angeles is overexposed to a variety of injustices: air pollutants , health disparities, social stressors, incompatible land uses, under- or unemployment, unsafe working conditions, racism, and social exclusion, susceptibility to disease, morbidity, and premature mortality. There are 1,318 hazardous sites (like auto-body shops) within 500 feet of 585 sensitive receptors (like schools). Sensitive receptors are most at risk of developing respiratory problems and other chronic diseases.

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Nominate and select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

Be well,

[REDACTED]

To climb steep hills requires a slow pace at first.
-William Shakespeare

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 7:25 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: please include South LA as part of AB617

Categories: AB617

Dear AQMD,

South Central Los Angeles has been ignored and left out of the air protection program AB617 for too long. This community deserves this opportunity to improve air quality and address the legacy of contamination of auto body shops, dry cleaners, and metals facilities. To that end, I support real improvements and investments in zero emissions transportation options and clean production that works for working people in South Central Los Angeles Communities.

I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Chair, Transportation Committee
Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

From: Paula Torrado <ptorrado@psr-la.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 10:07 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: PSR-LA South Central LA AB617 Community Nomination Letter
Attachments: PSR-LA South Central LA Community Nomination Lettter to SCAQMD.pdf

Categories: AB617

Good afternoon SCAQMD AB617 team,

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Thank you and we look forward to a positive response.

Kindly,

Paula Torrado Plazas,

Air and Toxics Policy Analyst

CHANGE Coalition Coordinator

Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles

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July 24, 2020

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

On behalf of Physicians for Social Responsibility-LA (PSR-LA), I write to express our ***Support for a South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan***. PSR-LA advocates for policies and practices that improve public health, eliminate nuclear and environmental threats, and address health inequalities with the environmental justice principles and precautionary principle at the center of policy advocacy. We are guided by the precautionary principle to foresee and forestall damage to human health and the environment. Within our work we focus on health, the environment, social and environmental justice, and public policy. As part of our mission, we strive to challenge social determinants of health and address health disparities through systemic changes and policy advocacy.

PSR-LA is a physician membership organization that works to protect public health from nuclear threats and environmental toxins. We advocate for improvement of public health practice and policies at the clinical, community, and regulatory level. Working with health professionals and impacted communities, we build capacity to address the environmental health and justice threats facing disadvantaged communities. For over a decade PSR-LA has worked in South and South East Los Angeles with a broad range of community-based organizations, health professionals and residents who are impacted by the cumulative impacts of poverty and pollution. Focusing specifically on issues of toxic chemicals, air pollution, healthy land uses, and equitable development, PSR-LA provides health education, research, and policy solutions while engaging and working respectfully with a wide range of groups, communities, and health professionals. Our work builds power for collective action to protect human health and the environment.

PSR-LA has a long and enduring history of engaging in a broad range of environmental health issues across California, and especially in local Los Angeles communities like South Central. We have over a decade of experience working in the South Central Los Angeles (SCLA) community on a range of issues: toxics, air pollution & climate change, land use & community development, displacement, and oil and gas extraction. We also have strong relationships with health clinics & individual health professionals across the area. Our track record of success includes building a diverse movement for strong environmental health policy grounded in a justice framework; supporting impactful legislative and regulatory efforts on climate and toxics; educating communities on toxics and land use issues; and both engaging in and creating new coalitions to address crucial environmental health issues. Additionally, PSR-LA relies on a base of health professionals that also engage in outreach and education, media and policy education and civic engagement.

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It is clear that solutions are needed direly and must be centered in impacted and front-line communities and rooted in prioritizing investment in community health and environmental justice if we expect to see real and tangible results on the ground. This is the work that the South Central LA Project to Understand the Sources of Air Pollution and Health Impacts, or SCLA-PUSH, is undertaking, a project funded by the California Air Resources Board AB617 Community Air Protection Grants and led by PSR-LA. The SCLA-PUSH project was formed to build the capacity of South Central LA organizations and community residents to better understand the state of air quality and health in their community, and to engage in air monitoring and data analysis. Since our launch in January 2019, our coalition has trained over 70 South Central Los Angeles community residents to engage in air quality policy at the local, regional state levels and build our collective capacity to understand and assess the scale and character of poor air quality.

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We urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District to nominate South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Nomination to a Community Emissions Reduction Plan. The purpose and intent of AB 617 is ultimately to improve air quality in communities overburdened by cumulative impacts from air pollution sources. SCLA-PUSH partners and our Air Quality Academy Graduates urge you to ensure that South Central Los Angeles gets the opportunity of benefiting from the AB 617 program, listen to community's needs, and support the communities to start implementing long overdue solutions to clean up the air and improve public health. We urge SCAQMD to prioritize South Central LA by selecting it for the third year communities of the AB 617 program.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Dina Arguello".

Martha Dina Arguello, Executive Director

Physicians for Social Responsibility-LA

From: Robina <robinasuwol@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:53 PM
To: AB 617
Cc: Jeanette Short
Subject: Re: Nominating - City of Van Nuys (please note 2 attachments)
Attachments: FINAL CA SAFE SCHOOLS MAP VNY_GT_11x17 (2).pdf; August 12 California Safe Schools Nomination Van Nuys.docx; 9FFB2F8A-A70A-4441-815A-BF53D17624B3.jpeg

Dear AB 617 Nominating Committee,

Attached, please find a nomination for the City of Van Nuys.
Thank you for your consideration.

