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South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Subject: Support for Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Members of the Governing Board,

The Rancho Palos Verdes City Council respectfully submits this letter expressing support for the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (AQMD) Proposed Amended Rules (PAR) 1111 and 1121. The City appreciates AQMD's continued efforts to balance environmental and public health protections with economic considerations.

Given that Southern California fails to meet federal air quality standards that are adversely affecting the health of over 17 million residents, the City recognizes the need to address this challenge as quickly and effectively as possible. Gas furnaces and water heaters are major contributors of NOx emissions, causing respiratory illnesses and significant health-related costs. PAR 1111 and 1121 would further reduce NOx emissions by phasing in the use of zero-emission water heaters and furnaces, a critical step in improving regional air quality and achieving federal and state air quality standards. Doing so is a shared priority that will benefit the entire community.

We appreciate that AQMD has engaged in extensive stakeholder outreach on PAR 1111 and 1121 since 2023. This work has helped shape and reshape PAR 1111 and 1121 to be more grounded in realistic implementation timelines that now extend through 2036. This will help minimize financial and logistical burdens to residents, businesses, and manufacturers.

In closing, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes supports the adoption of PAR 1111 and 1121 and appreciates AQMD's commitment to fostering a healthier and more

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sustainable future for all South Coast residents. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with AQMD and our regional partners to advance air quality improvements.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

David L. Bradley

Mayor

cc: Rancho Palos Verdes City Council