



## CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

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Hon. Vanessa Delgado, Chair  
South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board  
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Diamond Bar, CA 91765

**Subject: Opposition to Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121**

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board members,

On behalf of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, I am writing to inform you of our strong opposition to the two proposed rules being advanced by SCAQMD staff for consideration by your Governing Board, specifically, proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 (PAR 1111 and 1121). On behalf of the thousands of families in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, we have significant concerns regarding the dramatic cost implications proposed by these amendments.

The City Council shares your commitment to clean air, water, and other quality-of-life benefits that draw and retain residents and businesses. However, adoption of PAR 1111 and 1121 will lead to a variety of negative impacts, including increased costs of living in our region.

The proposed rules phase-in more expensive zero-emission appliances, often requiring costly mechanical, electrical, and plumbing retrofits to existing buildings. While we understand that the phase-in of zero emissions appliances would happen over approximately 10 years, and would never include an outright ban on gas appliances, the proposed rules will drive up the cost of the gas appliance options through supply restrictions and mitigation fees. The end result will be that all options for space and water heating will become more expensive for consumers.

Finally, an evaluation of the ability of Southern California's electricity infrastructure to continue to reliably support the conversion from natural gas to electric appliances has not been conducted. We are concerned that the use of electric water and space heating will further strain the electrical grid, leaving residents and businesses without space and water heating during blackouts.

We strongly urge the SCAQMD Governing Board to reject PAR 1111 and 1121 due to the dramatic implications proposed by these amendments.

Sincerely,

  
L. Anthony Beall  
Mayor

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