Warm Regards,

Robina

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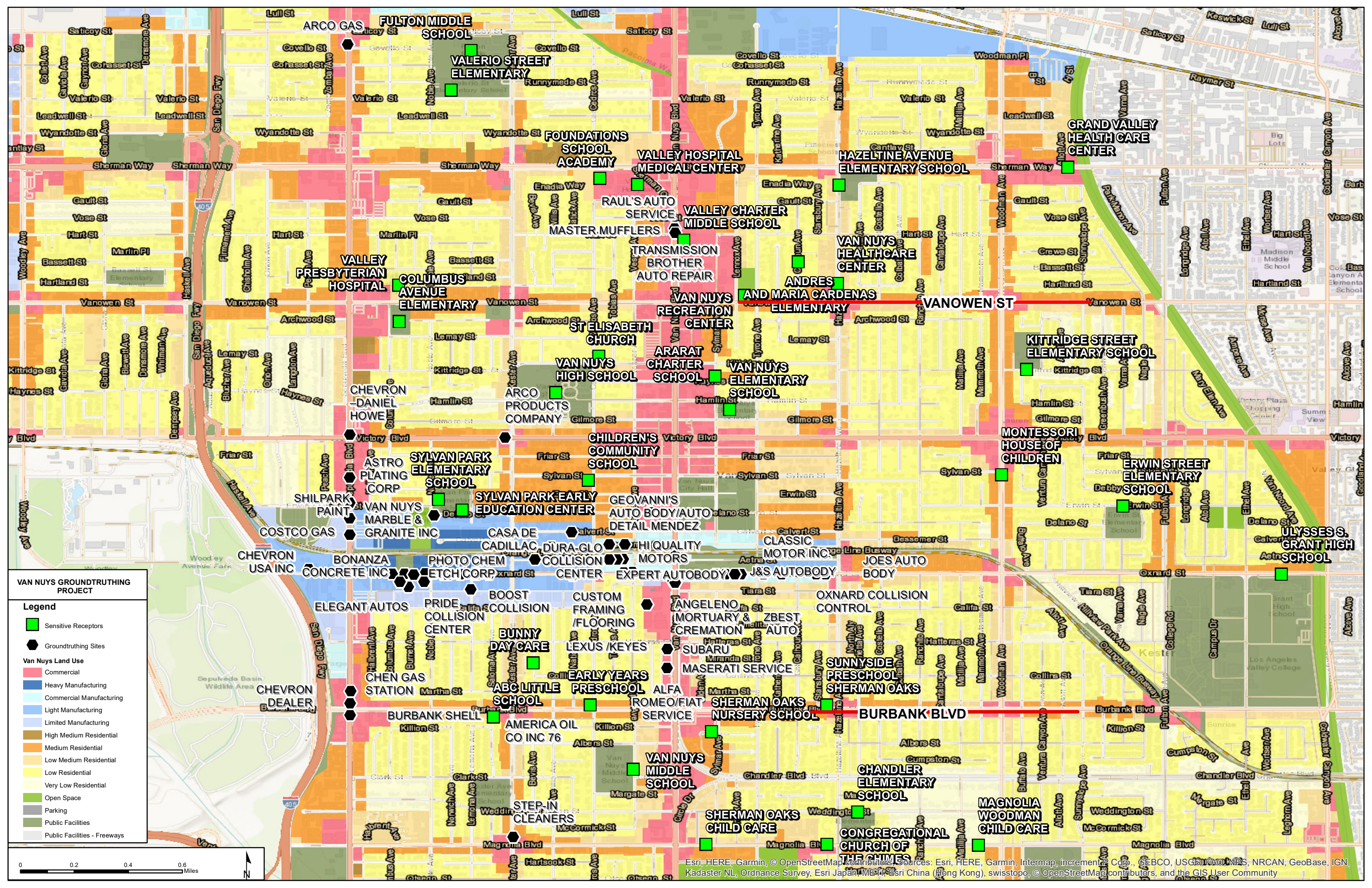
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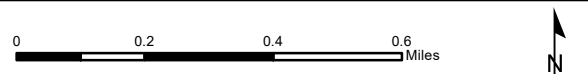
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- Commercial
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Nomination: Van Nuys California

The City of Van Nuys is in the 91411 and 91402 zip codes. These zip codes have more than 800 permitted facilities, but there are many unmarked facilities, and others that have not been inspected ever for compliance by any regulatory agency due to lack of staff, and some businesses are unmarked and hidden from view. These businesses are often close to residents, schools and areas heavily used by students and the public.

CalEnviroScreen 3.0 notes Van Nuys is in the 95-100 % (highest scores) with a pollution burden percentile of 92.35%. The ethnic neighborhood breakdown: Hispanics, 60.5%; whites, 23.1%; Asians, 6.4%; blacks, 6%; and others, 4%.

Van Nuys is served by the 405 (San Diego Freeway) passing through it. Other nearby freeways include the Route 101 (Ventura Freeway), the Route 170 (Hollywood Freeway), the Route 118 (Simi Valley Freeway), and the Golden State Freeway section of Interstate 5. When you review all of the cumulative and synergistic environmental emission threats in the Van Nuys community, it is truly overwhelming.

Van Nuys Facilities & Emissions:

Van Nuys facilities include several chrome plating facilities, a Los Angeles Department of Water & Power substation, cement and stucco facilities, the Chevron Van Nuys Terminal, dozens of gas stations, automotive repair and autobody paint facilities, Van Nuys Airport, film production services, and a crematorium.

Of additional concern, are trucks and vehicles of all kinds transporting products used by businesses that may contain products known to have health impacts, and areas where "No Idling" Signage (CARB) should be placed to reduce truck diesel emissions (note attached signage). Community education on what to do in case of an emergency spill from refueling tanks, and identifying alternate travel routes for vehicles that are transporting potentially toxic materials is important to provide to ensure protection for Van Nuys residents and individuals who work in the community.

For the Van Nuys 617 Community Program, California Safe Schools recommends students who live and attend schools in Van Nuys, along with community members, businesses, regulatory and enforcement agencies work together cooperatively to collect information regarding facilities in the Van Nuys areas where potential toxic air contaminants are confirmed. Working together, the results can potentially reduce, or even eliminate some of these emissions.

The recommended Van Nuys areas include, but are not limited to areas adjacent to homes, schools, and sensitive receptors. Especially areas that may, or may not have been inspected or known by South Coast AQMD, California Air Resources Board or other enforcement and regulatory agencies.

Previously CSS has worked closely with community residents and students to identify and map facilities within the Van Nuys that have a potential air quality threat. (* Please note attached map created after Groundtruthing with residents & students)

Emission Benefits:

CSS's goal is to effect change through local action, by working with residents, students businesses, AQMD, CARB and local regulatory and enforcement agencies to identify facilities, review their emissions, and work to reduce them The project will encourage discussions on the hazards of toxic air chemicals and to work cooperatively to reduce the emissions that could potentially impact the health and safety of individuals who live, work, or attend schools in the area.

One way to bridge the gap between the technical work and the expert knowledge of local residents is through community-based participatory research strategies. CSS hopes that by identifying Van Nuys as a 617 Community, that information collected will provide solid recommendations and implications for future research, and highlight the importance of collaborations between researchers and community-based organizations. When the community and enforcement agencies work together great things can, and do happen.

Organization Description:

Founded in 1998 in Van Nuys, California by Robina Suwol in 1998, California Safe Schools (CSS) is a children's environmental health non-profit committed to ensuring that all students, teachers, staff, and community members who live near school sites are in a safe toxic-free environment. CSS works closely with diverse communities and regulatory agencies on toxics issues (air, water, soil).

