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To BAAQMD board of directors
Cc: Veronica Eady

Subject: Item 16 Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan
Recommendation for East Oakland, CA

Dear Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) board of directors,

The Rose Foundation's New Voices Are Rising (NVAR) youth are writing with overwhelming support of the BAAQMD board to recommend making East Oakland a priority environmental justice community under AB 617. The need to address historical harms and lack of resources on the air quality in East Oakland is long overdue. Such investments can help reduce pollution, restore justice and bring dignified economic opportunities to East Oakland. This will require deep community engagement and community based implementation to ensure that pollution reduction is done in a way that works for the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Tovar". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a dark ink on a white background.

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