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Review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the College Ready Academy High School #16 (ENV-2013-740) Project

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comment is intended to provide guidance to the lead agency and should be incorporated into the final CEQA document as appropriate.

The proposed project is a sensitive land use¹ (i.e., school), but has not evaluated impacts from potential significant sources of toxic air emissions from surrounding land uses. As a result, the SCAQMD staff recommends that the lead agency conduct a health risk assessment (HRA) consistent with what is required for other public schools pursuant to Section 17213 of the Education Code. The HRA should be based on the most current information pertaining to all emissions in close proximity to the project site. In the event that the lead agency determines the proposed project will result in significant health risk impacts to future sensitive receptors (i.e., students) the SCAQMD staff recommends that the lead agency require mitigation to reduce these impacts to a less than significant level.

Please provide the SCAQMD staff with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the final CEQA document. Further, staff is available to work with the lead agency to address these issues and any other questions regarding air quality that may arise. Please contact Dan Garcia, Air Quality Specialist CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3304, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian V. MacMillan".

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¹ California Air Resources Board. April 2005. "Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective." Accessed at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/landuse.htm>