CSS achieved national prominence by spearheading the Los Angeles Unified School District's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy, the most stringent pesticide policy in the nation for K-12 public schools the first to embrace the "Precautionary Principle" and "Right to Know" and then the passage of California's Healthy Schools Act. Today the LA Unified IPM policy serves as an international model for school districts and communities.

Organization Experience:

CSS has worked for more than twenty-two years with diverse communities, parents, students, teachers, local, state and federal regulatory and environmental enforcement agencies, school districts and government officials. CSS works closely with the South Coast Air Quality Management District, California Air Resources Board, Department of Toxic Substances Control and other local, state, and federal agencies, and is a member of the Los Angeles Environmental Justice Network.

CSS's track record in working to improve the school environment has developed over two decades as a children's environmental health and justice coalition founded by Robina Suwol after grade school students, including Robina's two sons, were sprayed with the herbicide Princep, as they headed to class. A school gardener in a hazardous materials suit, employed by LAUSD, unaware students were present, sprayed the herbicide creating a cloud of pesticide mist students were forced to walk through to reach their classrooms. Several parents who had dropped off their children at the school were alarmed to witness this event. Robina's youngest son, Nicholas, whose asthma had been under control, experienced a severe asthma attack after the incident.

CSS worked with the district to ensure incidents like this would not happen again, and one year to the date Nicholas became ill, CSS and LAUSD created the most stringent pesticide policy in the nation for schools. The policy was the first in the United States to embrace the Precautionary Principle and Parents Right to Know regarding pesticides in schools.

The success of the policy led to California legislation, Healthy Schools Act 2000, and AB 405 spearheaded by Robina Suwol and CSS, which prevents experimental pesticides whose health effects are unknown from being used in all K-12 California schools. As a result, 6 million students, hundreds of thousands of teachers and school employees are protected.

Organization Leadership : Robina Suwol

Robina Suwol is the founder and executive director of California Safe Schools. She is a two-time Volvo Hero Award recipient (third and fifth), Environmental Protection Agency Region IX - 2007 Environmental Award, Women of Spirit Award, and Los Angeles Children's Council Leading Boldly Award, South Coast Air Quality Management District Environmental Award, 2007& 2019, U.S. Western Pollution Prevention Hero, *Prevention Magazine* Hero, 1st Amendment Coalition's 2009 Beacon Award, Charles Gibbs 2009 Environmental Award, City of Los Angeles Mayor's Angel Award, WebMD 2012 Health Hero, and 2013 Francis Eleanor Smith, "Helping the Helpless Children" Award.

UTNE Reader named Suwol "One of Fifty Visionaries Who are Changing the World". Articles about her have appeared in *Ladies Home Journal*, *Yes Magazine*, *Child Magazine*, *Parent*, *Prevention Magazine*, *National Safety Council* magazine, *Children's Advocate*, as well as the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Los Angeles Daily News*

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robina Suwol
Executive Director
California Safe Schools

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PENALTIES APPLY**

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:06 PM
To: AB 617
Cc: Fabian Wesson; Jeanette Short
Subject: Re: Nominating: City of Santa Ana

Dear AB 617 Nominating Committee,

Since 2005 I have been working to protect students and community members and individuals who work in Santa Ana. Below, is an article that outlines health and safety issues that have been of concern for more than 15 years.

https://en.wikinews.org/wiki/Mothers,_teachers_concerned_about_leukemia_deaths_at_California_elementary_school

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Kindest Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 10:15 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: Resident of South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

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I participated in the SCLA-PUSH Air Quality Academy because I care about improving the air quality in my community. The air quality academy was important to me because I learned about air pollution and solutions to protect my family and myself from harmful pollution.

Our communities are concerned that South Central Los Angeles is being left out of the air protection program AB617. South Central LA has long been ignored and deserves this opportunity to improve air quality and address the legacy of contamination of auto body shops, dry cleaners, and metals facilities. I want real improvements and investments in zero emissions transportation options and clean production that works for working people in South Central Los Angeles Communities.

I am asking you to listen to our communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide us with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of our families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90062
[REDACTED]

From: Paula Torrado <ptorrado@psr-la.org>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 3:40 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: South Central LA Community Nomination Letter - SCLA-PUSH Coalition
Attachments: SCLA-PUSH South Central LA Community Nomination Letter to SCAQMD.pdf

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Thank you and we look forward to a positive response.

Kindly,

Paula Torrado Plazas,

Air and Toxics Policy Analyst

CHANGE Coalition Coordinator

Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles

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July 24th, 2020

21865 Copley Drive,
Diamond Bar, CA
91765

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socioeconomic status” are “not attributable to biological factors” alone but can be explained by social and environmental contributors². For instance, a study suggests that environmental factors account for 30% of the total childhood asthma burden in California, but in places where pollution is acute, they could be responsible for up to 41% of that burden³. Social and environmental stressors often reinforce one another, leading to more serious health consequences for impacted neighborhoods. Data have shown that clusters of pollutants are often disproportionately concentrated in disadvantaged and minority communities, wreaking havoc on the health of these residents. For example, in 2010 the South Central LA area had one of the highest asthma emergency visits and hospitalization rates in the county⁴. To compound the problem, residents are less able to cope with their health problems—and are more susceptible to disease, morbidity, and premature mortality—because of social stressors, such as under- or unemployment, unsafe working conditions, racism, and social exclusion.

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² National Academies of Sciences, the National Academies Press (US); 2017 Jan 11. 2, The State of Health Disparities in the United States. Available from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK425844/>

³Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), *Asthma in California A Surveillance Report*, May 2013, https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDCPHP/DEODC/EHIB/CPE/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Asthma_in_California_2013.pdf

⁴ *Between the 110 and the 405: Environmental Injustice in South Los Angeles*, SCOPE-LA, Nov 27 2018

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Many recent studies show that these communities bear a higher risk of dying from COVID-19 because they breathe the highest levels of dangerous air pollution in the country⁷. California is one of three states to have the lowest income and communities of color living within a half-mile of industrial facilities. More than 24,000 South LA residents live within 500 feet of a major truck route and are exposed consistently to particulate matters from diesel exhaust. In addition, over 21,000 residents live within 500 feet of other unwanted land uses, such as manufacturing, warehousing and distribution, oil refining or chemical plants⁸. Long term exposure to harmful pollution leads to the development of chronic diseases and weakening of the immune systems leading to higher susceptibility to other diseases such as COVID-19. In particular, a recent study by Harvard University's School of Public Health found that a small increase in long-term exposure to particulate matter was associated with a 15 percent increase in the COVID-19 death rate⁹. The study further suggests that areas with higher pollution levels will have higher rates of hospitalization and death, and thus are where resources should be concentrated. This significant and mere first wave of scientific literature points to the urgency of state's regulatory agencies' next actions to reduce air pollution and protect South Central Los Angeles residents who are bearing significant health disparities.

