



Citizens' Climate Lobby
SoCal Tri-Counties Chapter



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Chairman Doug Chaffee, Orange County Board of Supervisors
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RE: Support for Appointment of Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento to South Coast AQMD

Dear Chairman Doug Chaffee,

We, the undersigned organizations and residents from across Orange County and the South Coast region, respectfully urge you to appoint Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento to represent Orange County on the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Governing Board.

The AQMD has a critical responsibility to safeguard the public health of nearly 17 million residents in one of the nation's most polluted air basins. AQMD rules and regulations help save thousands of lives annually by ensuring compliance with state and federal air quality standards. Supervisor Sarmiento's leadership and deep understanding of the impacts of pollution on local communities make him the ideal candidate.

Raised in the Second District and a longtime resident of Orange County, Supervisor Sarmiento has spent his career helping families thrive. As a former Santa Ana councilmember, mayor, and now county supervisor, he has worked to improve public safety, expand healthcare access, reduce homelessness, and champion environmental justice. His collaborative and transparent leadership style makes him uniquely qualified to advocate for cleaner air and healthier communities.

Supervisor Sarmiento will bring the vision, dedication, and expertise needed to advance AQMD's mission and protect public health for millions of families. We respectfully request that you appoint him to the AQMD Governing Board.

Sincerely,

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