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Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Proposed ENV-2017-4825: 15650 West Sherman Way

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final MND.

The Lead Agency proposes to demolish an existing 3,660-square-foot automotive repair building and construct 1,590-square-foot self-serve car wash on 25,298 square feet (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project is located on the southeast corner of Sherman Way and Haskell Avenue in the community of Van Nuys-North Sherman Oaks.

Since the building proposed for demolition has been used for automotive repair, it is recommended that the Lead Agency consult with SCAQMD's Engineering and Permitting staff to determine if any change, such as termination or modification, to an existing permit from SCAQMD is required, and if compliance with other applicable SCAQMD rules is required and should be discussed in the Air Quality Section of the Final MND. Questions on permits and applicable SCAQMD rules can be directed to SCAQMD's Engineering and Permitting staff at (909) 396-3385. For more general information on permits, please visit SCAQMD's webpage at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/permits>.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074, prior to approving the Proposed Project, the Lead Agency shall consider the MND for adoption together with any comments received during the public review process. Please provide SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. When responding to issues raised in the comments, response should provide sufficient details giving reasons why specific comments and suggestions are not accepted. There should be good faith, reasoned analysis in response. Conclusory statements unsupported by factual information do not facilitate the purpose and goal of CEQA on public disclosure and are not meaningful, informative, or useful to decision makers and the public who are interested in the Proposed Project. SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address any air quality questions that may arise from this comment letter. Please contact Alina Mullins, Assistant Air Quality Specialist, at amullins@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2402, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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