From:

To:

Clerk of Board

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Air Quality District

**Date:** Thursday, January 23, 2025 11:15:49 AM

Rules 1111 and 1121 are bad for our future, our freedom of choice and are far too costly for our citizens. We cannot keep adding rules that increase our living expenses and our housing costs and taking our right to decide what's best for ourselves.

Please stop rules 1111 and 1121 and any other intrusive ideas to our freedom that you have.

Sincerely, Scott Foley From:
To: Clerk of Board

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rule 1111 and 1121

**Date:** Thursday, January 23, 2025 12:54:44 PM

#### Hello

As a tax paying constituent in the state of California, I wanted to voice my opposition to the California Air Resource Board desire to ban natural gas appliances.

It is a poorly thought out ban. The current infrastructure in California cannot support this type of electrical use. Companies like Southern California Edison will be more liberal with power shut offs during times of adverse weather to minimize fire risk which will continue to degrade our quality of life in the future.

The current grid can hardly handle the states power needs currently. During the summer, when we all know power demands are higher, we still get threats of blackouts due to this demand from the utility companies.

The additional cost imposed to builders will trickle down to consumers. California is already one of the most expensive states in the country. This will only exacerbate the issue.

Banning gas appliances will have no appreciable affect on climate change.

The board needs to be reasonable and not ban gas appliances.

Thank you

Zaid Chaudhry

From:
To: Clerk of Board

 Subject:
 [EXTERNAL] Rules 1111 and 1121

 Date:
 Thursday, January 23, 2025 10:20:05 AM

I strongly oppose passage and implementation of Rules 1111 and 1121. These rules will take away freedom of choice for consumers and lead to higher purchasing costs and electric usage and costs. Not everyone can afford more expensive electric water heaters and furnaces, especially those on fixed incomes. There are many older homes in Southern California that would require costly upgrades to their electrical systems. The benefits to the environment will be small in comparison to the costs and hardship that would be incurred.

Georgianne Bryant Homeowner, Placentia

### **Faye Thomas**

From: David Hellman

**Sent:** Sunday, January 12, 2025 10:45 AM

To: Clerk of Board

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Rule 1111 and 1121

January 12, 2025

I urge you to reconsider rule 1111 and 1121. The cost to heat the air and water in my house would go up dramatically. Natural gas is so much cheaper than electricity. The cost of electricity has skyrocketed in the last decade. Public safety power shutoffs are becoming more common. Southern California Edison shut off the power to my house for 48 hours because of recent high winds. I still had hot water because I have a gas water heater. I replaced my water heater in 2019 and it met the new standards for low NOx emissions. As California is trying to move away from fossil fuels, electric power in our homes will be less reliable. Please don't outlaw gas water heaters and furnaces.

Signed David Hellman Highland CA

# **Faye Thomas**

**From:** joan lebman

Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2025 12:48 PM

To: Clerk of Board

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Air district Plan article

We do not have the electric grid to support all the changes in your article,, people will not be able to afford this change to get all electric approved, heaters ,, and the cost of installation, I as a tax payer vote a big NO on this....., Air district Plan article Joan Lebman

Sent from my iPhone

#### **James Chavez**

From: Jocelyn Rubio

Sent: Friday, January 17, 2025 1:42 PM

**To:** Clerk of Board

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Urgent Concern: Opposition to Proposed Zero-Emission Enforcement

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern and disappointment regarding the potential statewide enforcement of zeroemission electrical units. As a new homeowner, I find this proposed mandate to be a significant financial burden, not only for low-income families and seniors, as was mentioned in today's meeting by one of your board members, but for all homeowners and businesses alike.

As a gerontologist and advocate for seniors, I agree that this policy would disproportionately impact vulnerable populations. However, as a spouse of a veteran, a college graduate with a master's degree, and someone working three jobs alongside my husband's income to support our family, I can attest that the financial strain would extend far beyond these groups. Families like mine, striving to make ends meet while covering essentials such as utilities, daycare, and mortgage payments, would face insurmountable challenges under this enforcement.

I fully support environmental sustainability and commend efforts to encourage the adoption of electric options. However, such measures should remain optional, not mandated. A prime example of the unintended consequences of such policies can be seen in Irvine Unified School District's transition to electric landscaping equipment. While the idea sounds commendable, the reality has been less effective. Equipment downtime due to charging requirements has delayed essential tasks, causing frustration among staff and impacting maintenance.

Moreover, consider the realities faced by individuals and families who rely on equipment for daily tasks, including people with disabilities. California's frequent power outages, caused by wind, fires, and routine maintenance by utility companies, further demonstrate why we cannot depend solely on electric power.

Enforcing a policy that mandates electric-only heating, for instance, would be devastating. If we were required to replace our heater today with only an electric option, it would be financially impossible. Like many others, we were already forced to move from Orange County to neighboring counties to afford homeownership, yet even here, the cost of living remains high.

I urge you to reconsider this decision and take into account the perspectives and challenges faced by all Californians. I strongly recommend conducting thorough community outreach and education to better understand the full implications of this policy before moving forward. While I applaud efforts to offer electric options, they should remain a choice, not an enforced mandate.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you will thoughtfully reassess this proposal with the broader community in mind.

Sincerely, Jocelyn Rubio-Melendrez From:
To: Clerk of Board

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 8:36:48 PM

The proposed rules pertaining to eliminating of all home gas water heaters, gas powered heating devices, stoves, and gas dryers is a poor idea. This will cost California homeowners millions of dollars to achieve a hardly noticeable reduction in air pollution.

Please don't let this happen! It already costs a fortune to live in this state and the cost to switch to electricity doesn't make sense when we don't have the generating capacity to also switch to high priced electric cars.

We have plenty of natural gas, but not enough electrical capacity which means the price of electricity will shoot up for all taxpayers.

We sincerely hope you and your collegues see the logic in these new rules and vote against them.

Sincerely Yours, Norman Elsasser Carolyn Elsasser

#### **James Chavez**

From: Charity Farrell

Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 5:22 PM

To: COB

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear AQMD Governing Board Members,

Our family is becoming more and more concerned with many of the changes being implemented and planned for California in the coming months and years. Especially those that will be requiring residents to spend excessive amounts of money as a result of these changes. Rules 1111 and 1121 are included in our concerns.

We do not have the multiple tens of thousands of dollars that would be necessary to change appliances, furnaces, heaters, and potentially even our electrical panel. Requiring these changes would be a financial hardship for us and many other families we know. And most won't even be able to do any of it which means families will be without hot water or a way to heat their home.

We do not support Rules 1111 or 1112 and don't believe that our representatives can pass them in good conscience.

Thank you, Charity Farrell Yorba Linda, CA

## **James Chavez**

From: Jim B

**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2025 9:59 AM

To: Clerk of Board

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Rules 1111 & 1121

Hello AQMD - Please don't implement the changes to rules 1111 & 1121 because I simply can't afford the required change over cost to zero emission appliances. I'm retired and barely making it as it is. Try living on approximately \$3,200 a month gross (before taxes).

Thanks, Jim Bothwell