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Dear Cities Association Selection Committee Members,

I am humbly writing to request your re-appointment to represent you and the cities of Santa Clara County on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Board.

The board is highly technical and it requires more than a year to come up to speed and be a high functioning board member. I was appointed to the last 2 years of Rod Sinks 4-year term and have now been on the board for 2 years. After serving on the sub committees of Mobile Source, Stationary Source, Legislative, and Technical Advisory, I am now quite knowledgeable and able to perform at a high level on this board.

Additionally, Santa Clara County has had a lot of turnover amongst its 4 representatives on the board. Rich Constantine and I were new 2 years ago, Rich left the board last year and was replaced by Sergio Lopez, and Cindy Chavez left the board last year and was replaced by Otto Lee. Margaret Abe Koga is the only representative with more than 2 years of experience on the board. I believe it is important at this time to limit further turnover of the representation from Santa Clara County.

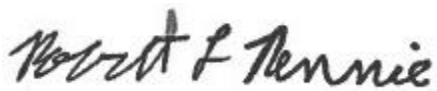
I include below my qualifications by which I was originally appointed. During the Cities Association deliberation, technical background and skills were the main arguments made by committee members for my appointment:

- 1) I grew up as in the Bay Area in the 70s with bad asthma from the high particulate count pollution. I still feel my chest tighten from diesel fumes, cigarette smoke or wood burning. I believe strongly in BAAQMD's goal to "reduce and eliminate health problems from air quality."
- 2) BAAQMD is the next step to Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE). I am a founding Board member and the 2nd chair of SVCE. I am proud of how SVCE has moved the needle on climate change in our County by being the first to offer 100% carbon free electricity and now through innovative programs to decarbonize through electrification of both the mobile and built environment. BAAQMD has a lot of money from the State to also drive de-carbonization through similar kinds of strong programs. I look forward to bringing my knowledge of de-carbonization programs from SVCE to BAAQMD.
- 3) I am a long time champion of our environment and addressing global warming through activism with the Sierra Club. I formed the Los Gatos team to get the then Mayor to sign on to the Mayors Climate Protection Team to begin work on reducing greenhouses gases (GHGs). I also served in the Club's Chapter Executive Committee for many years in several roles. A BAAQMD appointment would enable me to continue working toward a cleaner environment.

4) I am particular interested in several of the BAAQMD sub-committees and look forward serving on them. These include: Mobile Source, Stationary Source, Climate Protection, Community and Public Health, Technology Implementation Steering Committee.

5) BAAQMD is a very large time commitment both to come up to speed and to devote time to the meetings, preparing thoroughly for each meeting, and travelling to San Francisco post-COVID. I am committed to investing the time to be an effective BAAQMD Board Member by coming up to speed quickly, engaging early, and contributing fully.

Thank you for your consideration,

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ROB RENNIE
Council Member

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