

## James Chavez

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**From:** Brian Galway [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 7:31 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Do not tax gas water heaters!

DO NOT TAX GAS WATER HEATERS OR ANY NATURAL GAS APPLIANCE!  
Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Rob Fiedler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 6:59 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't ban gas appliance

This is ridicules on how you are trying to push people out of California. Tax us to death for what? Your own agenda?  
Stay in your own lane and leave us all alone

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Harold Nelms [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 6:47 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No on gas appliance tax

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**From:** Jon Russell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 6:39 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't tax our water heaters

Don't tax our water heaters, please.

Jon Russell

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**From:** S MP [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 6:36 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] no on agenda item 28 tomorrow

hello,

I will not be able to afford what you are trying to do with gas water heaters and gas furnaces. With costs so high here in California, why would you do this to us?

My 82 year old mom lives 40 min away from me. I have to drive to her all the time to help her. How will people like her, other seniors who are not working, afford this?

You probably have nice salaries well over \$100,000 per year. Maybe you have a gas card and maybe you have free healthcare so I am sure it would be hard to walk a mile in our shoes. But try.

People are at their breaking points in Calif. If you want to start a revolution keep making these decisions.

Thank you for your time.

## James Chavez

**From:** Karen Nyhlen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 4:25 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board; Sandra Hernandez (Del); Vanessa Delgado; Teresa Acosta (Del); Alisa Cota; Michael Cacciotti (GBM); Sho Tay (Cac); Ben Wong (Cac); Ben Wong; Bill Glazer (Cac); Wesley Reutimann (GBA); Ken Chawkins; Sam Kang (Cac); Jose Zavala (Cac); plock\_dawson@aqmd.gov; Thomas Gross; Andrew Silva; Curt Hagman (GBM); Curt Hagman; Jodi James (Hag); Michael Miller; progers1@aqmd.gov; Katherine Kolcheva (Hag); Ron Ketcham (McC); Debra Mendelsohn (McC); hmittchell@aqmd.gov; Loraine Lundquist; Loraine Lundquist (Mit); janet.nguyen@ocgov.com; Charles Hahn (Ngu); Diane Nguyen (Ngu); tina.tran@oc.gov; tim.sandoval@pomona.gov; Larry McCallon (GBM); tinatran@uchastings.edu; Tina Tran (Ngu)  
**Cc:** opinion@scng.com; senator.strickland@senate.ca.gov; Assemblymember.Ta@assembly.ca.gov  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Vote NO on Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Add Katherine Kolcheva who is filling in for Jodi James.

### VOTE NO ON PROPOSED AMENDED RULES 1111 AND 1121

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Today's Outlook



#### Current supply



#### Current renewables



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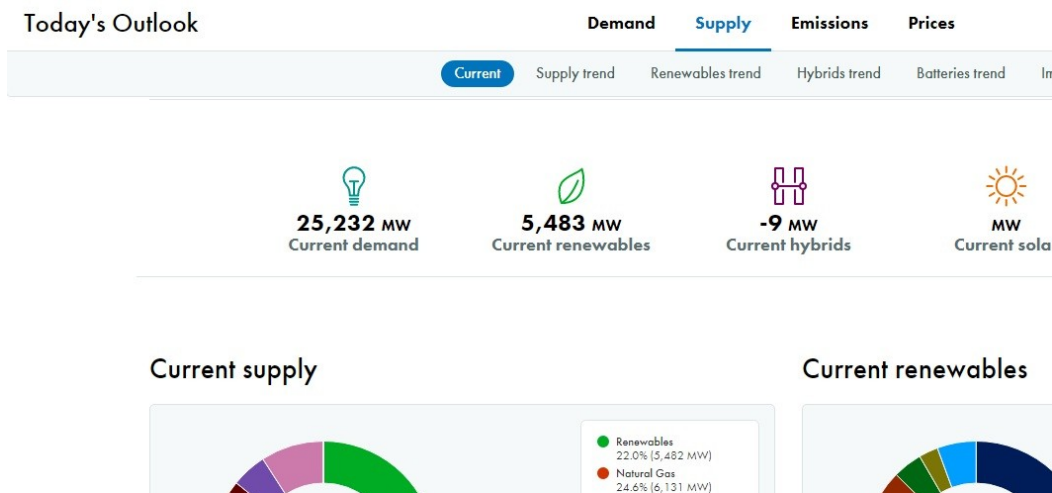
Karen Nyhlen  
Garden Grove, CA

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Karen Nyhlen  
Garden Grove, CA

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**From:** GARRITT DEYOUNG [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 4:12 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas appliance ban

Stop the ban on gas appliances! We don't need CA getting more expensive!

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**From:** Joseph Scheil [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 3:07 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Meeting Input June 6

Respectfully,

It has come to our attention that there is a vote scheduled regarding our ability as homeowners to be allowed to use natural gas as a source of energy for heating water and stoves.

The idea of voting out gas powered heaters is unsound from a safety point of view (safety as it relates to the 100 percent availability of electricity, which due to infrastructure neglect is not guaranteed) as well as due to any idea that this will "alter" in any way the "origins" of ENERGY that powers our homes. Switching to a single source for energy is dangerous as it forces us to use cooking fires or wood fuel when the electricity grid is overwhelmed.

The electric powered water heaters hoped for by the board will ultimately only be provided electricity from fossil fuel powered plants due to California's mismanagement of energy infrastructure improvement. The understanding of this fact is obscured by your press and your aspirations. Energy comes from somewhere, and the idea that there is enough electricity is underscored each month by the additional usage charges that increase our bills each month for "peak time usage" and other manipulations.

Only Nuclear power is "green" as far as lifetime emissions goes, and that is amazing considering the cost of concrete and the building of the structure in terms of carbon.

The costs of going to electricity for me, a homeowner, is extreme, not just installation, but as the demand for electricity grows, my pricing from Edison has been abusive. Our home now flirts with \$1,000 dollars a month, and can easily exceed \$700 when we pare everything down. Ten years ago it was \$126.00. If your offices had worked to add reactors to the point that electrical energy was plentiful, inexpensive and safe (buried power lines, multiple grid configurations and wildland safe) your offices would have little trouble in enacting such draconian legislation. Instead we as your "customers" know that with each year electrical power becomes less reliable to count on when you need it, more expensive when it is needed and ultimately less satisfying due to the fact that only Chinese products are available for these options.

You are making California a laughingstock with our cost of living driven by poor governmental policy decisions such as electrification, bullet trains and building restrictions. The homeless, the exodus and the movement of businesses out of the state are directly the doing of the leadership. Your offices are creating new ways to damage the environment in the hopes of saving it. Your shared mismanagement of water and electrical energy has led to a complete loss of confidence in any of your decisions.

Please stop. You guys have government jobs and don't have to pay for anything thanks to your generous packages and "gifts". None of us as strange as it may seem have those luxuries.

Stop the move to ban natural gas appliances and water heaters in the state.

Joseph Scheil

**James Chavez**

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**From:** L S [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 2:05 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE - Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Chair and Governing Board Members,

I am writing to express my OPPOSITION to implementing Rules 1111 & 1121, which will compel 17 million Californians to convert their natural gas furnaces and water heaters to all-electric models. These rules, which seek to impose stricter NOx emissions standards on residential and commercial natural gas appliances, will significantly raise the cost of essential home systems such as furnaces and water heaters. For working families already grappling with record housing costs, inflation, and economic uncertainty, the added expense of retrofitting or replacing these appliances will be devastating. The AQMD must reconsider these amendments and instead seek a more balanced, phased approach.

I am on a fixed income and my small 2% yearly retirement COLA increase does not keep up with inflation to even keep up with essentials such as food, utilities, gas and medical. I also have a single family home rental property that I keep the rent really low for my tenant, but that will no longer be an option to keep their rent low if I have to plan for these outrages conversions that you are proposing in these Rules. I also help my 85 year old father, who is at poverty level and has a very old house. He, like many other seniors, lives only on his Social Security and has no savings. What are all these seniors going to do? Take cold showers and have no heat in the winter? We all love clean air, but this is not the way to go about it, especially when our California residents are already struggling with daily living costs. NO ON RULES 111 & 1121!

Lastly, your lack of community engagement is very disappointing. None of my friends, family or neighbors even knew about these proposed rules.

Respectfully,

Laura Sandidge  
Riverside Ca 92508

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Kara Pecson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 1:24 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] VOTE NO on Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Hello Board Members,

These proposed rule amendments do not serve the needs of the residents of Orange County, L.A. County, Riverside County and San Bernardino County. They place undue financial pressure and hardship with no compelling benefit.

I implore you to please:  
VOTE NO on Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Thank you,  
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**From:** Mark Reel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 11:03 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Opposition to Rules 1111 and 1121

> Dear SCAQMD Board,

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> I oppose Amended Rules 1111 and 1121. The high costs of electric heat pumps (\$17,200 for furnaces, \$3,700 for water heaters) and added fees on gas appliances burden homeowners, especially low-income families. Our strained grid risks brownouts, and the rules could raise housing costs. Please find affordable, reliable alternatives to meet clean air goals.

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> Sincerely,

> Mark Reel.

Alta Loma, Ca

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**From:** Ellen Hanson Walker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:30 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No to forced electric water heaters

Vote NO! Don't force us to ban and be taxed on our gas water heaters!!

Ellen Hanson

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**From:** Maria Medina [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:14 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No Tax on Gas

I would like to remind you that we left England because of over taxation and people will leave California for the same reason.

