

Date: December 16, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager



Subject: **South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board Elections**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the regional government agency responsible for air pollution control in Los Angeles and Orange Counties and parts of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

The Governing Board of the SCAQMD is comprised of 13 representatives consisting of 3 appointees (one each by the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and Senate Rules Committee) and 10 elected officials from the Counties and Cities of the South Coast Air Basin. Long Beach is represented in the Cities of Los Angeles County – Western Region. The Governing Board seats are listed below:

| Seat | Appointing Authority |
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| 1 | Los Angeles County – Board of Supervisors |
| 2 | Orange County – Board of Supervisors |
| 3 | Riverside County – Board of Supervisors |
| 4 | San Bernardino County – Board of Supervisors |
| 5 | City of Los Angeles – Mayoral Appointee |
| 6 | Cities of Los Angeles County – Western Region |
| 7 | Cities of Los Angeles County – Eastern Region |
| 8 | Orange County – City Council Member |
| 9 | Riverside County – City Council Member |
| 10 | San Bernardino County – City Council Member |
| 11 | Appointed by Governor |
| 12 | Appointed by Speaker of Assembly |
| 13 | Appointed by Senate Rules Committee |

Delegates representing the cities in each region elect their Governing Board member. Jose Luise Solache has resigned his position as the Western Region of the Cities of Los Angeles (LA) County representative following his election to the California State Assembly. Therefore, members of the governing board must vote to elect a new representative. Members of the Governing Board must be Councilmembers or Mayors in a city within the region. Long Beach is 1 of 51 cities in the LA County Western Region along with the other cities listed below. Staff anticipates a vote of the City Selection Committee sometime in January 2025.

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| Los Angeles County - Western Region Cities | | |
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| Agoura Hills | Hawaiian Gardens | Norwalk |
| Artesia | Hawthorne | Palos Verdes Estates |
| Avalon | Hermosa Beach | Paramount |
| Bell | Hidden Hills | Pico Rivera |
| Bellflower | Huntington Park | Rancho Palos Verdes |
| Bell Gardens | Inglewood | Redondo Beach |
| Beverly Hills | La Habra Heights | Rolling Hills |
| Calabasas | La Mirada | Rolling Hills Estates |
| Carson | Lakewood | Santa Fe Springs |
| Cerritos | Lawndale | Santa Monica |
| Compton | Lomita | Signal Hill |
| Commerce | Long Beach | South Gate |
| Cudahy | Lynwood | Torrance |
| Culver City | Malibu | Vernon |
| Downey | Manhattan Beach | West Hollywood |
| El Segundo | Maywood | Westlake Village |
| Gardena | Montebello | Whittier |

Governing Board elections are administered by the City Selection Committee. State law determines the process, which requires a candidate to receive both a majority of the vote of the cities, as well as a majority of the population of the cities in the region. The Mayor of each city, or their delegate, casts their vote for their preferred candidate.

For consideration as the City of Long Beach nominee for the SCAQMD election process, please confirm your interest with Mayor Rex Richardson **in writing by the end of day on Monday, December 23rd**. If more than one Council Member expresses interest, the City Council will vote to select the City's nominee.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact Sarah Patterson, Manager of Government Affairs, at (562) 570-6584.

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