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Message:

As the Executive Director of the CA Latino Leadership Institute, I work in the underserved immigrant community of Southeast Los Angeles, (SELA). The South Coast Air Quality Management District is seeking comments on the proposed rules 1111 and 1121 that would eventually ban the use of natural gas for heating our homes or heating our water. This new policy is not good for low income communities like SELA. Why I believe it isn't sound policy to implement Rule 1111 and Rule 1121: 1. Natural gas is a lot less expensive than electricity to heat our homes and to heat water. Underserved immigrant communities struggle in this economy to put food on the table and the cost for electric conversion is in the thousands of dollars. 2. The cost for electricity has increased and the demand for electricity in the SELA summer months, which has

a tree canopy for shade and cooling is less than 20%, will also increase for cooling homes, taking showers and cooking. This will also puts a stronger demand on the current overburdened summer electric grid and family budgets. 3. If you are rich, there is no problem converting from gas, but if you are poor or elderly on a fixed income, it is prohibitive to transition and then maintain the cost long term for cooking and hot water. I LOVE Natural gas; it is affordable, convenient, Like the families I would with in SELA, I am able to cook and heat my water living on a fixed income. Please do not make this change from natural gas water heaters. Thank you.