

August 17, 2020

Governor Gavin Newsom
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
By email: Kristin.Stauffacher@gov.ca.gov

Re: Environmental Justice Recommendations for CARB Chair

Dear Governor Newsom:

Since Chair Mary Nichols' term is almost expired, we appreciate the opportunity to submit names for consideration for a new Chair for the California Air Resources Board. As environmental justice organizations working in communities in California most affected by air pollution and climate change, we feel it is imperative that the new Chair demonstrates the following qualifications:

- Strong background and relationships in environmental justice work.
- Strong technical understanding of items under CARB jurisdiction, including air quality improvement.
- Strong experience and demonstrated leadership in public policy, including negotiating with multiple stakeholder groups.
- Commitment to a transformative and bold vision, including moving away from dependence on market-based mechanisms.
- No prior employment in regulated industry sectors.

We believe that the following individuals fit the qualifications to be Chair, and are well-prepared to tackle issues of climate justice in our state (listed in no particular order):

- Jared Blumenfeld, Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency
- Yana Garcia, Deputy Secretary for Environmental Justice, Tribal Affairs and Border Relations, California Environmental Protection Agency
- Arsenio Mataka, Environmental Advisor, California Attorney General Xavier Bacerra
- Kevin de León, Former Senate President pro Tempore
- Gideon Kracov, South Coast Air Quality Management District
- Angela Johnson Meszaros, Earthjustice
- Adrian Martinez, Earthjustice
- Veronica Eady, Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- Daniela Simunovic, Better World Group

Thank you for your time and consideration of our recommendations. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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Asian Pacific Environmental Network

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Janet DietzKamei
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Darryl Molina Sarmiento
Communities for a Better Environment

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Cc: Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins
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