

# City of Seal Beach



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May 21, 2025

Hon. Vanessa Delgado, Chair  
South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board  
21865 Copley Dr.  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

RE: Opposition to Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board members,

The City of Seal Beach has just recently been made aware of two proposed rules being advanced by SCAQMD staff for consideration by your Governing Board. On behalf of our city's residents, business owners, organizations and city employees, we are conveying our opposition to Proposed Amended Rules (Rules) 1111 and 1121 and urge you to defer consideration of these rules to allow SCAQMD Governing Board members and staff to receive additional information, data, input and dialogue from the numerous stakeholders potentially impacted by this proposed rule.

We have significant concerns regarding the scale of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and other requirements necessary to comply with retrofits of existing commercial buildings, single family homes and multifamily residential properties, as well as the dramatic cost implications to thousands of families who call the City of Seal Beach home.

We believe it is highly likely that if Rules 1111 and 1121 are adopted by the Governing Board, the high costs of compliance will force the owners of older multifamily properties to sell or redevelop their properties, subsequently resulting in a dramatic reduction in the availability of affordable housing in our city and across the region.

Our City Council shares your commitment to clean air and water and other quality of life benefits that draw and retain the residents and business owners who live here. However, the current versions of Rules 1111 and 1121 will deliver consequences that will lead to a variety of negative impacts, impacting jobs and increasing the cost of living in our region.

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We urge the SCAQMD Governing Board to delay consideration/adoption of PAR 1111/1121 to allow District staff to better inform the millions of Southern California residents of these proposed rules and to address the many unanswered questions regarding cost, technology, and the availability of potential incentives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Gallegos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Patrick Gallegos  
Interim City Manager