

Date: October 8, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

Subject: **South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board Election**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is the regional government agency responsible for air pollution control in Los Angeles and Orange counties and parts of Riverside and San Bernardino counties. In October 2020, Vice Mayor Rex Richardson was successfully elected by the City Selection Committee to serve an interim term on the AQMD Governing Board through 2021, representing Long Beach and 50 other cities in the Los Angeles County Western Region seat.

Since the Vice Mayor's interim term ends this year, a City Selection Committee meeting has been tentatively set for October 27, 2021, to once again elect a representative to serve on the Governing Board for the Los Angeles County Western Region seat. Vice Mayor Richardson is planning to run for re-election to the Governing Board.

Members of the Governing Board must be City Council members or mayors in a city in the region. Delegates representing the cities in each region elect their Governing Board member through a process administered by 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.

If any other Councilmember is interested in being considered as the City's nominee for this election process, please confirm your interest with Mayor Robert Garcia by **Wednesday, October 13, 2021**. If another Councilmember aside from Vice Mayor Richardson expresses interest, the City Council must vote to select the City's nominee.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact Tyler Bonanno-Curley, Manager of Government Affairs, at (562) 570-5715.

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