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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Honorable Lauren Hammond
Office of the City Council
City of Sacramento
915 I Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Development Oversight Commission Streamlining Recommendation

Dear Council Member Hammond:

Thank you for your support of a comprehensive public outreach and dialogue process for the Development Oversight Commission's (DOC) streamlining recommendation. While we fully support efforts to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the planning process, especially in the current economic context, we are equally committed to maintaining a strong forum for public input.

The Planning Commission is one of the community's and the District's most important forums for input into the planning process. Maintaining such a forum is critical to the District's ability to inform the public and policy makers about the impacts of proposed land use strategies on public health and air quality in our region. We look forward to the community workshop(s) that you have requested, as well as well-noticed public hearings and full disclosure of all proceedings related to this effort. We extend our appreciation to you, as a member of our Board of Directors, for helping to provide this opportunity.

Please consider us as a resource when crafting a more efficient public planning process that still provides for adequate public involvement

Sincerely,



Larry Greene
Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer

cc: Molly Wright, Planner, SMAQMD
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