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⁷ See Riccardo Pansini, et. al., Initial Evidence of Higher Morbidity and Mortality Due to SARS-CoV-2 in Regions with Lower Air Quality, (preprint) <http://doi.org/10.1101/2020.04.04.20053595>.

⁸ California Air Resources Board Community Health, Air Quality, and Land Use Handbook: <https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf>

⁹ See Xiao Wu, Exposure to Air Pollution and COVID-19 Mortality in the United States (preprint) <http://doi.org/10.1101/2020.04.05.20054502>; See <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/hsph-in-the-news/air-pollution-linked-with-higher-covid-19-death-rates/>. We cite preprint studies undergoing peer-review due to the recency of COVID-19 pandemic.

and be part of the air quality regulatory process of AB617. Our community is organized and ready to take on the mission of revitalizing South Central Los Angeles. We have built and strengthened the capacity of community members to engage in coordinated efforts to improve the health of the region's communities. An AB617 Community Air Protection selection will support community residents' desire to engage in the AB 617 process to move towards creating solutions that can lead to real emissions reductions.

The undersigned organizations part of the SCLA-PUSH project and community members urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District to nominate South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Nomination to a Community Emissions Reduction Plan. The purpose and intent of AB 617 is ultimately to improve air quality in communities overburdened by cumulative impacts from air pollution sources. SCLA-PUSH partners and our Air Quality Academy Graduates urge you to ensure that South Central Los Angeles gets the opportunity of benefiting from the AB 617 program, listen to community's needs, and support the communities to start implementing long overdue solutions to clean up the air and improve public health. We urge SCAQMD to prioritize South Central LA by selecting it for the third year communities of the AB 617 program.

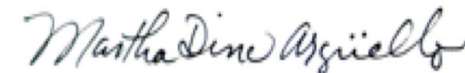
Cordially,



Paula Torrado Plazas,
SCLA-PUSH Project Coordinator
Physicians for Social Responsibility- LA



Sonya Vasquez,
Chief Transformation Officer
Community Health Councils




Martha Dina Arguello,
Executive Director
Physicians for Social Responsibility-LA



Jill Johnston,
University of Southern California



Gloria Medina, Interim Executive Director
Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy
Education



Bhavna Shamasunder,
Occidental College

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 10:01 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: South Central Los Angeles - AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to designate South Central Los Angeles as an AB 617 community. I stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

I participated in the SCLA-PUSH Air Quality Academy because I care about improving the air quality in my community. The air quality academy was important to me because I learned about air pollution and solutions to protect my family and myself from harmful pollution.

We are concerned that South Central Los Angeles is being left out of the air protection program AB617; the area is largely made up of Black and brown residents, who already suffer adverse health effects caused by environmental factors due to the racist practice of redlining. South Central LA has long been ignored and deserves this opportunity to improve air quality and address the legacy of contamination of auto body shops, dry cleaners, and metals facilities. Where a person lives and the color of their skin should not determine if they contract a disease through the air we all breathe. I want real improvements and investments in zero emissions transportation options and clean production that works for everyone in South Central Los Angeles Communities.

I am asking you to listen to our communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide us with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of our families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Studio City, CA 91604
[REDACTED]

From: Maria Patiño Gutierrez <mpatino@saje.net>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 3:31 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan
Attachments: Letter of Support Template for South Central Los Angeles AB 617 Community Selection (1).pdf
Categories: AB617

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan written by SAJE.

Thank you

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Maria Patiño Gutierrez

Program Coordinator

Pronouns: Sher/Her/They

SAJE-Strategic Actions for a Just Economy

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July 31st, 2020

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RE:

South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

We are writing on behalf of Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE), to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate our South Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community selection process in 2020. The South Central Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans. South Central Los Angeles was not selected as one of the first ten communities of AB 617 in 2019 and was not nominated to be selected for the second year either. We stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

SAJE is a 501c3 non-profit organization in South Los Angeles that builds community power and leadership for economic justice. Since 1996 SAJE has been a force for economic justice in our community by focusing on tenant rights, healthy housing, and equitable development. SAJE works with and provides tenants rights information to tenants and advocates for policies to protect tenants. SAJE supports over 500 tenants and families yearly through our tenant action clinic, workshops and leadership development. Ensuring that our communities environment and air quality is safe is important to ensure people are safe in their homes. This is why SAJE urges the South Coast Air Quality Management District to nominate South Central for a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

We know that South-Central Los Angeles is overexposed to a variety of air pollutants emitted by a range of air pollution sources and health disparities are further compounded by exposure to multiple pollution sources and social stressors or incompatible land uses. Clusters of incompatible land uses are often disproportionately concentrated in disadvantaged and minority

communities, wreaking havoc on the health of residents nearby. At the same time, social stressors, such as under- or unemployment, unsafe working conditions, racism, and social exclusion, make residents less able to cope with their health problems and more susceptible to disease, morbidity, and premature mortality. For example, there are 1,318 hazardous sites (like auto-body shops) within 500 feet of 585 sensitive receptors (like schools)¹. Sensitive receptors are most at risk of developing respiratory problems and other chronic diseases.

In 2010, the South Central LA area had one of the highest asthma emergency visits and hospitalization rates in the county. South Central LA census tracts consistently and overwhelmingly score in the top 5-10% most vulnerable communities in both environmental and socio-economic factors, according to the California Environmental Screening Tool². According to the Health Atlas, over 20 % of adults and 25 % of children in South Los Angeles were obese in 2007. Over 10 % of adults in some neighborhoods are living with diabetes. Coronary heart disease and respiratory illness are leading causes of death throughout the South Central Los Angeles neighborhoods. In 2013, There were 2,687 deaths to lung cancer, the most common followed by breast cancer among the highest for Black and Latino adults³. Also, Brentwood residents can expect to live 12 years longer than a resident from Watts⁴. South Central Los Angeles Residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to their wealthier neighbors in West and North Los Angeles. Currently, there are no regulatory agencies air monitors located in the South Central Los Angeles area. Community members have installed 10 community air monitors, PurpleAirMonitors, to assess the state of Particulate Matter 2.5 pollution in their communities. Over the span of a year, 60% of these monitors have consistently measured PM 2.5 emissions above the healthy standar level⁵. These conditions are evident in the health profile of the community as South Central Los Angeles Residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to their wealthier neighbors in West and North Los Angeles. These narratives and substantial data sets demonstrate that South Central Los Angeles communities living next to incompatible land uses continue to breathe toxic air, and while air monitoring is essential, real action to reduce emissions is needed direly.

SAJE as a member of the United Neighbors in Defense (UNIDAD) Coalition advocated for over 10 years for the newly updated South and Southeast LA Community plans to address

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environmental issues in our neighborhood. Through community engagement we created The People's Plan which aimed to address inequities in planning in our neighborhoods including by reducing the amount of oil wells in the planning areas, creating a Clean Up Green Up Zone in South Los Angeles. Winning these policies for our community plans were tremendous, however South LA is severely impacted by environmental racism, therefore South LA could tremendously benefit from this nomination in order to complement the new policies and programs in order to achieve cleaner air and healthier communities.

It is clear that solutions are needed direly and must be centered in impacted and front-line communities and rooted in prioritizing investment in community health and environmental justice if we expect to see real and tangible results on the ground. South Central Los Angeles communities deserve the opportunity to start improving air quality and quality of life.

We urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board to nominate and select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. The purpose and intent of AB 617 is ultimately to improve air quality in communities overburdened by cumulative impacts from air pollution sources. Thus, we ask you to ensure that South Central Los Angeles gets the opportunity of benefiting from the AB 617 program, listen to the community's needs, and support the community to start implementing long overdue solutions to clean up the air and improve public health.

Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 7:03 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: South Central Los Angeles For AB617
Categories: AB617

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to designate South Central Los Angeles as an AB 617 community. I stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

I participated in the SCLA-PUSH Air Quality Academy because I care about improving the air quality in my community. The air quality academy was important to me because I learned about air pollution and solutions to protect my family and myself from harmful pollution.

The lack of investment on SC LA has led to deeply ingrained inequality in our city. Redressing that imbalance in investment is the first step towards justice.

I am asking you to listen to our communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide us with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of our families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:46 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: South Central Resident in Support for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to designate South Central Los Angeles as an AB 617 community. I stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

I participated in the SCLA-PUSH Air Quality Academy because I care about improving the air quality in my community. The air quality academy was important to me because I learned about air pollution and solutions to protect my family and myself from harmful pollution.

My community is concerned that South Central Los Angeles is being left out of the air protection program AB617. South Central LA has long been ignored and deserves this opportunity to improve air quality and address the legacy of contamination of auto body shops, dry cleaners, and metals facilities. I have seen what a healthy and green community looks like as I attend UCLA and see the benefits of living there have done for my asthma and the environment around. I want the same for South Central. want real improvements and investments in zero emissions transportation options and clean production that works for working people in South Central Los Angeles Communities.

I am asking you to listen to our communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide us with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of our families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90047
[REDACTED]

From: Sunrise LA <sunrisemovementlosangeles@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 5:49 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Sunrise LA letter of support
Attachments: Letter of Support _ Sunrise LA .docx

Hello,

Attached is a letter from Sunrise LA in support of AB 617.

Best,

Nicole Levin
Hub Coordinator

July 22, 2020

RE:South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

We are writing on behalf of **Sunrise Movement Los Angeles** to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate our South Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community selection process in 2020. The South Central Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans. South Central Los Angeles was not selected as one of the first ten communities of AB 617 in 2019 and was not nominated to be selected for the second year either. We stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

Our youth-led organization works to fight climate change and create millions of good jobs in the process.

We know that South-Central Los Angeles is overexposed to a variety of air pollutants emitted by a range of air pollution sources and health disparities are further compounded by exposure to multiple pollution sources and social stressors or incompatible land uses. Clusters of incompatible land uses are often disproportionately concentrated in disadvantaged and minority communities, wreaking havoc on the health of residents nearby. At the same time, social stressors, such as under- or unemployment, unsafe working conditions, racism, and social exclusion, make residents less able to cope with their health problems and more susceptible to disease, morbidity, and premature mortality. For example, there are 1,318 hazardous sites (like auto-body shops) within 500 feet of 585 sensitive receptors (like schools)¹. Sensitive receptors are most at risk of developing respiratory problems and other chronic diseases.

In 2010, the South Central LA area had one of the highest asthma emergency visits and hospitalization rates in the county. South Central LA census tracts consistently and overwhelmingly score in the top 5-10% most vulnerable communities in both environmental and socio-economic factors, according to the California Environmental Screening Tool². According to the Health Atlas, over 20 % of adults and 25 % of children in South Los Angeles were obese in 2007. Over 10 % of adults in some neighborhoods are living with diabetes. Coronary heart disease and respiratory illness are leading causes of death throughout the South Central Los Angeles neighborhoods. In 2013, There were 2,687 deaths to lung cancer, the most common followed by

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breast cancer among the highest for Black and Latino adults³. Also, Brentwood residents can expect to live 12 years longer than a resident from Watts⁴. South Central Los Angeles Residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to their wealthier neighbors in West and North Los Angeles. Currently, there are no regulatory agencies air monitors located in the South Central Los Angeles area. Community members have installed 10 community air monitors, PurpleAirMonitors, to assess the state of Particulate Matter 2.5 pollution in their communities. Over the span of a year, 60% of these monitors have consistently measured PM 2.5 emissions above the healthy standar level⁵. These conditions are evident in the health profile of the community as South Central Los Angeles Residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to their wealthier neighbors in West and North Los Angeles. These narratives and substantial data sets demonstrate that South Central Los Angeles communities living next to incompatible land uses continue to breathe toxic air, and while air monitoring is essential, real action to reduce emissions is needed direly.

It is clear that solutions are needed direly and must be centered in impacted and front-line communities and rooted in prioritizing investment in community health and environmental justice if we expect to see real and tangible results on the ground. South Central Los Angeles communities deserve the opportunity to start improving air quality and quality of life.

We urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board to nominate and select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. The purpose and intent of AB 617 is ultimately to improve air quality in communities overburdened by cumulative impacts from air pollution sources. Thus, we ask you to ensure that South Central Los Angeles gets the opportunity of benefiting from the AB 617 program, listen to the community's needs, and support the community to start implementing long overdue solutions to clean up the air and improve public health.

