James Chavez

From:

Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 6:50 PM

To: Clerk of Board

Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Dear Clerk of the Board South Coast AQMD,

I'm writing to support the South Coast Air Quality Management District's efforts to clean up harmful appliance pollution.

It's critical that Rule 1111 and Rule 1121 are made as strong as possible to protect the health of Southern California's communities from dangerous air pollution and smog. The changes that have been proposed by your agency would significantly limit the emissions that would be reduced, and I'm disappointed that these changes are being considered.

The strong version of this proposal would eliminate 10 tons of nitrogen oxides (NOx) per day, prevent an astounding 4,000 early deaths in Southern California, and save \$2 billion each year in health impacts. Flexibility was already built into the last version of the proposal, with exceptions for high-altitude homes, schools with large boilers, and multi-family homes. Further concessions to the gas industry through this new, weaker proposal are unnecessary and would reduce the benefits and protections that Rules 1111 and 1121 provide our community.

Electric space and water heaters have already become the new standard because they're better products than their gaspowered alternatives: Heat pumps are 3 to 5 times more efficient than gas furnaces, make spaces more comfortable, and have outsold gas furnaces since 2021.

We need your agency to lead the charge on cleaning up Southern California's air and cutting out pollution. Keeping Rules 1111 and 1121 strong to reduce the air quality issues will give our community clean air and move us toward a healthier future. I encourage you to stand strong for appliance standards and pass the strongest possible Rule 1111 and Rule 1121.

Sincerely, Connie Perez Moreno