



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## NEWS

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### **William A. Burke, Ed.D. Reappointed to an Unprecedented Eighth Term as a Member of the SCAQMD Governing Board by Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon**

William A. Burke, Ed.D., a leader in environmental justice and other air quality programs, has been reappointed to an unprecedented eighth term on the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Governing Board by Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon. All of Burke's appointments were for four years, except his first which filled an unexpired term.

His new term begins on Jan. 15, 2018, and ends on Jan. 15, 2022. Burke, one of the longest-tenured members and the longest-serving chairman of the SCAQMD Board, has served since he was first appointed to the post in September 1993 by then-Speaker of the Assembly Willie L. Brown Jr.

Burke is the longest continuously serving appointee of former Speaker Brown and the only Brown appointee to any board still serving today. In addition to holding this prestigious honor, Burke has the distinction of serving longer than any other previous Assembly Speaker appointee to any board.

"I am looking forward with great enthusiasm to serving another four years on the SCAQMD Board," Burke said. "We have accomplished a great deal, but we also have an enormous challenge ahead of us if we are to succeed in cleaning up the Southland's smog. I am honored and appreciate the confidence placed in me by the many Speakers of the Assembly that have appointed me."

Burke serves as the Speaker of the Assembly appointee to the 13-member SCAQMD Board. The other 12 members include four elected officials from Los Angeles County, two each from Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, one member appointed by the Governor and one by the Senate Rules Committee.

During his service on SCAQMD's Board, Burke introduced and SCAQMD carried out landmark programs for environmental justice, children and senior citizens.

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