“Those who don’t know history are destined to repeat it”

~ George Santayana a Spanish philosopher

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Maria Palermo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:13 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas appliances

I would like to personally express my disapproval of taxing us for our gas appliances Because the main objective is to ban them. This will cause a devastating hardship on Families; especially on those families that cannot afford electrical appliances.Besides, I think California should worry about updating the Electrical grid. Remember on hot days we don't even have enough electricity for all the businesses to turn on the AC. Low income families have to suffer because our electricity is turn off and our food spoils in the refrigerator. This is very shameful.

Sincerely,  
Maria Palermo

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**From:** Vic Blakemore [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:56 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed New Taxes / Fees re: Gas Fired Heaters. Vote "NO" regarding any new Taxes, Fees and/or Equipment Changes.

I request you vote "NO" on any upcoming revised attempt to control Gas Fired Heating Units, such as Gas Fired Hot Water Heaters, Gas Fired Pool Heaters, Gas Fired Heating Furnaces for HVAC use and any other Gas Fired Heating items you have mandated to address including Cooking with Gas

The costs to change over to electric is prohibitive, this will also raise rents in California, cost of homes will also soar and electric rates are much also to costly and there is not enough infrastructure to sustain it.

I request that you Vote "NO" for any changes related to Gas Fired Heating, whether it be new equipment that we are forced into changing over to, or any new increases in taxes and or fees related Gas Fired Heating Units related to existing replacement options currently available for Gas Fired Heating Units (of any type or style).

Vote "NO".

Vic Blakemore  
[REDACTED], Murrieta, CA 92563

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**From:** jack o'NIEL [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:53 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas appliances

Hi, my name is Alberto Medina and I just want to let you know of my disapproval of taxing gas appliances and your efforts to ban them.  
Please do not make my life any more expensive than it already is!

Thank you.

## James Chavez

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:49 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Rule making 1121 and 1111 - Natural Gas appliances

Hello members of the SoCal Air Quality committee,

Please be advised that my father, Matthew Burzycki, built the northernmost ground source heat pump in the United States in 1949. The site was Alfred, New York, 14802, at 4 Reynolds St.

That heat pump served my family home until 1993, when it was replaced by natural gas hot water heating. The events of the day were that my father had passed in 1981, and the local commercial refrigeration expert was retiring. This is also approximately when Freon-12 was banned.

My father insisted that cooking would always be natural gas, as then there would be heat for the home if the electricity failed.

Fast forward to 2023 Snow Maggedon, when 6 feet of snow appeared in front of my garage door in Running Springs. I am grateful the So Cal Gas services remained fully functional during this period, as there was lots of concern that snow overburdened trees would take out the electricity, including the drop line at my own home.

Fast forward to September, 2024, when the Line Fire traveled 6 miles in 6 hours to almost overrun Running Springs. The town was saved mostly because the Line Fire was the first of three, and thus had first claim on resources. The So Cal Electric lines were shut down, originally for 8 days. This would have destroyed everything in the refrigerator, but So Cal Electric turned electricity On at the fourth day.

It is very clear that if I want to self defend my home, I will need electricity for pumps, and a water reservoir tank, in addition to the standard issue defense items of brush clearance, etc. It is my understanding that the 300+ fire trucks assigned to the Line fire included 3 fire trucks to handle spotfires in my neighborhood. I am grateful to the firefighters, recognize that support for spotfires has improved since the prior Running Springs fire, but such is a matter of good fortune as well as competent planning.

In this regard, I have purchased a natural gas generator. This generator served me well in January, 2025, when So Cal Edison was in full panic that they would be blamed for any and all wildfires. SoCal Gas thus has covered my emergency needs where So Cal Edison has disappeared for any and all reasons of its choosing.

Thus, I fail to understand why So Cal Gas, providing a clean burning alternative to coal and petroleum, is being singled out for exclusivity in the current round of rulemaking consideration.

Thus, I urge the So Call Air Quality district to abandon their rulemaking 1121, 1111 in regards banning the use of natural gas to heat and/or cool residences in California and beyond.

Overall, the So Cal Gas pipelines provide important backup to electricity service. Storing propane and/or gasoline for emergency support is dangerous and far more pollution sensitive than natural gas.

SoCal Gas pipelines are needed in the neighborhoods to provide cooking fuel, primary home heating, and should be supported as part of the emergency support when electric lines are obligated to be shut down, whether for emergency or maintenance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Edmond Burzycki

[REDACTED]

Running Springs, California 92382

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**From:** Albert Medina [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:42 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Tax on gas appliances

Hi, my name is Alberto Medina and I disapprove of the tax on my gas appliances that you want to implement.

Please do not make my life anymore expensive than it already is!

Thank you, Alberto Medina

## James Chavez

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**From:** Heather Knoedler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:30 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] opposed to gas water heater and space heater fees

Please vote no on the upcoming vote to add fees to gas water heaters and gas space heaters. The cost of living in California is already too high.

We do not need to be burdened by additional fees, retrofit expenses, etc. for products with shorter lifespans than what we currently use. In addition, the amount of NOx is very small compared to the off-shore ships, and we have a failing electric grid that is not ready to handle these demands. The billions of dollars this will cost California residents is not justified by the small amount of NOx emissions that will be prevented. Please vote no.

Thank you,  
Heather Knoedler  
Thousand Oaks, CA

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**From:** Tobias Venable [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:10 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board; Public Advisor  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Rules 1111 and 1121

I'm writing to express my opposition to these proposed rules as a resident of Yucaipa. Our cost of living is already near the top of the nation and the proposed rules would add unreasonable cost to the working family. In addition, or electric infrastructure is already unreliable during high demand and forcing fewer energy options given the current performance of our electric grid is not wise.

Regards,  
Tobias Venable

**James Chavez**

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**From:** tonihayes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:51 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Rules 1111 and 1121

Stop banning gas powered furnaces and water heaters. We have the right to make our choices for our homes and businesses. A single power source, electricity, is in sufficient to meet all the needs of homes and businesses. We do not have the electrical capacity.

Sincerely,

Antonia C Hayes

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

**James Chavez**

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**From:** jbailey63 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:48 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Amended Rules

PLEASE VOTE NO ON THE AMENDED RULES 111 AND 1121.

Thank you,

Judy Bailey

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**From:** Jesus Arellano [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:20 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't tax our water heaters

## James Chavez

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**From:** T GROSSMAN [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:17 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No new tax on gas heaters!

Dear AQMD,

We cannot afford to pay the extraordinary tax or penalty you intend to place on gas water heaters and gas heaters ! We have solar panels and still cannot produce enough electricity to meet our electric power needs. You need to back off this terrible idea. Our State can't presently generate enough electricity to meet public needs! We need diverse energy options available to the public sector. Reliance on one fuel source is asking for disaster.

Thank you,

Tina Grossman

Resident of Santa Monica for 45 years

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Richard Noltensmeier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:10 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board; Jane Noltensmeier  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Don't tax our water heaters!!

**I am against** the reckless SCAQMD intentions to adopt Rules 1111 and 1121 requiring homeowners, landlords, and businesses to replace furnaces and water heaters with costly new “zero-emission” electrical units. This would **negatively affect** more than 17 million people in all. Many who are middle and low income voters.

**THIS IS ANOTHER REASON OF MANY TO DISMANTLE THE SCAQMD!!!**

Richard Noltensmeier  
TNG Real Estate Consultants, Inc.  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kathy Kamei [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:14 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] do the right thing and reject Rules 1111 & 1121

LEAVE OUR WATER HEATERS ALONE. DO NOT VOTE FOR INCREASED TAXES OR FEES.

STOP BEING LAZY, DO YOUR HOMEWORK, GAS WATER HEATERS DO NOT CONTRIBUTE OR INCREASE CLIMATE CHANGE.

## James Chavez

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**From:** Paul Wilson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:06 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Natural Gas Appliances

Word is this Friday is a vote to raise the taxes on natural gas appliances. I am hoping some common sense takes hold and the vote will be "NO". Growing up in California natural gas has ALWAYS been a safe fuel to heat water, the home , cook and dry clothes. Have you people lost your minds on just plain ol' common sense? We are the middle class and work hard for everything we have and all of you policy makers don't give a care about making everything cost more for us as you people make enough money that any price hike will not affect you. There is no forward thinking about changes and how it will really affect the average middle class citizen. Again, I urge you to please vote "NO" on any tax that might be targeted for natural gas appliances.

Ed Wilson

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**From:** Robert leJeune [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:05 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Tax on gas water heaters

I respectfully request to register my opposition to your proposal to “tax” the end users of Gas appliances. These fees ultimately are passed on to my tenants and rent is already unaffordable for many.

Sincerely,  
Robert LeJeune

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**From:** Family Place [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:49 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas water heaters

Do Not ban gas water heaters please

Thank you

**James Chavez**

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**From:** risiko1 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:48 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Cc:** Nina Mihalik  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] AQMD Bill's 1111 and 1121

I strongly OPPOSE any effort by AQMD to prohibit GAS furnaces, AC units and water heaters in CA. Let us have our gas furnaces, water heaters and AC.

You guys have lost your mind. Californians cannot handle the expense of electric appliances, furthermore what will it cost us to upgrade our electrical panels???

Your green energy policies are wrong. The cost of electricity in CA is the most expensive of any state and you want us to incur more electricity?

Stop the madness and do NOT approve these bills.

Nina Mihalik  
San Clemente, CA  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Braulio Silva [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:37 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear SCAQMD Board,

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Sincerely

John B Silva  
Walnut Ca 91789

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**From:** Richard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:37 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New gas water heater mandates

Please don't ban gas water heaters or put a huge tax on them. Thank You 🙏  
Sent from my iPhone

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Sincerely,  
Mike Denton  
Upland, CA

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**From:** joy markman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:11 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ban gas water heaters

I am extremely upset at AQMD thinking of forcing us to get rid of our gas heaters!

I refuse to follow climate extremists and their latest dictatorial asinine ideas.

I have no money to pay for a different electric heater. I bought recently my gas heater. It does not add to the overwhelmed electric grid in California.

I am 75 years old, retired and have barely enough to pay for my bills, food, utilities, etc. People are leaving Calif. in droves. Do you wonder why??

No one can live in Calif. with these huge costs imposed all the time-housing, gasoline, electric bills and electric outages, crime and now you want to take away my gas heater!!

I will not let you. Friends of mine affected by this proposal are also planning to refuse your idea.

If necessary we will call news media and go on social media to stop this MADNESS that has bankrupt what was a beautiful golden state.

You will see it is unenforceable.

Joy Markman

Sent from my iPhone

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Marci McWilliams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 6:56 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Water Heaters

Please stop this complete nonsense to mandate gas heaters! Stop it NOW!

We have the highest taxes, the highest electricity pricing, the highest gas prices and the highest food prices in the country.

We CANNOT afford this - and our electric grid CANNOT handle it. Stop in NOW!

Marci McWilliams  
CA Tax-Payer  
San Diego, CA 92130

Sent from my iPad

**James Chavez**

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**From:** CHARLES O'CONNELL [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 6:27 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear AQMD Clerk and Board Members,

The cost of living in California has been increasing for several reasons, not the least of which are the many environmental regulations that have been imposed. Let's not make matters any worse. Please do not approve Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121.

Yours truly,

Charles O'Connell  
[Civil Engineer, retired,  
and former meteorologist]

## James Chavez

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**From:** Bobby Gillespie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 6:14 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't Add Fees to our Natural Gas Appliances!

Good evening,

Please don't add ridiculous fees to new natural gas water heaters and space heaters!

This state has the second highest cost of living, and you guys are doing this at a time when everyone is penny-pinching! Why is California becoming so unaffordable?!

No one wants to switch their appliances from being supplied by a relatively cheap utility & energy source, to being powered by everyone's highest energy bill every month.

We already know our electric infrastructure can't handle it, are you willing to leave people without hot water or heat (think piloted heaters) during power outages? There's definitely more power outages than gas outages.

You guys only care about yourselves. Not the people that can't afford this change or the workers in the natural gas industry for that matter. Natural gas is cheap and reliable, electricity is more expensive and less reliable.

Keep our natural gas appliances affordable! Please don't ban these appliances or put outrageous fees on new appliances. Let the people choose!

Your choices like this force people to move out of state. I may have to be the next one if this goes through.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Bobby G.

An aggravated resident who has no more money left to give.

## James Chavez

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**From:** Stacie Endicott [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 6:10 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] June 6 ban of gas appliances

It would be a great hardship to my family to ban gas appliances. We have such a stress on electricity grids already and would cause more outages and is more expensive.

Please vote NO for me.

STACIE ENDICOTT

[REDACTED] Mission Viejo, CA. 92691

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Dave Robertson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 5:47 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Rules 1111 and 1121

I do not support approving Rules 1111 and 1121 banning gas water and space heaters. I am preparing to retire. I will not be able afford to replace my gas appliances.

Dave Robertson

## James Chavez

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**From:** arghavan rashidifard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 5:47 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Stop Gas heater ban law

Please stop another crazy idea such as banning gas heaters. You guys are trying to really squeeze all the money you can out of the residence of the state. You don't care about anything but revenue.

Sent from my iPhone

## James Chavez

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**From:** Mary Voss [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 5:45 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: DON'T TAX MY GAS WATER HEATER!!

> DON'T TAX MY GAS WATER HEATER!!

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> Mary Voss

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> Sent from my iPhone

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Catherine Koperek [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 5:35 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] BAN ON GAS WATER HEATERS

Do NOT ban gas water heaters by imposing fees on those who choose gas over electric heaters. This affects everyone negatively and does little to achieve the expressed goal of improving air quality. Our electric grid is barely capable of keeping up with demand now - with the use of water heaters added to that demand, the only foreseeable result is millions of people left with no hot water.

Charging fees is just a sneaky way to implement the ban AQMD originally proposed. You heard the outrage then, and hopefully you're hearing it again.

*Catherine Koperek*

[REDACTED]

*"I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." - John 16:33*

## James Chavez

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**From:** Craig Holmes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 2:33 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas heaters and hot water heaters

This tax that you want to impose is complete insanity! Do you think people can afford all this with the outrageous cost of living here in California? Housing is already out of reach of the working man. Just trying to basically live is not affordable here in California. You should throw your crazy taxes, "fees" away and start caring for the California people instead of your special interests. Your special interests make billions off the backs of the taxpayer. STOP THIS MADNESS IN TRYING TO GET RID OF GAS WATER HEATERS AND HEATERS!!! NOOOOO TAXES AND OR FEES!!

SINCERELY,  
CRAIG HOLMES  
AN EXTREMELY CONCERNED CITIZEN

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Susan Prager [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 10:27 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No tax hike on gas water heaters

**Do not do this!**

**<https://sodoesitmatter.substack.com/p/southern-california-is-on-the-verge>**

**I like my gas appliances and want to buy new ones in the future.**

**Electric heating appliances are inferior, cost more to buy, and cost more to run.**

**There's no "climate" benefit. This proposal is based on a sham.**

**Susan Prager  
La Cañada, CA 91011**

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Doug Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 10:15 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No tax on gas water heaters and other

I am protesting your vote to tax gas appliances effectively passing those taxes onto consumers

Doug

## James Chavez

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**From:** Jane Noltensmeier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 9:56 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't tax our water heaters

**I am against** the reckless SCAQMD intentions to adopt Rules 1111 and 1121 requiring homeowners, landlords, and businesses to replace furnaces and water heaters with costly new “zero-emission” electrical units. This would **negatively affect** more than 17 million people in all. Many who are middle and low income voters.

Low cost, low emission gas heaters are more cost efficient and relieve stress on California's already over-exerted electrical grid. And what about all these replaced units? Where will they end up? The landfill!

Our government and government agencies need to think these ridiculous mandates all the way through.

**Jane Noltensmeier**  
Realtor, SRES, TNG Real Estate Consultants, Inc.

[REDACTED]



Meet Jane



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## James Chavez

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**From:** Stephen Graham [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 9:53 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed changes to Rules 1111 and 1121

As a resident of Los Angeles I certainly understand the long fight for air quality. I grew up on the San Fernando Valley and can speak to the amazing improvement in air quality over the last 60+ years. However, I think the proposed changes that would markedly increase the cost of natural gas water heaters and space heaters should not be the next step. The cost of living in California is astronomical and certainly playing a role in the problems of homelessness and in the inflationary result of higher wages needed just to maintain a standard of living. I think the Board MUST take into account the cost of their rulings and how it will affect the many residents who live on the edge and also affect the ever increasing population of seniors who are living on fixed incomes.

Thank you for your time.

Stephen Graham

## James Chavez

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**From:** Heston, Anne [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 9:53 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] gas water heaters

Don't take our gas water and space heaters away.

Anne Heston  
[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** Pam Minier [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 9:52 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No on Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

I urge you to vote "NO" on the proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121. Electricity is currently generated by burning natural gas.

All these rules will do is drive up the cost of living for ordinary citizens. California does not generate enough electricity through wind or other green means to provide enough electricity for electric furnaces and water heaters. Obviously, manufacturers will pass any resulting fees from these amended rules on to the consumer. Once again, taxpayers will lose: their standard of living will go down and their costs will go up for no good reason.

Pam Minier  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** Mike Schmitt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 9:44 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please vote against proposed amended rules 1111 and 1121

Hello,

Please vote against proposed amended rules 1111 and 1121. We are on a fixed income and can't afford it when we have to replace our water heater and home furnace with electric appliances. The electricity costs in winter will cost far more than our current cost of using the gas appliances. Our water heater is already an ultra-low NOX model that cost more than many other states just to buy. The proposed change affects millions of people and with the higher sales taxes and electricity costs in California are higher than all the other states except Hawaii. The rules are making it super expensive to live here with little benefit to anyone.

Mike

## James Chavez

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**From:** Mike Furb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 9:38 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please vote against amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Hello,

Please vote against amended Rules 1111 and 1121. We cannot afford the higher cost electrical home furnace or water heater. Electricity rates are second highest in the nation. We are on a fixed income and retired. According to sources, much of California's electricity is still generated by natural gas plants. Putting the burden of this change on homeowners makes no sense and existing ultra-low NOX water heaters already produce very low emissions.

Mike

## James Chavez

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**From:** Mike Schmitt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 9:32 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please vote against proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Hello,

Please vote against Amended Rules 1111 and 1121. Many Californians can't afford the extra electricity cost they will incur as well as the large expense to replace their existing gas appliances. We are on fixed income here. This bill hurts Californians the most while the electricity rates are so high in this state.

