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To whom it may concern:

Breathe California Sacramento Region (SacBreathe) strongly opposes the Upper Westside Project and supports the City's decision to oppose the project because of the significant and unavoidable impacts on air quality and lung health. This large, auto-dependent development would add thousands of daily vehicle trips, increasing traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions in an already burdened region. These emissions are directly linked to respiratory illnesses and other serious health risks, especially in nearby disadvantaged communities disproportionately affected by poor air quality. Moving forward with this project would make it harder for the Sacramento Region to meet important air quality standards, roll back years of progress, and threaten future transportation funding.

Additionally, this project goes against long standing regional plans designed to protect our air quality and limit urban sprawl, including Sacramento County's Air Quality Plan and the Urban Services Boundary. Developing on land that is meant to protect open space will worsen pollution and slow down sustainable growth focused on existing neighborhoods. With all the health risks tied to more air pollution and traffic especially for vulnerable communities, SacBreathe urges Sacramento County to reject projects with unavoidable health impacts, and instead invest in solutions that support clean air and healthy lungs for all residents.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Finton, CEO

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