



# ANTHONY RENDON

SPEAKER of the ASSEMBLY  
Sixty-Third Assembly District

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Wayne Nastri  
Executive Officer  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
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Dear Mr. Nastri:

I am in full support of the City of Paramount's Self-Certification to be a prioritized community for air pollution reduction efforts established by AB 617.

AB 617, among other provisions, requires the creation of emission reduction programs and monitoring for areas that have high cumulative air pollution burdens. These requirements aim to bring critically needed attention to air pollution hot spots, like Paramount.

Paramount's residents face exposure to large amounts of diesel emissions from port-related truck traffic on the Long Beach Freeway (I-710), which forms the western boundary of the city. Additionally, the city has a high concentration of industry, especially metal-working facilities, some of which are immediately adjacent to residences.

South Coast Air Quality Management District has recognized the high air pollution burden in Paramount and has been working with the City and the community to investigate industrially-produced toxic air emissions, primarily airborne hexavalent chromium – a dangerous carcinogen. The district's monitoring efforts has led to important rulemaking development and enforcement actions. Continuing monitoring efforts in Paramount will help ensure that these actions result in real emission reductions. As such, I strongly urge that air monitoring in Paramount be included in the AB 617 program.

Paramount officials, staff, and residents – allied with a variety of agencies – have been proactive, innovative, inclusive, and aggressive in attacking this exposure issue. This has been a model effort, and I believe Paramount must be given the highest priority in the California Air Resources Board selection process. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**ANTHONY RENDON**  
Speaker of the Assembly