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Lauren Sanchez, Chair
California Air Resources Board (CARB)
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Via Email to: arbboard@arb.ca.gov and cotb@arb.ca.gov

RE: CONCERNS REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CAP-AND-INVEST PROGRAM

Dear Chair Sanchez,

On behalf of the City of Hayward, I write to express our profound concern regarding the proposed amendments to the Cap-and-Invest program scheduled for the May 28–29 CARB Board meeting. While we remain committed to the state's climate goals, we stand with the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC-Transit), the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), and the California Transit Association in highlighting the adverse impact these changes would have on the East Bay's transit network.

As a community with twice the state average for public transit ridership and 8.5% of residents living below the poverty line, Hayward relies on public transportation. Hayward is fortunate to have two BART stations and bus service provided by AC Transit. AC Transit is a pioneer in zero-emission technology and their progress is directly linked to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. CARB's proposed amendments threaten to "zero out" annual funding for critical programs, potentially resulting in a \$1.65 billion annual loss statewide.

Given that 75% of AC Transit's riders are people of color and 65% are from low-income households, stripping these funds disproportionately impacts the "priority populations" the state has pledged to protect. I urge CARB to pause and revisit its Cap-and-Invest proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Salinas
Mayor

Cc:
CARB Board Members
Senator Dr. Wahab
Assemblymember Ortega
Hayward City Council
Jennifer Ott, Hayward City Manager