Mike

## James Chavez

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**From:** Matthew [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 9:26 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Cc:** DDenise Reiser; Julie Sorotski at 3 Stargazer; Kenny Wilson  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please do NOT tax our gas heaters

AQMD staff and management,

Your original ban on gas water heaters has been revised to a fee-laden scheme, with a \$500 fee for manufacturers, escalating costs over 11 years, and burdening 17 million residents. We understand that you're voting this matter tomorrow. **Again, please do NOT levy an extra tax on our gas heaters, simply to push your “all-electric” agenda.**

### BACKGROUND:

AQMD proposes to replace its outright ban with a fee-based system to penalize those choosing gas water heaters, set for consideration on June 6, 2025. Manufacturers face a two-tiered mitigation fee: \$100 for space heaters and \$50 for water heaters if within sales targets, jumping to \$500 and \$250 if exceeded. This equates to roughly \$4 yearly for furnaces over 25 years and \$3.30 for water heaters over 15 years—seemingly minor, but a deliberate scheme to make gas options unaffordable. The plan ratchets up over an 11-year period, with targets starting at 100% zero-NOx and dropping to 10% by 2036, pressuring adoption of costly electric heat pumps (\$2,000-\$8,000 upfront). A mid-2025 Go Zero incentive launch only deepens the financial burden. This is a push toward electrification, without admitting your ban's failure.

My wife and I, and our friends, own several properties in So.Calif, and we all feel likewise.

—  
Matthew Reiser [REDACTED]

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Jeff Bunn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 9:15 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Stop Taxing Me!!

Don't Tax my Natural Gas, water heaters, central home heater, and stove!!!

***Regards,  
Jeff Bunn***

[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** Ragnar Arnesen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 8:36 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't Tax our Water Heaters!

Hi

I **OPPSE** your vote to taxing our water heaters. I can not afford this extra costs on the water gas water heater ir switching my system to electric systems for everything.

Thank you- Ragnar

## James Chavez

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**From:** Ralph Ballew [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 8:34 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: DONT TAX OUR WATER HEATERS

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> DONT TAX OUR WATER HEATERS

## James Chavez

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**From:** Ken Saruwatari [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 8:07 AM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Reject Rules 1111 & 1121

Please reject Rules 1111 & 1121. Californians can't afford additional taxes and fees.  
Please leave our water heaters alone.

Ken Saruwatari  
[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** Michelle Nocera [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 8:03 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ban on Gas Appliances

Hello,

Please vote no! It makes no sense whatsoever! Natural gas is cleaner than electricity. Natural gas is cheaper than electricity! The electrical grid is very fragile in California; electric cars, buses, air conditioners in the summer. Please make the logical, common sense decision. Please don't continue to hurt the citizens of California and continue to make us the laughing stock for f the country!

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

## James Chavez

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**From:** Brian Galway [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 7:31 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Do not tax gas water heaters!

DO NOT TAX GAS WATER HEATERS OR ANY NATURAL GAS APPLIANCE!  
Sent from my iPad

## James Chavez

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**From:** Rob Fiedler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 6:59 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't ban gas appliance

This is ridicules on how you are trying to push people out of California. Tax us to death for what? Your own agenda?  
Stay in your own lane and leave us all alone

Sent from my iPhone

## James Chavez

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**From:** GARRITT DEYOUNG [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 4:12 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas appliance ban

Stop the ban on gas appliances! We don't need CA getting more expensive!

## James Chavez

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**From:** Joseph Scheil [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 3:07 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Meeting Input June 6

Respectfully,

It has come to our attention that there is a vote scheduled regarding our ability as homeowners to be allowed to use natural gas as a source of energy for heating water and stoves.

The idea of voting out gas powered heaters is unsound from a safety point of view (safety as it relates to the 100 percent availability of electricity, which due to infrastructure neglect is not guaranteed) as well as due to any idea that this will "alter" in any way the "origins" of ENERGY that powers our homes. Switching to a single source for energy is dangerous as it forces us to use cooking fires or wood fuel when the electricity grid is overwhelmed.

The electric powered water heaters hoped for by the board will ultimately only be provided electricity from fossil fuel powered plants due to California's mismanagement of energy infrastructure improvement. The understanding of this fact is obscured by your press and your aspirations. Energy comes from somewhere, and the idea that there is enough electricity is underscored each month by the additional usage charges that increase our bills each month for "peak time usage" and other manipulations.

Only Nuclear power is "green" as far as lifetime emissions goes, and that is amazing considering the cost of concrete and the building of the structure in terms of carbon.

The costs of going to electricity for me, a homeowner, is extreme, not just installation, but as the demand for electricity grows, my pricing from Edison has been abusive. Our home now flirts with \$1,000 dollars a month, and can easily exceed \$700 when we pare everything down. Ten years ago it was \$126.00. If your offices had worked to add reactors to the point that electrical energy was plentiful, inexpensive and safe (buried power lines, multiple grid configurations and wildland safe) your offices would have little trouble in enacting such draconian legislation. Instead we as your "customers" know that with each year electrical power becomes less reliable to count on when you need it, more expensive when it is needed and ultimately less satisfying due to the fact that only Chinese products are available for these options.

You are making California a laughingstock with our cost of living driven by poor governmental policy decisions such as electrification, bullet trains and building restrictions. The homeless, the exodus and the movement of businesses out of the state are directly the doing of the leadership. Your offices are creating new ways to damage the environment in the hopes of saving it. Your shared mismanagement of water and electrical energy has led to a complete loss of confidence in any of your decisions.

Please stop. You guys have government jobs and don't have to pay for anything thanks to your generous packages and "gifts". None of us as strange as it may seem have those luxuries.

Stop the move to ban natural gas appliances and water heaters in the state.

Joseph Scheil

## James Chavez

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**From:** Mathew Millen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 5:18 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Objection to Amendments 1111 & 1121/ heat pump water heaters are too expensive to install  
**Attachments:** heatpumpwaterheater.pdf

To the Board of the AQMD

I own a small 5 unit apartment building in Santa Monica. 3 apartments have their own natural gas water heater in a steel shed OUTSIDE. 2 apartments have the water heaters in a small closet that will not accommodate the larger heat pump water heater.

Attached are the instructions for installing a heat pump water heater. I cannot put a heat pump water heater in small metal shed outside .

I would be required to BUILD A wood/stucco ENCLOSURE FOR EACH WATER HEATER. This is in addition to upgrading the electrical panel for 240 volts for EACH APARTMENT.

THE OTHER PROBLEM IS SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL WILL NOT ALLOW OWNERS TO PASS THROUGH THE COSTS OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

One tenant pays \$1,102.57 for their TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT. THE OTHER TENANT PAYS \$905.57 FOR HER 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT.

The estimated cost of up grading the electrical panel, running wire to the new electrical water heater, BUYING THE ELECTRICAL HEAT PUMP and BUILDING A NEW ENCLOSURE FOR THE WATER HEATER would equal ONE YEAR'S RENT!!!!

This rule will cause severe financial hardship for rental housing providers....I am semi retired and rely upon the rental income.

PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS RETROFIT PROPOSAL

Respectfully submitted,

Mathew Millen, Santa Monica, CA

## James Chavez

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Do NOT vote in restrictions on gas appliances.  
**Importance:** High

Dear Board:

Hereby asking you do **not** vote in any sort of tax, surcharge, or ban on household gas appliances. I will research which elected officials appointed anyone who votes for this, and make it a point not to cast my vote in their favor in future elections.

These sorts of actions are severely affecting the diminishing middle class.

Thank you

Ken W

SoCal property owner



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## James Chavez

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**From:** Ann Busch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 4:52 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

This is to request that the Board vote AGAINST Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121.

## James Chavez

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**From:** Linda Pesner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 4:12 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas Water Heaters

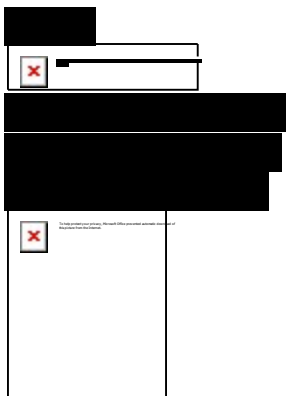
Hey AQMD,

Don't tax our gas water heaters, space heaters, or pool equipment heaters. The situation with the war on natural gas in the state of california is egregious. Gas Water Heaters are way more efficient and effective. Also, as we just moved to an all electric home, the cost of our power for electricity over the gas in our old home is almost double.

You should be ashamed of this idiocy of this state and control issues.

None of this matters, you should at least admit what your real agenda is, which is to control every aspect of our lives.

Linda Pesner,



## James Chavez

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**From:** Philip Jimenez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 4:09 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't tax our gas powered heating

DONT TAX OUR WATER HEATERS!!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

## James Chavez

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**From:** anthony bober [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 4:00 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposal to effectively increase our costs

I am in total opposition to the raising of any fees / costs for gas appliances. CA has become one of the most expensive and least considerate of citizens anywhere in So CA driving many to leave. This insanity has to stop immediately. Yes I am bothered by it and yes the cost proposed is nominal but it is simply one of many increasing costs for those of us who have lived here a longtime. Please please stop!!! Anthony Bober Sent from my iPhone

## James Chavez

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 3:59 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Cc:** THOMAS KACZMAREK  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't tax our gas water heaters

To whom it may concern:

I find this a horrible idea on your part to try to force homeowners to replace a clean energy gas water heater with with an electric one. It costs so much for us to survive here in California as it is. This a tax on all Californians and you know it. Will you just stop trying to run our lives.

Stop this madness, now.

Alana and Tom Kaczmarek

## James Chavez

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**From:** anthony zamora [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 3:20 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Vote NO on 1111 and 1121!!

Banning natural gas furnaces and water heaters would be a financial burden and hardship to low-income residents, especially the elderly on fixed incomes. It could also pose a health hazard for seniors if their furnace or water heater fails and they can't afford to replace them with electric units. They would have to rely on space heaters (which can pose a fire hazard) to stay warm in the winter months and maybe resort to using the stove to heat up water for bathing, which could lead to scalding or falls from carrying heavy pots to the bathtub.

Also, the vulnerability of the electric grid has to be considered. Not everyone has or can afford a backup power source to keep an electric furnace and water heater functioning.

Rules 1111 and 1121 are non-sensical, ill-conceived and impractical.

Please, please, please vote NO on 1111 and 1121.

Sincerely,

Anthony Zamora

## James Chavez

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**From:** Lory Mason [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 3:19 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE June 6th meeting

Dear AQMD Staff,

I am a life-long Californian, and I can tell you; the current status of our state and the very bleak and dismal future is NONE. ZERO. DEMOLISHED! DEAD!

It is tragic enough I am living the last days of a once-great -golden state. It's amazing the agenda your side forces the Residents to buy into a non-science called "environmentalism". I do NOT want to live like prehistoric beings.

Please do NOT phase out gas! Our state is rich in natural resources like petroleum; we can also use nuclear energy—it is clean and efficient. Electrical energy CAN BE an option for people—just like EV!. To phase out gas appliances in homes and businesses will dramatically increase the cost of living for EVERYONE! To continue such an absurd idea will not only make drastic changes for Californians—it can destroy our power grid.

Please put the People of California FIRST—not the green agenda!

Sincerely,

Ms. Lory Mason

San Bernardino County

## James Chavez

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**From:** Anne Heston [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 3:16 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Water heaters

Don't take away gas heaters.

## James Chavez

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**From:** jill safranek [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 3:03 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] water heaters

I do not want an electric water heater that will cost more to buy and use than a natural gas heater. If my heater quits I will get one from another state.

Kenneth Safranek

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Kelly S [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 2:11 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board; COB  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Comment on Proposed Rules 1111 and 1121

We are writing to OPPOSE proposed rules 1111 and 1121.

Under the proposed rules, appliance manufacturers would be required to pay "mitigation fees" and such fees would be passed directly on to the homeowners who purchase these appliances.

California is already unaffordable and these rules would only make living in this state more unaffordable.

Regards,  
Kelly Stone  
Xiong Zhen Tang Stone  
Yorba Linda, CA

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Mark Priegel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 2:00 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dont Take Our Gas Water Heaters!!!!!!

Dont Take Our Gas Water Heaters!!!!!!

*Mark Priegel*

*"Representing The Best In The West"*



## James Chavez

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**From:** Craig Talbot [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 1:47 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Do NOT Tax Gas Appliances!

PLEASE do NOT tax gas appliances ... or add costs to them!!!

New homeowners should have a choice, but previous homes with gas appliances should NOT have added costs or limitations in appliances!!

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## James Chavez

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 1:46 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please make Rule 1111 and Rule 1121 as strong as possible to clean up our region's air

Dear South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I recently tried to buy new filters for my heater and was told the state of California no longer allows them to be sold in the state. I was sold something else - which looked exactly the same! I was told I will have problems in the future getting replacement filters.

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO!?! My heater is not old and works fine. Am I supposed to buy a new one - that I can't afford - which will add to the landfill and pollute the environment more with the old metals, parts, etc.

You people are insane!

You continue to create more problems and costs to the taxpaying citizens with your useless, unnecessary and ineffective laws and rules that just create more problems and pollution.

Why don't you get real jobs and be part of the solution - not the problem. We have enough real ones - we don't need fake ones. All your pollution/environmental/etc., are just scams.

Sincerely,  
Miriam Benell  
Whittier, CA

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Craig Talbot [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 1:45 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Do NOT Tax Gas Appliances!

PLEASE do NOT tax gas appliances ... or add costs to them!!!

New homeowners should have a choice, but previous homes with gas appliances should NOT have added costs or limitations in appliances!!

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Craig A. Talbot, Ed.D.

*Everyone who has been lifted to a plane of excellence is never content with mediocrity. --Thomas Monson--*

## James Chavez

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**From:** Elizabeth Jouvenat [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 1:23 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PAR 1111 and PAR 1121

Dear Members of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Proposed Rules 1111 and 1121, which would ban the use of natural gas furnaces and water heaters in homes.

I oppose PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 for the following reasons:

1. PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 will create a massive financial hardship on homeowners and property owners, as it will cost between approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 to retrofit their homes and will irreparably harm manufacturers, builders, and consumers; housing and utility costs will rise with mandates requiring all-electric homes and apartments;
2. Requirements for replacing existing appliances, including furnaces and water heaters, with all-electric models will drastically impose significant costs to consumers;
3. Our electric grid is not adequate to handle increased loads by all-electric mandates, especially while other outside entities have access to the grid, and there will be vastly increased numbers of power outages;
4. PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 are preempted by the federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA);
5. Both PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 violate the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution (Article VI, Clause 2) by conflicting with federal law (EPCA);
6. SCAQMD failed to adequately investigate environmental impacts, and it failed to explore feasible alternatives, violating CEQA's requirements; and
7. Natural gas provides clean energy; by mandating zero-emission standards, SCAQMD will effectively phase out natural gas-fired furnaces and water heaters. It will be discriminatory against industries and consumers reliant on natural gas infrastructure. This is an unfair restriction, especially for commercial entities or rural areas where electric alternatives are quite limited and much less feasible. It will make everyone dependent on utility companies known for non-, limited, and/or inadequate services and equipment.

These rules will negatively impact homeowners and families by removing access to affordable, reliable, and familiar energy sources. Replacing gas appliances with electric alternatives is not only costly, but also limits consumer choice and may strain our already overburdened electrical grid.

Please listen to the voices of the people and vote NO on these proposed bans. We need practical solutions that support clean air without forcing unnecessary financial hardship or energy restrictions on our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Jouvenat  
San Dimas

## James Chavez

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**From:** ron La Russa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 1:20 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Do Not Tax Our Gas Water Heaters

Vote no!

Ron La Russa

## James Chavez

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**From:** Veronica Shaw [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 12:52 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas water heater

Please do NOT make us pay more for living in CA Thank you!  
Sent from my iPhone

## James Chavez

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**From:** Finney Brokerage, Inc. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 12:48 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] gas in CA

I have a gas water heater a gas stove and a gas heater. My gas bill runs around \$30-\$100 depending upon the month. The level pay for Edison is \$215. If you eliminate gas appliances my cost would increase to unaffordable level. Natural gas is cheaper and very available. What is your problem?  
Hard for a citizen to understand your planned action to eliminate gas!!  
Mary

## James Chavez

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**From:** Robert Lipton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 12:38 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas water heater tax

Please do not move forward with a tax on gas water heaters. It makes no sense, it will cause a burden on the pocketbooks of all Californians, who own a gas water heater, which is far superior to electric Heaters.

Robert Lipton

Sent from my iPhone

## James Chavez

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**From:** Tina [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 12:37 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Do tax our water heaters!!!

Listen to what the voters and citizens of California want and NEED!

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Camelia V. Vera [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 12:21 PM  
**To:** Cut\_Smog; COB  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please VOTE NO on PARs 1111 and 1121

Dear Chair Delgado and AQMD Board Members, As a constituent who cares deeply about my community, I urge you to vote NO on Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121.

When we had the California fires in January, the electricity went out for weeks. Natural gas was a saving grace. Please do not make it more difficult to have our basic necessities like warm water for bathing, natural gas for cooking, or gas heating, when electricity is out. Repeating electrical outages make it difficult already to work. Please keep this in mind. We need options. Please do not take these options away. Please find other ways to improve air quality without affecting the residents that are already strapped.

Please protect your constituents, and vote NO on Rules 1111 and 1121. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Camelia Vera

## James Chavez

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**From:** Kathy Browning [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 12:13 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas Appliances

Please don't tax our gas water heaters and other gas appliances. I live in Souther California and SCE frequently turns off our power, sometimes for days. I am fortunate that my family can shower because we have a gas water heater. We can stay somewhat comfortable in the winter because we have a gas fireplace. I was able to make a few things for dinners on our gas barbecue. Until California and the electric companies up and down the state can get it together, I'd appreciate your understanding of the benefits and necessity of our gas appliances.

Kathy Browning

## James Chavez

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**From:** D. Pitt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 11:39 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Vote On Friday...

Hello,

I am a senior home owner and am very concerned about the elimination of gas water heaters. The cost to refit my home would be more than I can afford. This state taxes us so much already. We can not afford another tax added to the already high taxes. Not to mention the high costs of electric and the fact our grid can not handle it.

Please vote NO! Thank you in advance for your consideration.

D. Pitt  
Los AngelesTax Payer

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Roy Rivenburg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 11:09 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment on Proposed Amended Rule 1111

Dear board members,

Please vote NO on the proposal to phase out gas-powered appliances. The amendment would place a burden on low-income households and further strain California's already inadequate electrical grid. If you do go forward on this amendment, the timeline should be much later.

Thank you.

Roy Rivenburg  
Placentia, California

## James Chavez

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**From:** Laila Gomulka [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 11:06 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas powered water heaters

Hello:

Please do not tax gas powered water heaters. It is a useless regulation that will do nothing to change the climate, but will cost Californian tax payers more money. We already pay more for literally everything in this state. Please use common sense.

Thank you,  
Laila Gomulka  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** Frank Conn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:58 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ban of natural gas furnaces and water heaters

Sirs

Do **NOT** ban natural gas home furnaces and water heaters!

Let **the PEOPLE VOTE** on this issue !

Thank You

Frank Conn  
[REDACTED]  
Woodland Hills

## James Chavez

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**From:** John Bickel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:57 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Natural Gas Water Heater Ban

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) exists to improve regional air quality. I am deeply concerned, not only for my Orange County neighbors, but also for all residents of the four-county SCAQMD service area, if you approve Rules 1111 and 1121.

