



**UNITED WAY OF
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Hon. Vanessa Delgado, Chair
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

RE: OPPOSE – Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121 - as released February 28

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members:

On behalf of **United Way of Greater Los Angeles**, we write to express our opposition to Proposed Amended Rules (PAR) 1111 and 1121. As an organization dedicated to serving low-income families, we are deeply concerned about the undue financial burden these amendments would place on families already struggling to afford basic necessities. Our opposition is reflective of the revised language officially released on February 28, 2025, and discussed at subsequent hearings.

The proposed amendments - SCAQMD Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 - mandate a shift to costly all-electric space and water heaters, significantly increasing expenses for homeowners and renters. With the rising cost of living in California, low-income families—who already face financial hardship—will be disproportionately affected. Many cannot afford the thousands of dollars required for new appliances or the extensive home retrofits needed to accommodate them. These costs could amount to tens of thousands of dollars, placing an undue financial burden on homeowners, renters, and business owners, many of whom can least afford it.

In the wake of *devastating wildfires*, thousands of families across the region are facing the daunting challenge of rebuilding their homes and lives. Adding further financial strain in the form of costly appliance mandates only exacerbates their struggles. At a time when families should be focused on recovery, these rules introduce yet another obstacle to stability and security.

We support efforts to improve air quality but urge the Board to consider alternative solutions that do not place an insurmountable financial burden on the most vulnerable members of our communities. Instead of mandating costly replacements, we encourage exploring more affordable, phased approaches that balance environmental progress with economic feasibility.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We respectfully urge the Board to oppose Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 and seek alternative policies that protect both our environment and the well-being of low-income families and wildfire survivors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin Morton".

Erin A. Morton
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cc: Members of the Governing Board