

September 12, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom California State Governor 1021 O Street, Suite 9000 Sacramento, CA 95814 Via Email

Subject: Assembly Bill 1216 - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Newsom:

The City of Hermosa Beach is pleased to support Assembly Bill 1216, which would require certain wastewater treatment facilities near residential neighborhoods to install fence-line air-monitoring equipment to test for pollutants of concern.

As a community in the South Bay region of Los Angeles County, the City of Hermosa Beach is intimately familiar with the hazards of being located near a wastewater treatment facility. In Hermosa Beach's case, the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant is less than four miles away from our City and has caused numerous water and air quality issues over the years which have negatively impacted the region as a whole.

AB 1216 is an important and effective step to ensure our community is safe and that air pollutants resulting from such wastewater facilities are properly monitored, recorded and reported. We look forward to these facilities cooperating with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to implement this program and make sure these essential facilities are operating as safely and cleanly as possible. That this monitoring would be at no additional cost to the State is another reason to pass this bill and expedite implementation of this program.

AB 1216 is another important step in this long-term path towards reducing pollutants in the region. For these reasons, the City of Hermosa Beach supports AB 1216. For any questions or additional information, please contact the City's Environmental Programs Manager, Douglas Krauss, at 310-750-3603 or <u>dkrauss@hermosabeach.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Ray Jackson, Mayor



