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The California Air Resources Board (ARB) is a division of the California Environmental Protection Agency. Its mission is “to promote and protect public health, welfare and ecological resources through the effective and efficient reduction of air pollutants while recognizing and considering the effects on the economy of the state.

ARB’s existing motor vehicle and engine emissions testing and research facilities are located in El Monte and Los Angeles and employ approximately 400 employees. Their educated workforce is composed of, but not limited to, engineers, scientists, technicians, economists, mathematicians, administrators, and political scientists.

Since 2006, ARB has considered a consolidation project to relocate the Southern California operations and build a new replacement facility as the existing state-owned property no longer allows the space necessary to perform the required testing. Additionally, the current property is too small to accommodate the construction of the replacement facility. The Governor’s FY 15/16 budget gave ARB \$5.9 million for the consolidation project, and ARB submitted a proposal to evaluate sites and develop design guidelines and performance criteria with these funds.

In cooperation with the Department of General Services (DGS), ARB will evaluate

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potential sites in Pomona and Riverside for the relocation. The Pomona site is located on Cal Poly's property at the Innovation Village II at Campus South, approximately 150 acres of land adjacent to the former Lanterman Development Center. The ARB will determine their preliminary site recommendation in December 2015, with their Board recommendation in February 2016. Construction would begin approximately in Spring 2018, with construction being completed in Winter 2020.

In an effort to promote innovation and support their "learn-by-doing" philosophy, Cal Poly would like to be selected as the area for ARB to relocate their Southern California operations. Additionally, it will ensure ARB remains in Los Angeles County and retains 400 high paying jobs. Cal Poly is proposing a multi-pronged project comprised of academic and Cal Poly's Foundation elements. This includes academic input into the building design, joint collaborative research projects and expertise of multi-disciplinary faculty and staff access to faculty, staff, and students from multiple colleges and universities in the area, including PhD-granting institutes, CSUs, and community colleges; and offerings of Cal Poly's courses to ARB's employees.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a five-signature letter to the Director of the California Environmental Protection Agency urging them to support the selection of the relocation of the California Air Resources Board's Southern California facility to Cal Poly Pomona in Los Angeles County.

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