

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a school nurse serving elementary students in Porter Ranch. In my school community, asthma continues to be one of the most common and disruptive health conditions affecting our children. Asthma is not just a medical issue—it is a barrier to learning, attendance, and overall student success. Many of my students rely on daily medications, rescue inhalers, and emergency care to manage asthma symptoms. These symptoms are often triggered by poor air quality, environmental pollutants, and extreme weather conditions. When students struggle to breathe, they cannot focus in class, fully participate in physical activity, or consistently attend school. Asthma-related absences and emergency visits impact academic achievement. School nurses play a vital role in managing asthma at school by monitoring symptoms, administering medications, educating students and families, and responding to emergencies. However, these efforts cannot stand alone. City-level policies that address air quality, environmental health, and community safety are essential to reducing asthma triggers and keeping students healthy. I urge the City of Los Angeles to continue prioritizing clean air initiatives, environmental protections, and health-centered policies that reduce asthma triggers in our communities—especially in neighborhoods where children are most vulnerable. Collaboration between the City, LAUSD, school health services, and families is critical in preventing asthma exacerbations and keeping students safe and healthy in school. When we invest in clean air and child health, we invest in educational equity and the future of Los Angeles. Our students deserve environments where they can breathe easily and learn fully. Thank you for your time and your commitment to the health and safety of our children.