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SCAQMD Board Re-Elects William A. Burke, Ed.D. as Chair and Elects Clark E. Parker, Ph.D., as Vice-Chair

William A. Burke, Ed.D., was re-elected today to an unprecedented 12th term as the chairman of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Governing Board. Los Angeles business executive Clark E. Parker Sr., Ph.D., was elected to his first term as vice-chairman. Their new terms will begin on Jan. 15, 2018, and end on Jan. 14, 2020.

Burke is one of the longest-tenured members and the longest-serving chairman of the SCAQMD Board. He was first appointed to the Board in September 1993 by then-Speaker of the Assembly Willie L. Brown Jr. Burke was re-appointed to the Board in September by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon to serve an eighth term.

"I am looking forward with great enthusiasm to serving another four years on the SCAQMD Board," Burke said. "Our Board has helped the Southland move in the right direction and we have accomplished a great deal in improving air quality, especially in environmental justice communities. But we still have an enormous challenge ahead of us."

Parker is a successful business executive who has worked extensively in a variety of businesses and industries. He is the founder and chief executive officer of Spectrum Surveillance Systems and View Park Development Corp., and is a licensed general contractor and real estate developer. He was appointed to the SCAQMD Board by the California Senate Rules Committee on June 1, 2012, and is currently serving in his second term on the Board.

"I am honored to be part of the effort to build strong relationships with clean technology industries and develop policies that clean our air while ensuring the economic vitality of the Southland," Parker said. "Partnership is key to cleaning the air, our most precious resource."

SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.