

Date: September 23, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council 

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager

Subject: **City Nominee: South Coast AQMD Governing Board Selection Process**

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As discussed in a [memorandum](#) dated September 3, 2020, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) anticipates a vacancy on the Governing Board for the Western Region of the Cities of Los Angeles County seat, which represents the City of Long Beach (City) and 50 other cities in the region.

Delegates representing the cities in each region elect their Governing Board member through 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.

The September 3<sup>rd</sup> memorandum provided information about the City's internal process for being considered as the Long Beach nominee for the SCAQMD Governing Board selection process. Following a one-week submission period, Councilmember Rex Richardson was the only Councilmember to express interest and, accordingly, is the City's nominee.

Now that the City's nominee has been identified, staff will work with Councilmember Richardson to garner regional support for his selection to the SCAQMD Governing Board. Having a Long Beach member on this Board would be greatly beneficial to ensure the City's priorities regarding environmental equity, sustainability, and air quality are represented in the SCAQMD decision-making process.

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