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March 21, 2019

The Honorable Todd Gloria
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2176
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 423 (Gloria) Clean Air For All San Diegans– Support

Dear Assemblymember Gloria:

I strongly support your bill, AB 423, Clean Air for All San Diegans. This bill will restructure the San Diego Air Pollution Control District Board (Board) so that it reflects the diversity of San Diego County residents and includes representation from cities and other key stakeholders.

The San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) represents over 3 million people in 18 cities. Therefore, it is vital that the Board is representative, equitable and diverse, just like all of the citizens that the Board.

Within the existing Board's jurisdiction, there are various sources of air pollution including, 42 Cap and Trade greenhouse gas emission sources, local port activity, and highly industrialized areas that include both light and heavy duty facilities. However, unlike other air districts that oversee a single county, the composition of the SDAPCD specifically excludes local cities from serving. Instead, the San Diego Board is entirely made up of members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, leaving the perspectives and insight into local air pollution sources that cities and stakeholders could provide, out of the conversation.

Air Pollution Control Boards are critical to controlling emissions, regulating facilities, and researching new technologies that will bring their districts closer to attaining their air quality goals. In the American Lung Association's recent air quality scorecard, San Diego received an "F" grade and ranked 6th in the nation for smog pollution.

Given these risks and the immense health consequences posed by unhealthy air quality, cities and public members should have a seat at the table. AB 423 will increase the membership on the Board to 11 diverse representatives, so that all perspectives can be heard.

Should you have any questions about our support position, please contact Lara Gates, Deputy Chief of Staff at Lgates@sandiego.gov or at 619-236-7754

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Georgette Gómez", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Georgette Gómez

San Diego City Council President, District 9