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August 6, 2018

South Coast Air Quality Management District Attn: Dr. William Burke, Chairman and the Governing Board 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765

## Re: Rule 1410 for Oil Refineries

Dear Chairman Burke and the Governing Board:

On August 9, 2018, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council voted unanimously to support a strong Rule 1410, which would require hydrofluoric acid (HF) and modified hydrofluoric acid (MHF), which is currently used at two Los Angeles County refineries, to be replaced with a safer alternative within four years, with monitoring and enforcement procedures put into place.

The communities of Northwest San Pedro are within 3.3 miles of the Valero Wilmington Refinery, one of only two in the state of California using MHF, the other being the PBF Energy Torrance Refinery (previously ExxonMobil). Northwest is located within 6 miles of that facility.

We, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, are in union with the Wilmington and Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Councils and other area community groups in respectfully asking that you vote to protect the health, well-being and safety of our residents, business holders, and visitors to our area, as well as the workers and laborers at Valero Wilmington and PBF Energy Torrance.

Thank you for your attention regarding this issue that is sensitive to the NWSPNC surrounding neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Ray Regalado, President On behalf of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council