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DISTRICT 124

September 26, 2018

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Air Quality Division
Implementation Grants Section, MC-100
PO Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

RE: Response to the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (BMP) draft issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Dear Chairman Niermann:

On August 8, 2018, the TCEQ released its draft of the BMP for the Volkswagen settlement funds. The BMP draft included TCEQ's intent to allocate \$73,554,754 to the San Antonio area for the replacement or repowering of older medium- and heavy-duty onroad and nonroad equipment.

I would like to submit my public comment in support of the current BMP draft, as it will significantly aid in achieving attainment of the 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Bexar County has increasingly been affected by ozone emissions from resident mobile vehicles and continues to project strong population growth into the future. As such, Bexar County has recognized the necessity of developing an effective plan for investing our resources to increase air quality and health outcomes for our residents. TCEQ's recognition of the transformative impact these additional funds will have on our area is much appreciated by Bexar County and the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG).

Thank you for your leadership on this issue and for TCEQ's decision to allocate targeted funds to nonattainment areas, maintenance areas, and areas of immediate concern to be designated nonattainment, which includes over \$73 million to the San Antonio Area.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ina Minjarez".

Ina Minjarez
District 124