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Comment 1 for Open Comment for the February 23, 2023, Board Meeting (feb232023opencomm). (At Hearing)

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Comment:

-I have long been committed to environmental justice and the impact of decisions on the stories of various people.

-CARB is following a well-worn path of disadvantaging the most vulnerable residents of this state for the sake of expediency. I have been to several of the Workshop meetings as an observer and begun making public comment. Maybe I should have come to the meetings of the full Board because your staff does not listen.

-Consistently, the Environmental Justice League has been the exclusive voice on Black engagement on this issue. Yet staff have only said they've already done everything that everyone is asked. What's the rush? Why don't staff listen to people who are using practical judgement and science to improve their health outcomes? What about Black Californians saying we need better standards eludes the staff of this body?

-Board Members, your staff project an indifference that I can only hope is not reflective of you. Unless you direct clearly that there should be a solution to the grievances raised by the Environmental Justice League, you risk sanctioning decisions that amount to targeting a community.

-I doubt you all have been fully aware of your staff's disrespect of the Black community. Use this moment as a challenge to a better way of doing business at CARB.

-The Port Complex in Los Angeles faces so many difficulties. Black trucking firms are just trying to get their footing, CARB regulations ignore them as well. We can help small businesses-the chief engine to build wealth-and improve air quality. You have those awesome power in your hands.

- You can save the lungs of the next genius who will develop the technology to efficiently reach electrified fleets and a well-managed grid.

- Its not hard to do what I ask. I hope you appreciate that if more people could be here, they would. My opinion is widely held by people who live in the smoggiest region of the country.

-Thank you for considering this critical issue.

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