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Honorable William Burke, Chairman
SCAQMD Governing Board
SCAQMD Headquarters
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Subject: Agenda Item #13, Attachment C – Tesoro Refinery Integration Project – Request for EJ Advisory Review Board and Stationary Source Committee Project Review

Dear Chairman Burke:

We are writing to request that you refer the Tesoro Refinery Integration Project to your Environmental Justice Review Board and Stationary Source Committee Project Review Board. The project will integrate the Carson Tesoro Refinery with the Wilmington Refinery, adding 8 new large storage tanks with a total capacity of 3.6 million barrels of petroleum and will create the largest refinery west of the Mississippi River ~~in the entire North American continent.~~

The AQMD is the lead agency to review and analyze the environmental impacts from this massive refinery project. The City of Carson is a responsible agency and will rely on the EIR, prepared by the AQMD, in reviewing and acting on the Tesoro Refinery Project. The final EIR certified by the AQMD is the most important document to guide the City of Carson's review and determinations related on the Project.

The City of Carson is a responsible agency with a discretionary permitting process on the entitlements of the project and it has to rely on this EIR ~~as part of the entitlement process.~~ Carson is also a severely disadvantaged community and the Tesoro Refinery is a huge source of stationary emissions within the Carson community. The refinery covers over 1.3 square miles of land in our community. The City has a real concern for its residents and the environmental impacts from the Tesoro Project. It is extremely important for our community to understand the environmental baseline and impacts from the proposed project.

There is no argument that the current condition of the Tesoro Refinery operations impacts the community. Over the last ten years there have been more than 260 odor complaints, and there are acute and chronic health risks and impacts from this project (see attached list). This information is missing from the Draft EIR. Additionally no information is presented in the Draft EIR in regards to the existing baseline situation related to acute and chronic impacts. This is a very serious oversight. For the City of Carson to act responsibly in its review of the Project, the City needs a complete EIR with existing baseline conditions and an analysis of potential impacts from the Project to those baseline conditions, in order to design proper and feasible mitigation measures to protect public health.

The City has made comments to the Draft EIR and AQMD staff is working on responses to those comments. The City and AQMD staffs have met twice to review the City's concerns. We are here today to request further review and a public hearing prior to the issuance of a Final EIR. We are requesting a review by your Environmental Justice Review Board and Stationary Source Committee Project Review Board.

The Integration Project will create a massive refinery in the Carson community for decades to come. The Carson community deserves a thoughtful and detailed environmental review prior to any action taken on this proposed Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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