

March X, 2023

The Honorable Eloise Gomez Reyes
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Re: AB 1000 (Reyes): Good Neighbor Policy – SUPPORT

I am proud to support AB 1000, which would establish a statewide Good Neighbor Policy for warehouses and logistic centers of 100,000 square feet or larger from expanding and being sited within 1000 feet of sensitive receptors such as neighborhoods, schools, healthcare facilities, and playgrounds, among others. I would like to thank Majority Leader Reyes for championing robust, sustainable, and community oriented development.

The Inland Empire has seen a warehouse boom over the past decade, which has led to siting of over 4000 warehouses that cover 40 square miles and over 1 billion square feet. The proliferation of these warehouses comes with enormous truck traffic which generates approximately 600,000 truck trips a day – an equivalent to 50 million pounds of carbon dioxide. The diesel exhaust from logistics has contributed to a worsening of air quality in San Bernardino County, which according to the American Lung Association has the worst levels of ozone in the United States. Local residents have argued that they are seeing higher levels of asthma and other negative public health impacts. For example, the City of San Bernardino has a majority census tracts whose asthma rate is between 70-96% higher than that of the census tracts in California.

The environmental and public health impacts of this growth is compounded by the fact that these facilities are being disproportionately sited next to low-income communities of color. These are often working class Latino and Black communities – some of which are primarily Spanish speaking households. It is unjust to place the public health burden on historically disadvantaged communities. These communities are seeing a staggering decline in their quality of life when these facilities are sited next to their homes, schools, parks, and other sensitive receptors.

AB 1000 would establish a 1000 foot setback on warehouse or logistics projects from sensitive receptors. The bill would allow these projects to be sited 750 feet away from sensitive receptors if the project meet a set of standards related to fleet electrification for all vehicle types (light, medium- and heavy-duty), zero-emission equipment requirements, air quality and public health assessments, zero-emission energy requirements, zero-emission vehicle charging or refueling infrastructure requirements, and prohibitions on idling for vehicles and equipment. The state needs to develop uniform standards for logistics development so that no community is left out.

It is for these reasons that I am in strong support of AB 1000.

Sincerely,
Signature
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