Nicole Levin

Nicole Levin
Sunrise Los Angeles Hub Coordinator

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From: Jonathan Pacheco Bell <jpachecobell@lanlt.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 6:04 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: SUPPORT - South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB 617
Community Emissions Reduction Plan
Attachments: LANLT Letter of Support for South Central Los Angeles AB 617 Community Selection.pdf
Categories: AB617

Dear South Coast AQMD,

Attached please find a letter of support from Tori Kjer, PLA, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust.

We support nominating **South Central Los Angeles** for an AB 617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

Thank you,
Jonathan Pacheco Bell, MAUP, MLIS
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Date: July 27, 2020

To: South Coast Air Quality Management District, Email: ab617@aqmd.gov

RE: South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB 617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

We're writing on behalf of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate the South Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community selection process in 2020. The South Central Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans in the City of Los Angeles. South Central Los Angeles was not selected as one of the first ten communities of AB 617 in 2019 and was not nominated to be selected for the second year either. We stand in strong support of an AB 617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

The mission of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust is to contribute to the equity and well-being of our neighborhoods through the development of parks, gardens, and community-driven organizing. We work with communities to create parks and gardens as a way to empower residents in underserved areas like South Central LA. We operate parks and gardens in South LA within the City of Los Angeles and in the unincorporated communities, such as Willowbrook and West Athens. These community green spaces enhance quality of life by providing access to nature, affording recreational space, and creating shade that reduces urban heat island effects. As we develop more parks and gardens in South Central, we want residents to breathe clean air while enjoying these public spaces.

We know that South Central is overexposed to a variety of air pollutants emitted by a range of air pollution sources, and health disparities are further compounded by exposure to multiple pollution sources, social stressors, and incompatible land uses. Clusters of incompatible land uses are disproportionately concentrated in disadvantaged communities of color, wreaking havoc on the health of residents. At the same time, social stressors, such as under- or unemployment, unsafe working conditions, racism and social exclusion, make residents less able to cope with their health problems and more susceptible to disease, morbidity, and premature mortality. For example, there are 1,318 hazardous sites (such as auto body shops) within 500 feet of 585 sensitive receptor sites, including schools¹. Sensitive receptors are most at risk of developing respiratory problems and other chronic diseases.

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In 2010, the South Central LA area had one of the highest asthma emergency visits and hospitalization rates in the county. South Central census tracts consistently and overwhelmingly score in the top 5-10% most vulnerable communities in both environmental and socio-economic factors according to the California Environmental Screening Tool². According to the Health Atlas, over 20% of adults and 25% of children in South Central were obese in 2007. Over 10% of adults in some neighborhoods are living with diabetes. Coronary heart disease and respiratory illness are leading causes of death throughout South Central Los Angeles neighborhoods. In 2013, there were 2,687 deaths from lung cancer, the most common cause followed by breast cancer among the highest for Black and Latino adults³. Meanwhile, Brentwood residents can expect to live 12 years longer than a resident from Watts⁴.

Currently, there are no regulatory agency air monitors located in the South Central Los Angeles area. Community members have installed 10 community air monitors, PurpleAirMonitors, to assess the state of Particulate Matter 2.5 pollution in their communities. Over the span of a year, 60% of these monitors have consistently measured PM 2.5 emissions above the healthy standard level⁵. These conditions are evident in the health profile of the community as South Central Los Angeles residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to their wealthier neighbors in West LA and North Los Angeles areas. These narratives and substantial data demonstrate that South Central Los Angeles communities living next to incompatible land uses continue to breathe toxic air, and while air monitoring is essential, real action to reduce emissions is needed direly.

It is clear that solutions are needed and must be centered in impacted, front-line communities. We must prioritize investment in community health and environmental justice if we expect to see tangible results on the ground. South Central LA deserves to enjoy improved air quality and higher quality of life.

We urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board to nominate and select South Central Los Angeles for an AB 617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. The intent of AB 617 is to improve air quality in communities overburdened by cumulative impacts from air pollution sources. We ask you to: ensure that South Central Los Angeles gets the opportunity of benefiting from the AB 617 program, listen to the community's needs, and support the community to start implementing long overdue solutions to clean up the air and improve public health.

Thank you,



Tori Kjer, PLA
Executive Director

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⁵ Purple Air Monitors: www.purpleair.com

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 9:19 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination
Categories: AB617

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to designate South Central Los Angeles as an AB 617 community. I stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

I participated in the SCLA-PUSH Air Quality Academy because I care about improving the air quality in my community. The air quality academy was important to me because I learned about air pollution and solutions to protect my family and myself from harmful pollution.

Living in a privileged part of the vast City of Los Angeles, I know I benefit from the clean air I breathe every day whether or not I take the time to acknowledge that fact. Despite my neighborhood being one that is still reliant on cars, it is protected from the impacts of that environmental damage in ways that South Central Los Angeles is not because uses such as auto body shops, dry cleaners, metals facilities, and industrial uses have no chance of being located anywhere close to this area. The disproportionate impacts are unjust and must be addressed. These polluting land uses should not be allowed in parts of the city that have already suffered so greatly from heavy industry. Instead, I hope you will include South Central Los Angeles as an AB 617 air protection community. I want to see real investment and improvements in zero emission transportation options and clean energy production for my fellow Angelenos so they don't have to choose between getting to work and having a healthy environment.

I am asking you to listen to our communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide us with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of our families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90049
[REDACTED]

From: Roberto Perez <roberto.perez@lacity.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 2:39 PM
To: AB 617
Cc: gcharusombat@scopela.org
Subject: Support Letter for South LA AB617 Community Nomination
Attachments: Letter of Support Template for South Central Los Angeles AB 617 Community Selection_MHD.pdf

Categories: AB617

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

Please see the attached letter of support from LA City Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson for the nomination of the South Central Los Angeles Community to be part of the AB 617 Community Air Monitoring program.

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Roberto Perez
Capital Projects Aide
Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson

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July 30, 2020
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Dr,
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

RE: South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate the South Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community emission reduction plan selection in 2020. The South Central Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans. The community was not selected as one of the first ten beneficiary communities for AB 617 in 2019, and was not nominated to be selected in the second year either.

As Councilmember, the health and safety of the residents of South LA is my ultimate priority. We know that South-Central Los Angeles is overexposed to a variety of air pollutants emitted by a range of polluters. Clusters of industrial and hazardous land uses are too often concentrated and sited near homes and schools in disadvantaged and minority communities, wreaking havoc on the health of local residents. At the same time, social stressors, such as under- or unemployment, unsafe working conditions, racism, and social exclusion, further damage residents' ability to cope with their health problems, increasing their risk of disease, morbidity, and premature mortality. For example, there are 1,318 hazardous sites (like auto-body shops) within 500 feet of 585 sensitive receptors (like schools)¹. Sensitive receptors are most at risk of developing respiratory problems and other chronic diseases.

