

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of South Coast AQMD Executive Officer Wayne Nastri, attached is a letter in opposition to Council File #25-0002-S85.



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The Honorable Karen Bass
Mayor of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street
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The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: SB 34 (Richardson) – OPPOSE

Dear Mayor Bass and Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

Thank you for your leadership on behalf of the City of Los Angeles. I write to respectfully request that the City Council not approve a proposed resolution in support of California State Senate Bill 34 (Richardson): Air pollution: South Coast AQMD: mobile sources: Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

South Coast AQMD strongly opposes SB 34. While we share the same goal of supporting goods movement and economic vitality within the Los Angeles region, SB 34 would weaken South Coast AQMD's ability to address the region's largest source of air pollution – port-related emissions – until 2031. By circumventing the local public stakeholder process in terms of addressing air pollution, SB 34 sets a dangerous precedent and slows progress toward meeting clean air standards and protecting the health of our communities throughout the region. We remain committed to working collaboratively with all, including the City of Los Angeles, Legislature, ports, industry, and community stakeholders to advance solutions that balance economic growth with the urgent need to reduce harmful emissions from all sources.

As you know, South Coast AQMD's Board paused Proposed Rule 2304: Commercial Marine Ports (PR 2304), which would require the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to each develop a comprehensive plan for charging and fueling infrastructure to support zero- and near-zero-emission equipment, vehicles, and vessels used in port operations.

The pause on PR 2304 is to undertake collaborative discussions on a draft Cooperative Agreement submitted by the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. These discussions on the draft Cooperative Agreement will include all stakeholders, including community stakeholders. If agreement is not reached on the draft Cooperative Agreement by September 19, South Coast AQMD will move forward with PR 2304 by posting the 75-day package (including a draft socioeconomic analysis). However, in the interest of collaboration, discussions on the draft Cooperative Agreement could continue in parallel with the rulemaking to continue to allow for both options. The goal would be to take the issue to the South Coast AQMD Board for a vote in December.

SB 34 would undermine local authority by imposing mandates that could stifle collaborative efforts to address Port-related air pollution issues through a public process led by local leaders, industry and affected communities. Opposition to SB 34 includes the following organizations:

- Active SGV
- American Lung Association California
- Bay Area Air District
- CA Nurses for Environmental Health & Justice
- California Air Pollution Control Officers Association
- California Coastal Protection Network
- California League of Conservation Voters - Environmental Voters
- Center for Biological Diversity
- Cleanearth4kids.org
- Coalition for Clean Air
- Earthjustice
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Families Advocating for Chemical & Toxics Safety (FACTS)
- Mothers Out Front – Silicon Valley
- MoveLA
- NRDC
- Ocean Conservancy
- Pacific Environment
- Peoples Collective for Environmental Justice
- Physicians for Social Responsibility – SF Bay Chapter
- Regional Asthma Management & Prevention (RAMP)
- Santa Cruz Climate Action Network
- Sierra Club California
- Union of Concerned Scientists

The following organizations oppose SB 34 based on industry related concerns:

- Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
- Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed)
- California Business Properties Association
- California Retailers Association
- Institute of Real Estate Management
- NAIOP
- CMTA
- BOMA California
- Supply Chain Federation

We appreciate you and your staff's willingness to consider our strong objections to SB 34 and encourage the City of Los Angeles to not adopt a resolution in support of SB 34. This would help facilitate South Coast AQMD's and all stakeholders' efforts to achieve a solution that protects

public health, particularly in disproportionately impacted communities, while supporting our local economy.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this bill further, please contact me at (909) 396-3131, or Lisa Tanaka, Deputy Executive Officer for Legislative, Public Affairs and Media, at (909) 396-3327.

Sincerely,



Wayne Natri
Executive Officer

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