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Mayor Tim Sandoval
Pomona City Hall
505 South Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91766

RE: OPPOSE CODE AMENDMENT (June 5) TO BAN METAL RECYCLING FACILITIES IN POMONA

To: Mayor Sandoval and Pomona City Council:

California is home to approximately 3,000 metalworking facilities, employing over 100,000 Californians with middle-class manufacturing jobs and health benefits. 8 out of 10 employees in the metalworking sector are considered ethnic minorities or reside in disadvantaged communities.

Californians discard more metal than any other US state. In fact, Californians discard enough aluminum each day to build 5 commercial aircrafts. It is critical to our society, environment, and carbon footprint to recycle locally. It is equally important for cities such as Pomona to promote responsible metal facilities that continue to invest in best management practices and/or pollution control equipment.

CMC opposes the city code amendment to ban new local metal recycling sites in Pomona. We also oppose restricting current metal recycling operators.

Pomona is the 5th largest city in Los Angeles County with over 160,000 residents and thousands of businesses. The volume of discarded metal within this city is significant. Without the ability to handle the volume of recyclables within the city of Pomona, more materials will get buried in landfills or trucked out of the city. CMC urges the city of Pomona to take a balanced approach to metal recycling and not adopt the proposed code amendment.

Thank you for your leadership as we find solutions that meet California's environmental goals and allow the most advanced metalworking companies and jobs to prosper.

Sincerely,

James Simonelli, Executive Director