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Despite these conditions, currently, there are no regulatory agency air monitors located in the South Central Los Angeles area. Community members have installed 10 community air monitors, PurpleAirMonitors, to assess the state of Particulate Matter 2.5 pollution in their communities. Over the span of a year, 60% of these monitors have consistently measured PM 2.5 emissions above the healthy standard levels. These conditions are evident in the

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MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, Eighth District

aforementioned health profile of the community, as South Central Los Angeles Residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to residents in wealthier neighboring communities.

A solution is needed direly, and must be centered in impacted and front-line communities and rooted in prioritizing investment in community health and environmental justice. South Central Los Angeles communities have been overburdened by air pollution for too long, and they deserve real, tangible results that improve their air quality and quality of life. I urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board to nominate and select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

Marqueece Harris-Dawson,
Councilmember, Eighth District

From: Williams, Angelo <Angelo.Williams@asm.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 5:24 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Support South Central LA AB617 Community Selection
Attachments: South Coast Air Quality Management District.pdf

Enclosed please find a letter of support from Assemblymember Mike Gipson (AD-64). If you have any questions about this letter please contact me directly.

Dr. Angelo Williams, Chief of Staff
Democratic Caucus Chair,
Assemblymember Mike Gipson AD 64
269-589-9202



July 30, 2020

South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Dr,
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
ab617@aqmd.gov

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Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I write today to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate our South Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community selection process in 2020. The South Central Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans. South Central Los Angeles was not selected as one of the first ten communities of AB 617 in 2019 and was not nominated to be selected for the second year either. We stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

As Assemblymember for California's 64th Assembly District I proudly represent the communities of Carson, Compton, Gardena, Harbor Gateway, Lynwood, North Long Beach, Rancho Dominguez, South Los Angeles, Torrance, Watts/Willowbrook and Wilmington.

South-Central Los Angeles communities are overexposed to a variety of air pollutants emitted by a range of air pollution sources and health disparities are further compounded by social stressors and incompatible land uses. Clusters of incompatible land uses are often disproportionately concentrated in disadvantaged and minority communities, wreaking havoc on the health of residents nearby. At the same time, social stressors, such as under- or unemployment, unsafe working conditions, racism, and social exclusion, make residents less able to cope with their health problems and more susceptible to disease, morbidity, and premature mortality. For example, there are 1,318 hazardous sites (like auto-body shops) within 500 feet of 585 sensitive receptors (like

schools)¹. Sensitive receptors are most at risk of developing respiratory problems and other chronic diseases.

In 2010, the South Central LA area had one of the highest asthma emergency visits and hospitalization rates in the county. South Central LA census tracts consistently and overwhelmingly score in the top 5-10% most vulnerable communities in both environmental and socio-economic factors, according to the California Environmental Screening Tool². According to the Health Atlas, coronary heart disease and respiratory illness are leading causes of death throughout the South Central Los Angeles neighborhoods. In 2013, There were 2,687 deaths to lung cancer, the most common followed by breast cancer among the highest for Black and Latino adults³. South Central Los Angeles Residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to their wealthier neighbors in West and North Los Angeles. These narratives and substantial data sets demonstrate that South Central Los Angeles communities living next to incompatible land uses continue to breathe toxic air, and while air monitoring is essential, real action to reduce emissions is needed direly.

It is clear that solutions are needed direly and must be centered in impacted and front-line communities and rooted in prioritizing investment in community health and environmental justice if we expect to see real and tangible results on the ground. South Central Los Angeles communities deserve the opportunity to start improving air quality and quality of life.

We urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District to nominate and select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. The purpose and intent of AB 617 is ultimately to improve air quality in communities overburdened by cumulative impacts from air pollution sources. Thus, we ask you to ensure that South Central Los Angeles gets the opportunity of benefiting from the AB 617 program, listen to the community's needs, and support the community to start implementing long overdue solutions to clean up the air and improve public health.

¹ PSR-LA 500 Feet Project: <http://500ft.psr-la.org/>

² *Between the 110 and the 405: Environmental Injustice in South Los Angeles*, SCOPE-LA, Nov 27 2018

³ LA Public Health Department Mortality Rates 2013 <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dca/data/documents/mortalityrpt13.pdf>

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike A. Gipson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Gipson" clearly legible.

Mike A. Gipson
Democratic Caucus Chair,
Assemblymember, 64th AD

From: Shawn Wallace <shawn.wallace@lacity.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 4:56 PM
To: AB 617
Cc: Justin Wesson
Subject: Fwd: CD10: South LA Community Nomination Letter
Attachments: SC10WE-KMC520073017170.pdf

For your review and consideration.

Have a wonderful day.



For updates regarding COVID-19 and Council District 10, please visit herbwesson.com.

For accurate and timely updates regarding COVID-19, please visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov), [PublicHealth.LACounty.gov](https://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov), and [LAMayor.org/Coronavirus](https://www.lamayor.org/Coronavirus).

Don't forget to sign up for [NotifyLA](https://www.notifyla.com), L.A.'s mass notification system.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Safer At Home order.



HERB J. WESSON, JR.
COUNCILMEMBER, 10TH DISTRICT

July 30, 2020

Via email: ab617@aqmd.gov

South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District:

RE: South Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter: AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan

As Councilman of the 10th Council District in the City of Los Angeles, I write to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate the South Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community selection process in 2020. The South Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans. South Los Angeles was not selected as one of the first ten communities of AB 617 in 2019 and was not nominated to be selected for the second year either. I stand in strong support of an AB 617 community selection for South Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

The Tenth Council District is home to one of the most diverse racial and socio-economic populations in the city. The residents are informed and engaged in their communities and strive to maintain a strong livable community. Our communities are overexposed to a variety of air pollutants emitted by a range of air pollution sources and health disparities are further compounded by social stressors and incompatible land uses. Clusters of incompatible land uses are often disproportionately concentrated in disadvantaged and minority communities, wreaking havoc on the health of residents nearby. For this reason, my office worked in the last few years to close oil drilling sites within Council District 10 to mitigate air quality and safety concerns. Adding to inadequate air quality, social stressors such as under- or unemployment, unsafe working conditions, racism, and social exclusion, make residents less able to cope with their health problems and more susceptible to disease, morbidity, and premature mortality.

It is clear that solutions are needed and must be centered in impacted and front-line communities and rooted in prioritizing investment in community health and environmental justice if we expect to see real and tangible results on the ground. South Los Angeles communities deserve the opportunity to start improving air quality and quality of life.

I respectfully urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District to nominate and select South Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

Sincerely,


HERB J. WESSON, Jr.

Councilmember, 10th District

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 1:43 PM
To: AB 617
Subject: Community Resident Support Letter for South Central Los Angeles AB617 Nomination

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to designate South Central Los Angeles as an AB 617 community. I stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

I participated in the SCLA-PUSH Air Quality Academy because I care about improving the air quality in my community. The air quality academy was important to me because I learned about air pollution and solutions to protect my family and myself from harmful pollution.

Our CA communities are concerned that South Central Los Angeles is being left out of the air protection program AB617. South Central LA has long been ignored and deserves this opportunity to improve air quality and address the legacy of contamination of auto body shops, dry cleaners, and metals facilities. I want real improvements and investments in zero emissions transportation options and clean production that works for working people in South Central Los Angeles Communities.

I am asking you to listen to our communities in South Central Los Angeles and provide us with real solutions that will ensure the health and well-being of our families and communities are protected. I urge you to select South Central Los Angeles for an AB617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan. Because together we can create solutions for healthier communities in South Central LA and we need you to make that vision reality.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
San Francisco, CA 94121
[REDACTED]

From: Kelly Bui <kelly@thelatrust.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 4:45 PM
To: AB 617
Cc: Maryjane Puffer; Lillian Orta
Subject: [The L.A. Trust] Letter of Support AB 617
Attachments: AB 617 support lettter The L.A.Trust.pdf

On behalf of Maryjane Puffer, Executive Director of The Los Angeles Trust for Children’s Health, please find attached our letter of support.

Regards,
Kelly

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The L.A. Trust is open for business but working remotely during the coronavirus closures. As always, I can be reached via email or phone during regular business hours, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

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July 21, 2020

RE: South Central Los Angeles Community Nomination Letter for AB617
Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

We are writing on behalf of The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health (The L.A. Trust) to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to nominate our South Central Los Angeles community for the next round of the AB 617 community selection process in 2020. The South Central Los Angeles community comprises both the South Los Angeles and South East Los Angeles Community Plans. South Central Los Angeles was not selected as one of the first ten communities of AB 617 in 2019 and was not nominated to be selected for the second year either. We stand in strong support of an AB617 community selection for South Central Los Angeles to implement a Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

Formed in 1991, The L.A. Trust is the key 501(c)3 organization exclusively focused on school health programs in Los Angeles County. Working specifically within the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), the mission of The L.A. Trust is to improve student health and readiness to learn through access, advocacy and programs. The L.A. Trust provides strategic funding and support for the LAUSD Wellness Networks, school health centers and other student health services; increases public awareness of and advocates for effective responses to critical health needs of children

We know that South-Central Los Angeles is overexposed to a variety of air pollutants emitted by a range of air pollution sources and health disparities are further compounded by exposure to multiple pollution sources and social stressors or incompatible land uses. Clusters of incompatible land uses are often disproportionately concentrated in disadvantaged and minority communities, wreaking havoc on the health of residents nearby. At the same time, social stressors, such as under- or unemployment, unsafe working conditions, racism, and social exclusion, make residents less able to cope with their health problems and more susceptible to disease, morbidity, and premature mortality. For example, there are 1,318 hazardous sites (like auto-body shops) within 500 feet of 585 sensitive receptors (like schools)¹. Sensitive receptors are most at risk of developing respiratory problems and other chronic diseases.

In 2010, the South Central LA area had one of the highest asthma emergency visits and hospitalization rates in the county. South Central LA census tracts consistently and overwhelmingly score in the top 5-10% most vulnerable communities in both environmental and socio-economic factors, according to the California Environmental Screening Tool². According to the Health Atlas, over 20 % of adults

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and 25 % of children in South Los Angeles were obese in 2007. Over 10 % of adults in some neighborhoods are living with diabetes. Coronary heart disease and respiratory illness are leading causes of death throughout the South Central Los Angeles neighborhoods. In 2013, There were 2,687 deaths to lung cancer, the most common followed by breast cancer among the highest for Black and Latino adults³. Also, Brentwood residents can expect to live 12 years longer than a resident from Watts⁴. South Central Los Angeles Residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to their wealthier neighbors in West and North Los Angeles. Currently, there are no regulatory agencies air monitors located in the South Central Los Angeles area. Community members have installed 10 community air monitors, PurpleAirMonitors, to assess the state of Particulate Matter 2.5 pollution in their communities. Over the span of a year, 60% of these monitors have consistently measured PM 2.5 emissions above the healthy standar level⁵. These conditions are evident in the health profile of the community as South Central Los Angeles Residents experience higher rates of asthma, heart disease, low birth weight, and cancer as compared to their wealthier neighbors in West and North Los Angeles. These narratives and substantial data sets demonstrate that South Central Los Angeles communities living next to incompatible land uses continue to breathe toxic air, and while air monitoring is essential, real action to reduce emissions is needed direly.

The L.A. Trust has conducted an asthma screening program three years ago and on average 1 in 10 students in LA Unified were found to be positive for asthma. Four years ago, the Fremont High School Campus was also designated as a school that had consistent poor air quality. Students created warning signs for athletes that had poor air quality day warning messages. An investment in this community is critical. Additionally, air filters for school sites and partnerhip agencies in south LA should be required to support the health of our students and their families. Research demonstrates that schools with high quality air filters have healthier and more successful students.

It is clear that solutions are needed direly and must be centered in impacted and front-line communities and rooted in prioritizing investment in community health and environmental justice if we expect to see real and tangible results on the ground. South Central Los Angeles communities deserve the opportunity to start improving air quality and quality of life.

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Sincerely,



Maryjane Puffer
Executive Director
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health

³LA Public Health Department Mortality Rates 2013 <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dca/data/documents/mortalityrpt13.pdf>

⁴ Health Atlas of Los Angeles Department of City Planning: https://planning.lacity.org/odocument/7f065983-ff10-4e76-81e5-e166c9b78a9e/Plan_for_a_Healthy_Los_Angeles.pdf

⁵ Purple Air Monitors www.purpleair.com



The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:52 AM
To: AB 617
Subject: AB 617 for South Central Los Angeles

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Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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