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Bay Area Air District Elects City of Martinez Vice Mayor Mark A. Ross as New Chair

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Board of Directors has elected its new officers for the 2007 term of office. The newly elected Chair is City of Martinez Vice Mayor Mark A. Ross, Vice-Chair is San Mateo County Supervisor Jerry Hill and the incoming Secretary is City of Petaluma Mayor Pamela Torliatt. The 22-member Board is responsible for approving policies and regulations to protect air quality in the nine Bay Area counties. Members of the Board are locally elected county supervisors, mayors and city council members within the Air District's region.

Chair Mark A. Ross joined the Air District's Board in 2000, and was previously the Vice-Chair of the Board. "We all breathe the same air," newly elected Chair Mark Ross stated. "In 2007, your Air District will offer more positive air quality choices to reduce pollution and curb global warming. Continued regulating and educating efforts will be a priority because we need to be fair as we share the air." Ross added.

Ross was elected to the Martinez City Council in 1996. He has served on several Air District committees including the Budget and Finance, Public Outreach, Executive, Legislative, Stationary Source, and Personnel committees and the Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Protection.

Vice-Chair Jerry Hill joined the Air District's Board in 1996. Supervisor Hill was initially elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in June 1998, and was re-elected in 2002 to represent the 2nd District, which includes the cities of San Mateo, Foster City, and Belmont. Vice-Chair Hill has served on the Budget and Finance, Personnel, Executive, Mobile and Stationary Source committees.

Secretary Pamela Torliatt joined the Air District's Board in 1999. Her service on the Board include the Budget and Finance, Legislative, Public Outreach, Executive, Personnel, Mobile Source committees, as well as the Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Protection. She has served on the Petaluma City Council since 1996 and was elected Mayor in November 2006.

The Board of Directors meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at Air District headquarters located at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. For additional information on Air District activities, visit our website at www.baaqmd.gov.

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