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Draft Negative Declaration (Draft ND)
for the Proposed City of Hawaiian Gardens Zoning Code Update

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final Negative Declaration (ND).

In the Draft ND for the proposed zoning code update, the lead agency proposes a new ordinance that specifically addresses child day care centers. Because of the sensitivity of children to air pollution, AQMD staff recommends that the lead agency include a provision in the ordinance that prohibits new child care facilities from being located within setback distances identified in the California Air Resources Board Land Use Guidance document¹ (e.g., child care centers should be located >500 feet from the edge of any freeway).

The AQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other air quality questions that may arise. Please contact Ian MacMillan, Program Supervisor – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3244, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian V. MacMillan".

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¹ Available here: www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf