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San Diego County Board of Supervisors

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San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission
2550 Fifth Ave Suite 725
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RE: Letter of Support for Item 7-A, Proposed Policy on Environmental Justice

Dear San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO),

On behalf of the First District of the County of San Diego, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Item 7-A, Proposed Policy on Environmental Justice. Last year as a commissioner for San Diego County's LAFCO I asked staff to consider an environmental justice policy to set a standard in our regulatory and planning activities and am thrilled to see the item coming before the commission. For years, government agencies have ignored the need to prioritize environmental justice communities in their day-to-day operation. I fully support this item coming forward to the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission because it will bring systemic change to our agency.

As an agency tasked with special district land use authority, impacting tribal communities. My office is committed to ensuring that frontline communities are prioritized in the decision-making process and are uplifted in government agencies. As a LAFCO commissioner, I appreciated the opportunity to craft and work with staff to develop the policy brought forth to the commission. I strongly believe that implementing an environmental justice policy within the purview of the commission will have a positive impact in our region.

I respectfully request your support for Item 7-A to support the implementation of an environmental justice policy in LAFCO. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Rosa Olascoaga Vidal at (619) 531-5667 or via email at Rosa.Olascoaga@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Nora Vargas, Vice Chair
First District Supervisor