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**Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Proposed ENV-2007-4288-  
EIR Figueroa and Adams Student Housing Project**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final Environmental Impact Report.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092.5, please provide the AQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final Environmental Impact Report. The SCAQMD staff would be happy to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other questions that may arise. Please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Nakamura". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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**Siting of Sensitive Land Uses Near Freeways and High Traffic Roads**

- In the project description on page III-2 under surrounding land uses and in Figure II-6, the lead agency shows that the proposed project will be located within 500 feet of the 110 Freeway. This places the students and staff living and working at the site within approximately 180 feet of the 110 Freeway and the proposed project property line. The California Environmental Protection Agency (CAL/EPA) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) have published the “Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective (April 2005) “(Handbook), which is available at the following website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf> . This document includes recommendations for siting projects that include sensitive land uses (schools, residences, playgrounds, convalescent centers, nursing homes, long-term health care facilities, etc.) close to high traffic and the associated emissions that may lead to adverse health effects beyond those associated with regional air pollution in urban areas. Based on findings of the CAL/EPA and CARB Air Quality and Land Use Handbook, the SCAQMD staff recommends that the lead agency consult the CARB Land Use Handbook while planning for the proposed student housing project.