

Dear City Association Selection Committee Members,

I am excited to submit my application for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Board appointment. As a Councilwoman for the City of Morgan Hill one of the areas I focused my efforts on is to protect the environment and public health through policy. I've served as the City representative on the Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) Board of Directors for 3 years, worked with local environmental groups, women's groups and a youth organization to advocate for funds to create our city's Climate Action Plan and am familiar with the work needed with our housing and built environment and transportation to reach our goal. I currently serve as the Morgan Hill VTA Policy Advisory Committee representative as well as on the Cal Cities Transportation Policy Committee. I'm applying for the appointment as the Cities Association's BAAQMD representative for our Santa Clara County Cities to further understand air pollutants and key contributors and while leveraging the experience I have to better impact our residents health and air quality.

I became more interested in the BAAQMD during the 2020 SCU Lightning Complex Fire last summer resulting in the evacuation of some parts of Morgan Hill, and severely polluting our air quality levels due to smoke and haze from the fires and threatening our health. Our air quality is connected to all we do at SVCE, greening our housing stock and the built environment (new and existing) and how quickly we can implement transportation solutions to reduce carbon emissions and address climate change. But I want to better understand some main sources of pollutants from industry such as refineries and power plants and use my understanding of clean energy, mixed housing and transportation so we address all these contributors together.

The work SVCE does, transportation based and electric vehicle infrastructure as well as enhancing public transportation access all overlap with the interests and work of BAAQMD and are areas in which I have experience. To continue to have healthy air for our residents to breathe longterm and meet California's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50 percent by 2030, we will need to overlap and find creative ways to address pollution and climate change together.

I appreciate the great work you do and ask for your support in appointing me to the BAAQMD District.

In Community,

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