The SCAQMD is considering these two rules that are far-reaching in scope and expense but will seemingly do little to clean the air. If implemented, these rules would impose ruinous expenses on already stretched residents and businesses, potentially cause people to lose housing, and strain an already strained electricity grid.

SCAQMD intends to adopt two rules on all homeowners, multi-family residents, and businesses – more than 17 million people in all. The goal: eliminate natural gas appliances. Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 require homeowners, landlords, and businesses to replace furnaces and water heaters with costly new “zero-emission” electrical units.

The cost to implement these rules will potentially cost tens of thousands of dollars per unit for every homeowner, landlord, and business forced to make these purchases. The overall cost to implement the rules is at least \$20.4 billion throughout the entire SCAQMD “Service” area. While staff promises the fallacy that “costs will come down over time,” that won’t help consumers today or tomorrow. These rules make life in Southern California even more unaffordable. The already regulated appliances you are targeting are only used part time by residents in Southern California.

You are forcing us to comply, without options. The old technology – the water heaters and furnaces we are using today – will be illegal to purchase or install. Only the wealthiest of Southern California residents can afford such extravagance, and I’m sure they will not like it. You will force people like me to purchase replacement units in other states and importing them. I and others will not pull a permit because I wouldn’t be allowed to install the non-complying appliances. Will I be allowed to sell my property containing unpermitted natural gas units?

The new zero-emission water heaters and furnaces require a substantial increase in electricity usage, further challenging California’s already stressed electric grid. You know how vulnerable, erratic, and costly our power supply is. Water heaters and furnaces aren’t luxury items – they are essential. With millions of new electric devices pulling power from the grid, we risk even more frequent brownouts or outages.

California imports almost 30% of its electricity from out of state. Do you realize that a large percentage of that electricity is from coal or fossil fueled power plants, the same sources of electricity that you are already trying to eliminate? We already pay the highest rates in the country for electricity. My average Edison bill is already \$425 a month. What’s next?

How much will this cost? For me, to replace my gas fired units, I would have to purchase an electric pool heater, an electric water heater, and an electric furnace, all at substantial, inflated cost, because i have no choices. But, before that could happen, the electrical panel on my home would have to be upgraded in order to accommodate the new breakers. The total cost out of my pocket would be close to \$30,000. That expense is not in my budget.

Surprisingly, SCAQMD has yet to provide an accurate and comprehensive assessment of the rule's overall cost. Despite lacking this important information, and whether the marginal improvement in whatever cleaner the air might be, the cost far exceeds the improvement.

The Orange County Board of Supervisors and many Orange County cities oppose the implementation of Rules 1111 and 1121. One of your own members has gone public in opposition to them. The changes you have proposed to the Rules are not acceptable. We are already taxed enough and billed enough for our appliances and utilities.

Your March 6 presentation on the new rule concepts are meaningless. A slower transition will only increase homeowner costs. I urge you to delay consideration or adoption of the proposed rules to allow more time for information and to address the unanswered questions regarding cost, technology and the availability of potential incentives.

John Bickel

Brea, CA

## James Chavez

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**From:** Katheryn Conn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:57 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Rules 1111 and 1121

I am against banning natural gas furnaces and hot water heaters. Please don't change anything that works. Thank you.

Katheryn Conn. Woodland Hills, CA 91364

## James Chavez

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**From:** RAMONA CHAMPION [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:33 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Phasing out gas appliances

I strongly disagree with the proposals to phase out gas appliances especially in private residences.

People need choices.

Electricity may not always be available in an earthquake prone area such as California.

Converting everything to electric is a shortsighted decision.

When there's no option, Electricity will become more and more expensive and is controlled by the utility companies.

In some parts of the world, brown-outs are an accepted way of life.

That should not be the case in the United States but it will be if other sources of power are curtailed.

Please do not vote for any version of this proposal. I urge you to come up with a better solution.

Regards

Ramona Champion

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**James Chavez**

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**From:** Oscar Ramos [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:15 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Stop the TAX on gas powered appliances in California!

To whom ever this concerns to:

Please don't tax our water heaters. You rallie for "affordable housing" yet you pass policies that make apartments, condos and houses unaffordable. Please stop making California more expensive.

Sincerely,  
Oscar Ramos

**James Chavez**

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**From:** marlene1245 [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:01 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New regulations

Don't tax my gas water heater!!

Calif cost of living is already outrageous. Thats because of stupid ideas like this.

Please get real and use some common sense for once.

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

**James Chavez**

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**From:** South Coast AQMD <sitefinity@aqmd.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:59 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** Contact Form

## Contact Form

**Name:** Twila King

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

### Message:

**Do not tax gas water heaters. It's unaffordable and there are other matters that cause greater harm. People cannot afford these wild notions**

## James Chavez

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**From:** Kristin Jacobson [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:58 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas Powered Appliances

It's my understanding CA is trying to ban gas powered appliances. This is INSANE. This is a solution looking for a problem. Legislators have way too much time on their hands. Go read a book, take a walk, or buy a puppy. But please don't f\*ck with our gas powered (or future gas powered) appliances.

I'd like to register my opposition to this insanity, and any legislation or tax that implements it.

Sincerely,  
Kristin Jacobson

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Judy Prince [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:55 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] NO TAX ON GAS WATER HEATERS!!!

No tax on gas water heaters! Ridiculous!

Judy Prince  
Rolling Hills Estates, CA

## James Chavez

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**From:** Eve Mekerdichian [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:37 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Deep Concern Regarding Overreaching Regulations on Gas Appliances

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my deep frustration and disappointment with the South Coast AQMD's recent regulatory push to ban gas-powered appliances. It is increasingly clear that these decisions reflect a lack of basic understanding about the financial burdens these policies impose on everyday Californians.

The cost of replacing functional gas appliances with electric alternatives is not just significant—it's punitive for many households already struggling with California's high cost of living. This kind of policymaking, done without meaningful input from the public or acknowledgment of its real-world impact, is emblematic of what makes living in this state increasingly untenable.

Furthermore, the focus on marginal residential emissions seems especially misplaced when considering the scale of carbon emissions produced by the wildfires that ravage our state year after year. The emissions from a household water heater pale in comparison to the environmental devastation caused by these fires—yet I see no equivalent urgency from your agency to address or prioritize those far greater sources of pollution.

Let's also be honest: federal policy on these issues shifts regularly. In fact, positions are routinely reversed, revised, or softened, revealing the deeply unsettled science and politics behind these sweeping regulations. And yet, your board continues to press forward with unilateral mandates, as if immune to public scrutiny or evolving evidence.

Having grown up in Southern California, I can personally attest to the dramatic improvement in air quality over the decades—an improvement that came through common-sense regulations and broad cooperation, not coercion and overreach. Today, the air is cleaner than at any other time in our region's modern history. That progress should be celebrated, not leveraged as a justification for extreme measures with diminishing returns.

As an unelected body, your board lacks direct accountability to the citizens whose lives and finances are being upended by these decisions. This disconnect is part of a growing problem in California: rulemaking that is detached from the people it affects most.

I urge you to reconsider the direction you are heading. Real environmental leadership listens, adapts, and balances ambition with reason. What's happening now is something else entirely—and it is pushing more and more people to consider leaving this state behind.

Sincerely,  
Eve Mekerdichian  
Glendale, CA

**James Chavez**

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**From:** bryan bergsteinsson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:26 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] These Are The US Cities Gaining And Losing The Most Corporate HQs | ZeroHedge

With proposed rules 1111 and 1121 it is as if the AQMD is trying to accelerate this disturbing trend. The current state budget crisis will explode if we keep chasing away the both corporations and their employees.

<https://www.zerohedge.com/personal-finance/these-are-us-cities-gaining-and-losing-most-corporate-hqs>

## These Are The US Cities Gaining And Losing The Most Corporate HQs

Today, public companies based in Dallas-Fort Worth hold a combined \$1.5 trillion in value—a figure doubling in the past five years.

**Owing to its pro-business policies and lower cost of living, Texas is attracting scores of corporate headquarters, particularly from California.** As a result, states are losing billions in tax revenues as the corporate landscape shifts south.

[This graphic, via Visual Capitalist's Dorothy Neufeld](#), shows the fastest growing—and shrinking—headquarter markets in America, based on data from [CBRE](#).



## Corporate Headquarters Are Moving to the Lone Star State

Below, we show the top five markets nationally gaining the most headquarters since 2018:



As the country's best state for doing business, Texas is home to three of the top five markets nationally.

Fueling this migration are its growing talent pool, the absence of corporate and personal income tax, and its lack of red tape. The state is notable in its diverse business landscape attracting Chevron, Charles Schwab, and SpaceX to relocate headquarters since 2018.

Additionally, companies are expanding their presence in the state. Goldman Sachs, for instance, plans to grow its headcount in Dallas to 5,000—up from 970 in 2016.

## U.S. Markets Losing the Most Headquarters

By contrast, California is experiencing a corporate exodus.

With homes at least [50% more expensive](#) than in Texas, along with the fifth-highest tax burden in the country, the state has lost at least 275 headquarters since 2018.



As the above table shows, the San Francisco Bay Area stands as the hardest hit market, in a market facing one of the highest office vacancy rates in the nation.

*To learn more about this topic from a population growth perspective, check out this [graphic](#) on the fastest growing states since 2003.*

## James Chavez

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**From:** Kim Zaan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:19 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Protest Gas Water Heater Tax

To Whom It May Concern -

Have you all lost your mind? I totally understand climate change and I know we need to do something about it (like controlling CA wildfires which produce the most emissions). But adding huge taxes to gas powered appliances or trying to do away with gas powered water heaters etc, is NOT a workable solution. How many financial hits do you all think us California residents can handle?

