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**Review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the  
City of Placentia 2006-2014 Housing Element**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comment is intended to provide guidance to the lead agency and should be incorporated into the final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) as appropriate.

On page nine of the MND the lead agency states that in order to accommodate the city's housing needs some existing land uses zoned for non-residential uses (i.e., industrial, commercial, and commercial-manufacturing) will need to be rezoned for residential uses. Therefore SCAQMD staff strongly recommends that the lead agency review the California Air Resources Board's Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Perspective, which is available at the following internet address: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf>. Specifically, the CARB Land Use Handbook offers guidance on siting incompatible land uses and addresses "sensitive land uses" (e.g., residences, parks and medical facilities) near industrial sources, high traffic freeways and roads. CARB's Land Use Handbook is a general reference guide for evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects that go through the land use decision-making process.

The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the lead agency to address these issues and any other questions that may arise. Please contact Dan Garcia, Air Quality Specialist

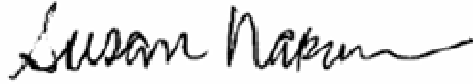
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CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3304, if you have any questions regarding the enclosed comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Nakamura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Attachment

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