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Subject: [External] Supervisorial District 3 Letter of Support (Councilmember Teresa Acosta- Carlsbad)
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025 3:02:29 PM
Attachments: [D3 Endorsement Letter \(Acosta APCD\).pdf](#)

Good afternoon City Selection Committee Clerk and Mayors of County Supervisorial District 3,

My name is Nicholas Paul, I am an Air Quality Policy Advocate with the Environmental Health Coalition and I'd like to submit this letter of support for councilmember Teresa Acosta of Carlsbad as the District 3 representative for the Air Pollution Control District. As detailed in the letter, the listed labor unions and environmental/ environmental justice non-profits believe councilmember Acosta to be highly qualified to serve on the air pollution control district.

Please let us know if there are any questions regarding the letter.

Kindly,

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January 9, 2025

Four Points Sheraton Hotel,
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To the Mayors of County Supervisorial District 3,

We are very pleased to have the opportunity to provide our recommendation for the County District 3 seat on the San Diego Air Pollution Control District Governing Board. The coalition below, is made up of some of the leading non-profit and labor organizations in San Diego County advocating for cleaner, safer, and healthier communities. The organizations below share a common belief that all people regardless of zip code have the right to live, work and play in a clean and safe environment. According to the American Lung Association's 2024 State of the Air Report, San Diego County ranked 8 worst for high ozone days out of 228 metropolitan areas throughout the country.¹

Unfortunately, residents throughout San Diego County, continue to suffer negative health impacts from exposure to harmful air pollutants. These conditions necessitate passionate and collaborative leadership at the Air Pollution Control District.

We write this letter today to respectfully request that you support Carlsbad Councilmember Teresa Acosta as the County District 3 representative on the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) Governing Board.

Teresa has critical prior experience in air quality — serving as an air quality consultant to governing board members in the South Coast Air Pollution Control District — which will enable her to hit the ground running and deliver results for our region. Teresa has also represented the city of Carlsbad at several regional organizations: League of California Cities Environmental Quality Committee, Clean Energy Alliance, Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, Encina Wastewater Authority, and North County Transit District (Alternate). Her experience combined with her commitment to improving air quality and preserving the environment make her an excellent fit for the SDAPCD.

Our organizations look forward to your support of Teresa Acosta to represent Carlsbad and County District 3 at APCD to reduce air pollution in San Diego.

Kindly,

- Environmental Health Coalition
- Climate Action Campaign
- SanDiego350
- IBEW

¹ <https://www.lung.org/research/sota/city-rankings/msas/san-diego-chula-vista-carlsbad-ca>

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Good afternoon, Clerk Potter:

On behalf of a group of industry stakeholders, I respectfully submit a letter detailing our recommendations for the Air Pollution Control District Governing Board. Please ensure each Mayor and/or their representative receives this letter before the City Selection Committee this Monday.

We appreciate your assistance.

Justine Murray

Executive Director of Public Affairs

**San Diego Regional
Chamber of Commerce**

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January 9, 2025

The Honorable Mayor John Minto
Chair, City Selection Committee of the County of San Diego
County Administration Building
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 402, San Diego, California 92101

Subject: Recommendations for Air Pollution Control District Appointments

Dear Chair Minto,

The undersigned stakeholders represent a broad spectrum of pro-business organizations and advocates in San Diego County and respectfully submit our recommended slate of highly qualified candidates for appointment to the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) Governing Board. Each of these elected leaders has shown a strong understanding of the delicate balance of environmental issues and economic prosperity and has a deep respect for scientific data.

This group believes that the APCD will benefit from balanced leadership that ensures responsible air quality management for our region, while balancing the economic realities of our region. Given the scientific nature of the Governing Board, we believe it is critical to appoint leadership that prioritizes evidence-based decision making. Therefore, we submit the following names for your consideration:

Supervisorial District 1: Councilmember Mitch McKay – Imperial Beach

- Councilmember McKay served as a representative of Imperial Beach to the United States International Boundary & Water Commission (IBWC) Citizen Forum Board prior to his election to the Imperial Beach City Council and currently serves on the Shoreline Preservation Working Group and SANDAG. During his time on the Council, he has proven to be a balanced voice and shown a deep understanding of the environmental issues facing Imperial Beach.

Supervisorial District 2: Councilmember Laura Koval – Santee

- Councilmember Koval has served as the Director of Park and Recreation for Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve for over 10 years and represents the City of Santee on multiple

committees such as MTS, SANDAG, and the Stowe Trail Taskforce. Councilmember Koval has a proven knowledge of environmental issues including land, water, and air in East County.

Supervisorial District 3: Mayor John Duncan – Coronado

- Mayor John Duncan is an attorney with over 25 years of experience in complex business, finance, asset management and real estate law. In his prior role as a Councilmember, he demonstrated a fair and balanced approach to regional issues serving outside agencies including SANDAG and MTS. He also serves on the city's Transborder Sewage Sub-Committee advocating for solutions to sewage flows that are contaminating the waters off Coronado, demonstrating both knowledge and passion for environmental related health issues that would be an asset to APCD.

Supervisorial District 4: Councilmember Dr. Jennifer Campbell – San Diego

- Councilmember Dr. Jennifer Campbell is an M.D., serving for many years as a Family Physician. She has experience as Chair of San Diego's Environment Committee and led the creation of San Diego Community Power and serves on the San Diego River Conservancy Board. As a doctor, she is highly qualified to address environmental health issues with experience and data on the APCD Governing Board.

Supervisorial District 5: Councilmember Judy Fitzgerald – Escondido

- Councilmember Judy Fitzgerald is a newly elected member of the Escondido City Council, but she has already shown her immense care for her community, serving as a businesswoman, law enforcement officer, and board member of the Escondido Chamber of Commerce. We believe Councilmember Fitzgerald would be a great community advocate.

We believe these candidates will be collaborative, responsible, and data driven as representatives to the APCD Governing Board. For these reasons, we respectfully ask the Committee to consider our recommended slate of candidates when making appointments. Should you require any further information, please reach out to Justine Murray, Executive Director of Public Affairs at the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, at JMurray@sdchamber.org. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

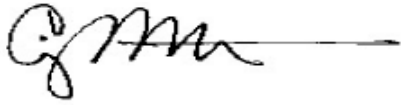
Respectfully,



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Justine Murray
Executive Director, Public Affairs
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

CC:

Mayor Esther Sanchez, Vice Chair (District 5)
Mayor Todd Gloria (Districts 1, 3, & 4)
Mayor Paloma Aguirre (District 1)
Mayor John McCann (District 1)
Mayor Ron Morrison (District 1)
Mayor Steve Vaus (District 2)
Mayor Bill Wells (District 2)
Mayor Keith Blackburn (District 3)

Mayor John Duncan (District 3)
Mayor Bruce Ehlers (District 3)
Mayor Lesa Heebner (District 3)
Mayor Dr. Mark Arapostathis (District 4)
Mayor Alysson Snow (District 4)
Mayor John Franklin (District 5)
Mayor Rebecca Jones (District 5)
Mayor Dane White (District 5)