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Division Chief Office of Community Air Protection California Air Resources Board 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave. Fresno, CA 93716

Attn: AB617

Re: Support for Ab 617 Community Selection for year 3

Dear CARB

On behalf of Comite Lost Hills en Accion- CLH-A, I am writing to express our strong support for the Arvin/Lamont South Kern Region for year 3 community selection.

We write this letter to express our full support for the communities of Arvin/Lamont South Kern Region to be selected for the Third-year implementation of the AB617 Community Air Protection Program. We are not alone in this recommendation. The San Joaquin Valley AB617 Environmental Justice Steering Committee (SJV-AB617-EJ-SC) ranked Arvin-Lamont as the number one area in the Rural category in the nomination document they submitted to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD). This nomination was the result of a thorough analysis of indicators that included Population Characteristics, Regional and local air pollution; health data as well as the capacity from community-based organizations that is necessary to successfully engage with residents, the Air District and CARB in the AB617 CAPP process.

CLH-A is excited for the opportunity to progress our partnerships with the Air District and community to strategize effective reductions in fugitive dust that will improve air quality in our Valley and move toward attainment of state and federal air quality standards.

Sincerely,

Saul Ruiz Presidents Comite Lost Hills En Accion 661-209-6097