

December 8, 1981

MEMORANDUM

TO: Councilperson Lynn Robie  
FROM: Toke Masuda  
SUBJECT: City Position RE: proposed HR 4400 (Relaxation of Federal New Car Emission Standards)

The County Air Pollution Control District staff called yesterday, requesting that the City send a telegram indicating its opposition to the proposed relaxation of Federal new car emission standards.

This measure is scheduled for a public hearing by the Senate Public Works Committee on Friday morning (December 11th). The State Air Resources Board and County APCD staffs anticipate that the proposed measure would increase vehicular hydrocarbon emissions by 14%; oxides of nitrogen by 57%; and carbon monoxide by 25%. They recommend local opposition to this measure because it would make it difficult (if not impossible) to attain air quality standards by 1987 (the adopted and proposed state, regional, and local air quality plans are based upon the existing emission standards, so the increased emissions permitted by this measure would have to be corrected by more stringent regional and local air quality programs).

The City has previously adopted legislative positions opposing the relaxation of State new car emission standards, because they would require additional local programs, but this is the first time this issue has been proposed by Federal legislation. The County APCD staff indicates that Supervisor Illa Collins has sent a telegram for the County APCD, opposing this measure.

If the City Council desires to send a telegram regarding this measure, the APCD staff indicates that local responses are being coordinated by:

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Staff, LAPCO  
444 North Capital, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

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