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<u>Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the Proposed</u> <u>1391 and 1401 South Coast Highway</u>

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The Lead Agency proposes to renovate and demolish portions of the existing hotel, restaurant, and retail store. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final MND.

Since the project includes demolition, the Lead Agency must comply with SCAQMD Rule 1403 – Asbestos Emissions from Demolition/Renovation Activities. Please provide additional information regarding compliance with SCAQMD Rule 1403 in the Final MND.

The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these concerns and any other air quality questions that may arise. Please contact Jack Cheng, Air Quality Specialist at (909) 396-2448, if you have any questions regarding these comments. We look forward to reviewing and providing comments for the Final MND associated with this project.

Sincerely,

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