

## City of La Verne (Tim Hepburn)

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Most concerning, these mandates threaten the reliability of essential public services. Any disruption in contractor availability or affordability directly impacts public health, safety, and infrastructure operations. Cities must retain the flexibility to contract for services without being burdened by state-imposed compliance structures that were not designed with local realities in mind.

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The Honorable Lauren Sanchez  
Chair, California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Advanced Clean Fleets 15-Day Comment Period Response**

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Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn, Mayor

CC: La Verne City Council