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**Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR)
for the Proposed Honda Center Enhancement Project**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) 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 Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) as appropriate.

Based on a review of the Draft EIR the AQMD staff is concerned about the significant air quality and greenhouse gas emissions impacts from new vehicular trips generated by the proposed project. Therefore, the AQMD staff recommends that in addition to mitigation measures 2-1 through 2-3 of the Draft EIR the lead agency should require the following measures pursuant to Section 15126.4 of the CEQA Guidelines:

- Use local vendors to reduce VMT,
- Provide robust carpool/vanpool/ride-sharing program for patrons and employees,
- Provide preferred parking (cheaper and closer) for zero and near-zero vehicles,
- Provide abundant electrical hookups for electric vehicles,
- Provide market pricing on parking with extra money used for transit subsidies (revenue neutral),
- Provide bike parking and showers for employees,
- Limit the available parking supply,
- Improve the local pedestrian network to relieve congestion,
- Increase mass transit service with zero/near-zero emission vehicles,
- Provide transit subsidies to patrons (e.g., discounted tickets, free hot dog with a OCTA pass) and employees,
- Provide an employee parking cash-out,
- Provide more park and ride lots,

- Provide zero/near-zero emission shuttle service to mass transit destinations (e.g., Metrolink stations, park and ride lots, etc.),
- Only use zero/near-zero onsite fleet, and
- Provide traffic management measures immediately before and after events.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092.5, please provide the SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final EIR. Further, 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 CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3304, if you have any questions regarding the enclosed comments.

Sincerely,



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