

## **Planning and Development**

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Chairman Mary Nichols and the CARB Board California Air Resource Board 100 I Street PO Box 2815 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Ms. Nichols,

Tomorrow, the California Air Resources Board will take action on the Community Emission Reduction Program (CERP) developed in South Fresno after a long and participative process. The City of Fresno supports the work of the Air District and the CERP as proposed.

The City is currently undertaking a thorough evaluation of the primary industrial district which overlaps the CERP area, called the South Central Specific Plan (SCSP); this process includes many of the same community members who participated in the CERP development. We believe that through the tools and programs listed in the CERP, the City can improve air quality through reductions in emissions and future uses while providing a diverse range of job opportunities to the community. Through the SCSP, the City is already engaging the community in changes in land use, physical buffers between uses, and other measures. It is important that the measures in the CERP, such as CNG fueling stations and fleet improvements, are available to ensure the success of the City's SCSP strategy. This sets Fresno on a path to long term sustainable growth and prosperity.

We appreciate the robust engagement that has taken place and the willingness of the District to include the City throughout the process. Please let me know if you have any questions or need clarification.

Sincerely.

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cc: Samir Sheikh, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Wilma Quan, City Manager Lupe Perez, Economic Development Director