Do NOT tax gas water heaters, space heaters, pool heaters, etc.

Maybe all of the life long Democrats in California, like me, need to start voting Republican just so we can afford to keep living here.

Thank you  
Kimberly Zaan  
Cypress, CA

Sent from my iPhone

## James Chavez

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**From:** bryan bergsteinsson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:11 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re; Rules 1111, 1121

As a native Californian I am used to questionable regulations to improve our climate. I have to say that rules 1111/1121 set a new standard for irresponsibility.

We already are at a crisis stage regarding the cost of housing in the state and your regulations would fuel the flames of this crisis.

From a homeowner standpoint we will be faced with higher costs for all our systems now running on natural gas. My electrical panel is maxed out due to the addition of AC and solar panels since my house was built. I am totally out of capacity. So I will have to add another electrical panel costing me thousands more. My systems would all be powered by electricity which is already almost twice the national average and going higher. Of course all of this will only compound our affordability crisis.

From a larger perspective we just don't have the generating capacity and more importantly the local plant is completely unprepared for all of this new demand. Of course the increasing EV penetration will add to the problem. Is the AQMD going to fund the upgrading of all the transformers across Calif? They are already being stretched by the AC systems they weren't designed for and with the addition of EV's are already in trouble, and now you want a complete conversion to electricity? The result? Collapsing infrastructure, high conversion costs for homeowners, even higher housing costs and electrical rates that will easily double the national average.

All this to control Global CO2? As you know California represents about 1% of total Global CO2 and what have all our efforts over the last 20 years generated? Zero reduction in Global CO2, as of today it is not going down. Our fire season two years ago generated twice the CO2 that all the savings the state has generated over the last 20 years.

Any responsible entity doing a thorough cost/benefit analysis would quickly see these proposals are non-starters. Just how much financial burden do you expect the states residents to endure for these expected benefits? I can only hope sanity prevails at the AQMD.

Thanks for listening, Bryan Bergsteinsson

P.S. From a purely PR standpoint your timing couldn't be worse, given our recent fires and all the resultant discussion our the already heavy regulatory burden and associated costs placed on homeowners.

## James Chavez

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**From:** Deborah Wimmer [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:13 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote on gas appliances

Do Not vote to ban gas appliances !!

Deborah Wimmer

Sent from my iPhone

## James Chavez

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**From:** Randee Roberts [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:07 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't tax our water heaters

As a California resident, I am opposed to any regulations that will impact our ability to use gas water heaters. This is not needed and will harm residents with new requirements and excessive costs. Vote no on taxing water heaters and on requiring electric water heaters.

Randee Roberts

Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for iOS

## James Chavez

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**From:** Tom Lofaro [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:05 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Rules 1111 and 1121

I am urging a no vote on Rules 1111 and 1121 when they come up this week.

I am opposed to the restriction on the sale or use of gas appliances in Southern California, California. The convenience and affordability far outweighs current concerns and what would be increased cost for electricity and electrical appliances.

I also think some homeowners and renters who would be forced to use electrical appliances would seriously consider living somewhere else?  
That could have long-term ramifications on tax revenue.

Vote NO

Thomas Lofaro

[REDACTED]

Santa Monica, CA 90403

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## James Chavez

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**From:** Eddie Textor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:54 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't Tax Our Water Heaters!

Don't tax our water heaters and other gas appliances!

Don't force electric replacements in our homes!

Edward J Textor

Fontana, CA

## James Chavez

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**From:** Ed and Karlene Textor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:53 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't Tax Our Water Heaters!

Don't tax our water heaters and other gas appliances!

Don't force electric replacements in our homes!

Edward Textor

Karlene Textor

Fontana, CA

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Joe Kaltenbach [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:46 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas water heater and furnace fees

I am objecting to the proposed fee implementation on the use/installation of gas water heaters and furnaces.

Sincerely,  
Josiah Kaltenbach

**James Chavez**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:40 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas Powered appliances

My wife and I oppose any NEW regulations on gas-powered appliances that will directly affect our cost of living. This vote is another example of excessive regulations that do not make our lives better.

Do not pass these new regulations.

John and Kelly Navarro

## James Chavez

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**From:** Connie Silva [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:39 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas water heater scam

This is over reach by AQMD.

VOTE no in this new scam by the green crazies.

STOP TRYING TO CONTROL every aspect of life in CA. You are killing the golden goose.

Sent from my iPhone

## James Chavez

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**From:** alice gu <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:38 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] voicing concern on the BAN on GAS heaters

To Whom It May Concern:

I am learning that there is a potential ban on gas heaters in Los Angeles. I am very opposed to this. Natural gas is clean and inexpensive to run. We do not trust the unreliable electrical grid in Los Angeles, which cannot even handle the stress of a summer day when the Valley is running their air conditioning. The electricity we have is not clean, not affordable. We are quite happy with our gas heaters and am passionate about voicing my opposition to this proposed ban.

Thank you for listening.

All the best,  
Alice

## James Chavez

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**From:** Ruth Kobayashi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:17 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas Appliances

Please DO NOT restrict our ability to purchase gas appliances (water heaters, stoves, and others) or make it more expensive to do so. We are tired of the insanity in California as Sacramento and unelected boards try to take our freedoms away, and force us to expensive electric appliances through increasing costs and other restrictions. ENOUGH!

Let people choose, get out of the way.

The more you do, the faster the liberal supermajority will be replaced and unelected climate boards will be cast aside. Please, we can't afford your mandates.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

## James Chavez

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**From:** Scott Peotter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:08 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Keep your Taxes off our gas appliances

I wanted to give you input on the proposed tax/regulations on gas appliances like furnaces, stoves and hot water heaters

This proposed tax/regulation is governmental overreach as the so called "benefit" does not come close to the cost required to shift to electrical appliances (which is the unstated goal of these taxes).

The stated goal for affordable housing in this state by the entire state government is being undermined by your proposal as it only increases the cost of all housing. But it is especially regressive as it impacts low income residents disproportionately.

VOTE NO on this anti-housing, anti-affordability tax.



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2Chronicles 7:13-14

13 If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, 14 and My people [d]who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

## James Chavez

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**From:** Roger Kersey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:03 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] GAS APPLIANCES

Hello--

71 year citizen of CA and just getting by. My house is 36 years old and appliances are in need of replacement. I have been setting aside \$\$ for several years but will not have enough if you ban gas heating and water heating appliances. This new rule is ill-advised if applied to replacement installations. Vote NO!!  
Roger D Kersey

## James Chavez

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**From:** Steven Freeman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:56 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Do not ban gas appliances

Save California do not vote to ban gas appliances

Brad Freeman  
[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** John Fonti [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:53 AM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Governing Board Meeting Agenda: June 6, 2025 Agenda Item 28

Re: Certify Final Subsequent Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1111– Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural Gas-Fired Furnaces and Proposed Amended Rule 1121 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Residential Type, Natural Gas-Fired Water Heaters; and Amend Rule 1111 and Rule 1121

Please do not approve these Proposed rules. The science is flawed and the benefits are not provable. Electricity is not guaranteed to be continually available and provided. There are now hundreds of thousands of homes subject to regular power shutoffs due to wildfires. How will the homes be powered? How will those who require home medical treatments which require continuous power live?

John Fonti  
[REDACTED]  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320

## James Chavez

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**From:** Pearl [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:46 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Water heater

DO NOT TAX MY WATER HEATER. PERLA, RIALTO, CA

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## James Chavez

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**From:** michael schmidt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:36 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Water heaters

Do not phase out gas appliances!  
Do not tax my appliances  
Sent from my iPhone

## James Chavez

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**From:** Jeffrey M [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:29 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Water Heaters

Please don't tax our water heaters.

## James Chavez

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**From:** Steven Freeman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:27 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas appliances ban

Do not ban gas appliances

Brad Freeman  
[REDACTED]  
Westminster Ca  
[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** Wilburman [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:08 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Cost Increases for Gas Appliances

I am vehemently opposed to the proposal of the cost increase of gas appliances including water heaters, pool pumps, stoves, etc.  
This will drive the cost of living higher for working families that are already paying the highest prices on energy in the U.S.  
AQMD cannot just look at one goal while disregarding the cost concerns of all working families.

Wilburman  
Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

## James Chavez

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**From:** Scott H [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:07 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Reject Gas Water Heater Tax

Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition against any effort to tax natural gas or propane fueled water heaters. I am against any effort to apply any additional cost to these water heating devices.

-Scott Huffman

Life long San Diego, CA resident

## James Chavez

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**From:** Ron Robbins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 6:54 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Natural Gas-YES

Stop your prosecution of natural gas. It is clean burning. We don't need more costly unwanted regulations! KEEP NATURAL GAS. No restrictions!

