

# California State Senate



## SENATOR RICARDO LARA

July 27, 2018

Ms. Fabian Wesson  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182

RE: City of Paramount Nominations South Coast Air Quality Management District  
30<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean Air Awards

Dear Ms. Wesson:

It is with great pleasure that I write to express my strongest support and recommendation for the nomination of the City of Paramount for the South Coast Air Quality Management District's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean Air Awards. With combined efforts of SCAQMD, state and local offices, the City of Paramount has successfully lowered emissions in the city and become a model for any city or public agency to follow. I wholeheartedly support their nomination.

I believe the City of Paramount fits perfectly with SCAQMD's goal to honor those who have made significant clean air contributions to the health and well-being of their communities. Over the last few years, when the city experienced high levels of hexavalent chromium, a remarkable collaboration emerged between the City, SCAQMD, state and local offices to protect the health, as well as, the safety of residents and workers in the town.

Not only did the City and SCAQMD form a tight working relationship, the response grew to include a number of regulatory agencies: Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH); the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC); Los Angeles County Fire Department; US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); California Air Resource Board (CARB); and others. The collaboration formed a new process in measuring contaminants that can be harmful to the community, as well as, creating new regulations and rules to combat against pollutes.

Thank you for considering the City of Paramount's nomination. If you have any questions regarding my support for this project, please contact my Field Representative Tonya Martin at (562) 256-7921 or [tonya.martin@sen.ca.gov](mailto:tonya.martin@sen.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ricardo Lara".

RICARDO LARA  
SENATOR STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CHAIR, LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

