

March 19, 2024

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Re: Response to Comments on Draft AB617 Path to Community Emissions Reduction Plan

Dear Ms. Battleson,

We appreciate your time and attention in thoroughly reviewing the draft Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) for the Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo area. Our draft CERP was written collaboratively among the AB617 Community Steering Committee members and several BAAQMD staff, including BAAQMD's legal team. BAAQMD staff worked tirelessly to edit and crosscheck the document's data and strategies for accuracy.

We reviewed your comment letter with BAAQMD staff, and understand that they have responded to your concerns, specifically regarding technicalities. We believe there may be minor edits that can be made accordingly to strengthen the CERP. While we appreciate the technical questions and comments that you have shared, we would like to reiterate the underlying reality that remains, and that must be addressed. The refinery's activities in Richmond have resulted in significant health burdens on the local community for decades. Because of this reality, the state government has mandated that this environmental injustice be addressed, and has enlisted impacted frontline community members to help lead this effort.

We will remain vigilant in bringing environmental justice to our community, and implementing this state mandate. As a long-standing and impactful presence in the Richmond community, we warmly welcome your cooperation and participation in this innovative and necessary work.

Sincerely,
Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo AB617 Community Steering Committee