

Valley Vision (Laurel Smith)

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California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Community Air Protection Program Annual Progress Update

Dear CARB Staff and Board Members,

On behalf of Valley Vision, I write to voice our full support for the AB 617 South Sacramento-Florin Community Emissions Reduction Plan, and to urge CARB's continued investment in the CERP as we move into the implementation phase of the plan.

Valley Vision and many community leaders have been part of the AB 617 program for nearly a decade. We were in this room in 2018 alongside other advocates to support the successful designation of South Sacramento-Florin as a Round 1 AB 617 community. Through 3 CARB-funded Community Air Grants, we've worked alongside the South Sac/Florin Community Steering Committee to build and strengthen the CERP, bringing air quality monitoring and education to residents who've never had access to these resources, capturing community priorities, and piloting clean air projects.

This plan reflects years of dedicated work by a diverse coalition of residents, local businesses, and environmental justice and community-based organizations.

South Sacramento is disproportionately burdened by poor air quality with limited tree canopy, industrial activity, heavy duty truck traffic, and major highways - 99, 50, and I-5. Community members have already done the work of identifying the strategies they want to see implemented over the



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next 5 years. What we need now is sustained CARB investment to put those strategies into action.

This community driven plan includes emissions reduction strategies such as:

- Increasing the tree canopy
- Creating safer streets for walking and biking
- Increasing access to clean mobility vehicles and infrastructure
- Reducing idling near schools
- Replacing commercial vehicles
- Updating industrial and warehouse uses and zoning
- Providing incentives for homeowners and businesses to purify their indoor air and adopt clean technologies, and so much more.

Producing a plan is only half the job. Funding its implementation is how we deliver real, measurable improvements for South Sacramento residents.

Valley Vision hopes to continue working alongside CARB, the Air District, and the South Sac/Florin AB617 Community Steering Committee to scale our impact on air quality, as we bring this plan to life.

Valley Vision is dedicated to supporting initiatives that advance a more connected, sustainable future for the Sacramento region. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please reach out by emailing laurel.smith@valleyvision.org.

Sincerely,

Laurel Smith
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