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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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## Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Aeron Arlin Genet, Air Pollution Control Officer 

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SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Appointment of Mayor David Silva to the California Air Resources Board

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to execute and submit letters of support for the appointment of Mayor David Silva to the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

### DISCUSSION:

The CARB Board, prescribed in Health and Safety Code § 39510, is composed of 16 members, 14 voting members and 2 ex-officio non-voting members who are members of the Legislature. Of the 14 voting members, 12 are appointed by the Governor with Senate confirmation, and include 5 who serve on local air districts, 4 experts in fields that shape air quality rules, 2 public members, and 1 Chair. The other 2 voting members represent environmental justice communities and are appointed by the Senate Rules Committee and the Assembly Speaker.

In March 2026, Buellton Mayor David Silva and member of the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Board, was appointed to the California Air Resources Board by Governor Newsom to fill the local air district role. The Senate Rules Committee is set to consider Mayor Silva's appointment on July 1, and if committee recommends the nominee, it then goes onto the full Senate for confirmation vote to officially cement the appointment. The term for the position ends on December 31, 2028.

Through Mayor Silva's roles with the City of Buellton, and the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District), he has developed firsthand experience addressing air quality challenges at the local and regional levels, as well as a strong understanding of the partnership

between CARB, local air districts, and local governments that is essential to improving air quality and protecting public health throughout California.

As a local elected official serving on an air district Board, Mayor Silva brings the perspective that the local government seat on CARB was intended to represent. His experience overseeing local air quality programs and working directly with residents, businesses, community organizations, and public agencies has provided him with practical insight into how state policies are implemented on the ground. His appointment would strengthen CARB's ability to develop and advance policies that are both ambitious and achievable, while ensuring local issues important to the District are part of the statewide discussion.

The attached draft letter of support outlines the District's support of Mayor Silva's appointment and respectfully urges the Senate's action to confirm his appointment to the CARB Board.

## **ATTACHMENT**

- A. Draft Letter of Support for Mayor David Silva.

ATTACHMENT A

Draft Letter of Support for Mayor David Silva

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Board of Directors

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The Honorable Monique Limón  
Senate President pro Tempore  
Senate Rules Committee, Chair  
State Capitol, Room 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for the Appointment of Mayor David Silva to the California Air Resources Board

Dear Senate President pro Tempore Limón:

On behalf of Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, I am writing to express our strong support for the appointment of Mayor David Silva to the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

Mayor Silva's service as Mayor of Buellton and as a member of the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Board has provided him with firsthand experience addressing air quality challenges at the local and regional levels. Through these roles, he has developed a strong understanding of the partnership between CARB, local air districts, and local governments that is essential to improving air quality and protecting public health throughout California.

As a local elected official serving on an air district board, Mayor Silva brings the perspective that the local air district seat on CARB was intended to represent. He understands the opportunities and challenges associated with implementing state air quality and climate policies in diverse communities and appreciates the critical role local governments and air districts play in achieving California's environmental goals.

Throughout his public service, Mayor Silva has demonstrated thoughtful leadership, a collaborative approach to policymaking, and a commitment to balancing environmental stewardship, public health, economic vitality, and community needs. His ability to engage stakeholders, build consensus, and evaluate complex policy issues would make him a valuable contributor to the Board's work.

Mayor Silva's experience overseeing local air quality programs and working directly with residents, businesses, community organizations, and public agencies has provided him with practical insight into how state policies are implemented on the ground. This perspective would strengthen CARB's ability to develop and advance policies that are both ambitious and achievable.

We believe Mayor Silva possesses the experience, judgment, and commitment to public service necessary to effectively represent local government interests on the California Air Resources Board. His appointment would further strengthen the partnership between CARB and California's local air districts as we continue working toward cleaner air and healthier communities.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge your support for the appointment of Mayor David Silva to the California Air Resources Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Aeron Arlin Genet  
Air Pollution Control Officer