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Crist Unanimously Re-Elected AVAQMD Chairman of the Board

Lancaster – Lancaster Vice-Mayor Marvin Crist was unanimously elected to a second term as Chairman of the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District's Governing Board during the agency's regular December 18 meeting. The AVAQMD Board also unanimously reaffirmed Palmdale Councilmember Mike Dispenza as Vice-Chair of the local regulatory air agency's governing body for a second year.

"I'm looking forward to expanding more of the programs we launched last year - such as the free electric vehicle charging stations at Antelope Valley College – throughout the Antelope Valley, while continuing to enforce and build upon policies which protect our community" commented Crist following his re-election. He added that the AVAQMD "works hard to increase sustainability within our valley by developing and implementing high air quality standards. We intend to further this effort at every opportunity."

During his first year as AVAQMD Board Chairman, Crist oversaw the modification of burdensome, overly-restrictive regulations dealing with local sulfur emissions, adhesive requirements and automotive coatings. Under Crist, the AVAQMD also expanded grant opportunities for the purchase of alternative

fuel vehicles, diesel-electric hybrid transit buses and public-access electric vehicle charging station installations.

"Marvin is a very knowledgeable and respected leader that works in the best interest of the entire Antelope Valley," said Newton Chelette, Interim Vice-President for Student Services at AVC, who also serves on the AVAQMD Governing Board.

Crist was nominated by Los Angeles County Fifth District Representative Ron Hawkins, with a second by Dispenza. Dispenza was nominated by Crist, with a second by City of Lancaster Councilmember Sandra Johnson.

The AVAQMD is the local air pollution control agency for the High Desert portion of North Los Angeles County, including the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale. The District is responsible for regulating stationary air pollution sources and implementing state and federal air quality rules and regulations within its 1,300 square mile jurisdiction, which is home to almost half a million residents.

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