



May 8, 2025

Chair Vanessa Delgado
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178

Subject: Ensure Local Community Meetings on PR2304 Prior to Beginning Rulemaking

Dear Chair Delgado:

The undersigned are writing you regarding the process for Proposed Rule 2304. Since the first concept was tabled that contained “hard caps” on emissions, as described by South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff, which would have had the effect of constraining cargo through the San Pedro Bay Port Complex, we have remained actively involved in the process and committed to meaningful dialogue.

During the February 28, 2025, workshop, SCAQMD staff committed to two community meetings BEFORE the beginning of formal rulemaking with the release of “revised preliminary draft rule language”. This assurance was clear, documented, and reinforced by your staff’s presentation materials. As representatives of the communities most directly affected, we took that commitment seriously and expected it to be honored.

To date only a single workshop, held in Diamond Bar, nearly 50 miles from the port community has taken place. This falls short of the commitment made and does not meet the intent of ensuring accessible and inclusive engagement for impacted stakeholders.

We ask that, as Chair, you ensure that SCAQMD staff fulfills their commitment and holds the “two in-person community meetings” before beginning formal rulemaking. Doing so will help

restore trust and ensure that all affected communities have a fair opportunity to engage in this important policy discussion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your leadership in upholding transparency and accountability in the public process

Sincerely,

Business Federation of Los Angeles County
Harbor Association of Industry & Commerce
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
San Pedro Chamber of Commerce
South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce
Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

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