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Dr. William Burke
Chairman
SCAQMD Governing Board

Email to: ClerkOfBoard@aqmd.gov and mwpatrick@aqmd.gov

Dear Chairman Burke,

The City of Paramount and the South Coast Air Quality Management District have formed a close relationship that was forged back in 2016 during the discovery of elevated hexavalent chromium levels here.

Over these years, we have worked together to abate pollution and chart the quality of Paramount's air. Central to these efforts was placement of air quality monitors throughout Paramount provided by SCAQMD, in addition to monitors that were purchased by the City and tended by your staff.

In December 2020, the District removed its monitors due to safety issues for your employees related to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is our understanding that your employees will be vaccinated soon, at which point the monitors will return to Paramount.

We understand the vital importance of protecting employees during this challenging time. We, of course, are following your lead on this issue. But I want to express that the vigilant evaluation of our air is of great value to this community. As such, and with all due respect, we hope that SCAQMD can return to Paramount as soon as possible.

CITY OF PARAMOUNT

Peggy Lemons
Mayor of Paramount