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Subject: Submittal of Written Public Comment for Gardena City Council Meeting on 4/23/24

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Good afternoon,

I'd like to submit the following updates from South Coast AQMD, as written public comment for next week's City Council Meeting:

Notice of Regional Public Meeting

The South Coast AQMD announces the release of the Draft South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard (PM2.5 Plan). We invite you to participate in the regional public hearing for Los Angeles County on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Douglas F. Dollarhide Community Center, 301 N. Tamarind Avenue in Compton. Meeting materials will be posted 72 hours in advance of the meetings at <https://tinyurl.com/4f5ee2h5>.

The South Coast Air Basin is a "serious" nonattainment area for the 2012 annual PM2.5 standard with an attainment date of December 31, 2025. South Coast AQMD developed a plan to attain the 2012 annual PM2.5 standard by 2025. However, U.S. EPA failed to take timely action on that plan. Due to unforeseen challenges, the submitted plan no longer provided a path to attaining the standard, resulting in withdrawal of that plan in 2023 and triggering the need to develop a revised plan.

The Draft PM2.5 Plan is available online at: <https://tinyurl.com/3bav46r9>. Written comments should be submitted by May 7, 2024 via email at: AQMPteam@aqmd.gov.

For more information, please contact: Sang-Mi Lee, Ph.D., Planning and Rules Manager at slee@aqmd.gov

Lower-Emission School Bus Program

South Coast AQMD's Incentive Program for school buses is intended to replace older diesel, high-emitting, public school buses with new alternative fuel or zero-emission buses. Both charter and public school districts are eligible to apply for this program, which is administered by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and implemented by air districts. The program does not impose any regulatory requirements on school districts and their participation in the program is voluntary.

The Lower-Emission School Bus Program includes both replacement to alternative fuel or zero-emission buses and funding for alternative fueling or charging infrastructure. The Program also provides funding for on-board compressed natural gas (CNG) tank replacement.

Available funding opportunities for clean school buses are located at <http://sfdev.aqmd.gov/nav/grants-bids>.

VW Mitigation Trust

The Volkswagen Mitigation Trust (also known as the Trust or Mitigation Trust) was established as part of a settlement with Volkswagen for their role in utilizing illegal defeat devices in certain 2.0 and 3.0 liter VW vehicles that resulted in