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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

July 7, 2026

The Honorable Monique Limón
Senate President pro Tempore
Senate Rules Committee, Chair
State Capitol, Room 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Santa Barbara County Support for the Appointment of Buellton Mayor David Silva to the California Air Resources Board

Dear Senate President pro Tempore Limón:

On behalf of Santa Barbara County, I am pleased to express support for the appointment of Buellton Mayor David Silva to the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of ensuring that California's environmental and air quality policies are informed by individuals who understand how those policies are implemented at the local lever. Mayor Silva's service as mayor of one of Santa Barbara County's eight incorporated cities, and as a member of the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Board, has provided him with valuable experience at the intersection of local governance, public health, environmental stewardship, and community development.

Mayor Silva understands the responsibilities local governments carry in implementing state policies, addressing community concerns, and delivering practical solutions that improve quality of life for residents. He has demonstrated a collaborative and thoughtful approach to public service, consistently working to bring diverse stakeholders together to address complex challenges facing California communities.

Through his service on the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Board, Mayor Silva has gained firsthand experience with air quality policy and the critical partnership between local air districts and CARB. He understands the importance of protecting public health, improving air quality, and advancing California's environmental goals while ensuring that policies remain responsive to the needs and realities of local communities.

Mayor Silva's experience as a local elected official gives him a practical understanding of how state decisions affect residents, businesses, public agencies, and local governments. He appreciates both the opportunities and challenges associated with implementing statewide policies and brings an important local perspective to the Board's deliberations.

At a time when California continues to address air quality and climate adaptation challenges, it is essential that CARB include members who understand the role local governments play in achieving statewide goals. Mayor Silva's record of public service, commitment to collaboration, and experience in local government make him exceptionally well qualified to serve in this capacity.

For these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors supports the appointment of Mayor Silva to CARB.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Bob Nelson

Chair

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors