

Letter to CARB Board from Steering Committee: Support for Advanced Clean Truck Rule

(to submit via the comment docket on the morning of 6/25/2020, or read into the record)

Chair Nichols and Members of the California Air Resources Board,

The AB 617 Steering Committee for the Portside Environmental Justice Communities urges you to adopt the Advanced Clean Trucks rule (ACT) in its current draft. The Portside areas include the San Diego communities of Barrio Logan, Logan Heights, and Sherman Heights, and the west National City community.

Air monitoring conducted by the San Diego Air Pollution Control District has confirmed that diesel exhaust is the number one pollutant of concern for the Portside communities. Heavy duty diesel trucks traveling through and around our communities are a significant source of diesel particulate matter. Local efforts can reduce emissions from certain targeted sets of trucks, such as those serving the cargo terminals for the Port of San Diego. However, state level measures are needed to ensure that all trucks on the road in California begin the transition from fossil fuels to Zero Emission vehicles.

The ACT will accelerate the transition by ensuring that heavy duty ZEV vehicles are commercially available in large enough numbers to support compliance with the coming Fleet Rule.

The Portside Steering Committee includes residents of the Portside communities, medical experts, organized labor, environmental and social justice organizations, local industry, SDG&E, and representatives of local governmental agencies including the cities, the Port, our regional planning organization SANDAG, and CalTrans. We are united in our recognition of the need to reduce diesel emissions from mobile sources and urge you to adopt the rule today. Thank you.