James Chavez

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 6:44 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In OPPOSITION to PAR 1111, PAR 1121

**In OPPOSITION to PAR 1111, PAR 1121, vote no  
sean obrien  
Venice, ca**

**28. Certify Final Subsequent Environmental  
Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule  
1111– Reduction of NOx Emissions from  
Natural Gas-Fired Furnaces and Proposed  
Amended Rule 1121 – Reduction of NOx  
Emissions from Residential Type, Natural Gas-  
Fired Water Heaters; and Amend Rule 1111 and  
Rule 1121**

[Michael Krause](#)

(909) 396-2706

Proposed Amended Rule 1111 (PAR 1111) and Proposed Amended Rule 1121 (PAR 1121) establish requirements to reduce NOx emissions from space and water heating units, respectively. PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 establish manufacturer requirements for the sale of space and water heating units that meet low-NOx and zero-NOx emission standards that change over time, and include a mitigation fee for NOx-emitting units, with an option to pay a higher mitigation fee if manufacturers sell more low-NOx units than the targets. Alternatively, manufacturers that elect to sell only zero-emission space and water heating units, would not be subject to a per unit mitigation fee. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Certifying the

Final Subsequent Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1111 – Reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions from Natural Gas-Fired Furnaces and Proposed Amended Rule 1121 – Reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions from Residential Type, Natural Gas-Fired Water Heaters; and 2) Amending Rule 1111 and Rule 1121. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, October 18 and December 20, 2024, February 21, March 21, April 18, and May 16, 2025)

**James Chavez**

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**From:** R and G Danenhauer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 6:19 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Taxes

DO NOT TAX GAS HEATERS!

REPEAL THE \$0.65 GAS TAX! You are ALREADY taxing Californian's into poverty. Stop this insanity and repeal this tax.

Georgia Danenhauer

## James Chavez

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**From:** Nancy Casey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 4:38 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Water heaters

Please do NOT tax our water heaters.  
Sent from my iPad

## James Chavez

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**From:** Karen Nyhlen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 3:24 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board; Sandra Hernandez (Del); Vanessa Delgado; Teresa Acosta (Del); Alisa Cota; Michael Cacciotti (GBM); Sho Tay (Cac); Ben Wong (Cac); Ben Wong; Bill Glazer (Cac); Wesley Reutimann (GBA); Ken Chawkins; Sam Kang (Cac); Jose Zavala (Cac); plock\_dawson@aqmd.gov; Thomas Gross; Andrew Silva; Curt Hagman (GBM); Curt Hagman; Jodi James (Hag); Michael Miller; progers1@aqmd.gov; Katherine Kolcheva (Hag); Ron Ketcham (McC); Debra Mendelsohn (McC); hmittchell@aqmd.gov; Loraine Lundquist; Loraine Lundquist (Mit); janet.nguyen@ocgov.com; Charles Hahn (Ngu); Diane Nguyen (Ngu); tina.tran@oc.gov; tim.sandoval@pomona.gov; Larry McCallon (GBM); tinatran@uchastings.edu; Tina Tran (Ngu)  
**Cc:** opinion@scng.com; senator.strickland@senate.ca.gov; Assemblymember.Ta@assembly.ca.gov  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote NO on Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 will ban home furnaces and water heaters that run on natural gas.

The 9th Circuit already said YOU CANNOT DO THIS SO WHY ARE YOU BEING SO DAMN STUBBORN and HURTING CALIFORNIANS?

Not to mention, you should talk to SCE who sent me HATE MAIL FOR USING SO MUCH ELECTRICITY when I had a TEMPORARY WATER HEATER for 3 months while mitigating water damage in my condo.

<https://californiaglobe.com/fr/deceitful-so-cal-gas-water-heater-ban-back/>

Karen Nyhlen  
Garden Grove, CA

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Steve De Baets [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 11:47 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Rule 1111 and Rule 1121

I am opposed to the changes suggested regarding Rule 111 and 1121 to eliminate gas water heaters, furnaces and stoves. The financial burden the elimination of gas appliances or the up-charge to the price of natural gas would hurt all Los Angeles County residents.

Steve De Baets  
[REDACTED]  
Manhattan Beach, CA. 90266  
[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** Mona Clark [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 11:09 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 1111,1121

NO please.  
Thanks.  
Sent from my iPad

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Adriana Taggart [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 11:07 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DON'T TOUCH MY GAS WATER HEATER!

DON'T TOUCH MY GAS WATER HEATER !

## James Chavez

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**From:** James Gick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 10:02 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Do not tax my water heater

## James Chavez

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**From:** Jorge Dominguez [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 8:56 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Against tax on water heater

Don't tax our water heaters please .

## James Chavez

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**From:** Linda Perez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 8:52 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition gas water heater tax

> To Whom It May Concern,  
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> I am staunchly opposed to the proposed water heater tax. Californians are already being overtaxed.  
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> Enough!!  
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> Sincerely,  
>  
> Linda Perez  
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> Sent from my iPhone

## James Chavez

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**From:** Shannon Malmfeldt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 8:11 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board

Dear Members of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Proposed Rules 1111 and 1121, which would ban the use of natural gas furnaces and water heaters in homes.

These rules will negatively impact homeowners and families by removing access to affordable, reliable, and familiar energy sources. Replacing gas appliances with electric alternatives is not only costly, but also limits consumer choice and may strain our already overburdened electrical grid.

Please listen to the voices of the people and vote NO on these proposed bans. We need practical solutions that support clean air without forcing unnecessary financial hardship or energy restrictions on our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Shannon Malmfeldt

## James Chavez

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**From:** Carlos <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 7:06 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

Dear Members of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Proposed Rules 1111 and 1121, which would ban the use of natural gas furnaces and water heaters in homes.

These rules will negatively impact homeowners and families by removing access to affordable, reliable, and familiar energy sources. Replacing gas appliances with electric alternatives is not only costly, but also limits consumer choice and may strain our already overburdened electrical grid.

Please listen to the voices of the people and vote NO on these proposed bans. We need practical solutions that support clean air without forcing unnecessary financial hardship or energy restrictions on our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely  
Carlos Urena 91741

## James Chavez

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**From:** Terry Kelly [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 7:42 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] don't tax our water heaters

## James Chavez

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**From:** Cleme M [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 7:00 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] water heater gas tax

DO NOT TAX MY WATER HEATER.

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## James Chavez

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**From:** Robert Howarth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 6:43 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Subject: Public Comment Opposing Proposed Amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Clerk of the Board,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed amendments to SCAQMD Rules 1111 and 1121, which would phase out the use of affordable gas-powered furnaces and water heaters in favor of zero-emission alternatives.

This proposed ordinance—despite recent revisions—remains a misguided and overreaching policy. It places unreasonable financial pressure on homeowners, small businesses, and multifamily property owners who will be forced to absorb the cost of expensive electric upgrades, new appliance installations, and ongoing operational inefficiencies.

While clean air is a shared goal, this policy fails to respect the economic and practical realities of the region's aging electrical infrastructure and the limited capacity of working families to comply with such mandates. It also sets troubling precedent by punishing manufacturers and consumers with excessive mitigation fees while offering only limited and insufficient rebate programs.

Moreover, this proposal raises serious legal concerns regarding federal preemption under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), which prohibits state-level regulations that affect the energy use of appliances.

I respectfully urge the Governing Board to reject this ordinance and instead pursue more balanced, voluntary, and incentive-driven solutions that allow for broader stakeholder support without imposing financial harm on the very communities you aim to protect.

Please ensure this message is included in the public record for the June 6, 2025 hearing.

Sincerely,

Robert Howarth  
[REDACTED]

San Diego, CA 92101

## James Chavez

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**From:** Lara Sarvian [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 6:41 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't tax our water heaters!

Please don't tax our water heaters!!

Lara Sarvian

## James Chavez

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**From:** john pirie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 6:32 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hot Water Heater Tax

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please do not add additional tax on hot water heaters.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
John P. (concerned tax payer)

## James Chavez

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**From:** marcus rosales [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 6:19 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Waterheaters.

Do not vote yes for this bill.

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**James Chavez**

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**From:** Robin Rudisill [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 6:16 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas Water Heater Ban 06-06-2025

I oppose the banning of our gas water heater or adding any fees or penalties.

Thank you.

***For the Love of Los Angeles  
and our precious Coast,  
Robin Rudisill***  
[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** Alfredo Torres [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 6:10 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Water Heaters

Do NOT tax our water heaters!

## James Chavez

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**From:** Kelley Cannizzaro [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 6:04 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't tax our water heaters

To the AQMD board,  
Do not tax our water heaters! We can't afford anymore.  
Sincerely,  
Kelley Cannizzaro

## James Chavez

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**From:** Sharon D. Brimer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 5:55 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Notice of Opposition to Proposed Rule 1121 and 1111 - Agenda Item for 6/6/2025

I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to the proposed changes to Rules 1111 and 1121. These rule changes—particularly those that would mandate the transition from gas appliances to electric alternatives—are deeply concerning and pose serious burdens, especially for older adults (55+) and low-income households.

The proposed costs associated with electrification are **excessive and unrealistic**, especially in existing homes not built for such conversions. Many residents, particularly seniors on fixed incomes, cannot afford to retrofit their homes to meet these requirements. **Mitigation fees only further exacerbate these financial hardships** and will contribute to rising housing costs—both for homeowners and renters.

The Air Quality Management District (AQMD) appears to have **overstepped its reasonable authority** in this matter. These mandates impose one-size-fits-all solutions without adequate consideration of the economic impact or feasibility for real people.

I urge the District to reconsider these changes. Focus should be placed on **incentives, affordability, and practicality**, not costly mandates that disproportionately harm vulnerable populations.

**I strongly oppose the proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121.**

Certify Final Subsequent Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1111– Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural Gas-Fired Furnaces and Proposed Amended Rule 1121 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Residential Type, Natural Gas-Fired Water Heaters; and Amend Rule 1111 and Rule 1121 Proposed Amended Rule 1111 (PAR 1111) and Proposed Amended Rule 1121 (PAR 1121) establish requirements to reduce NOx emissions from space and water heating units, respectively. PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 establish manufacturer requirements for the sale of space and water heating units that meet low-NOx and zero-NOx emission standards that change over time, and include a mitigation fee for NOx-emitting units, with an option to pay a higher mitigation fee if manufacturers sell more low-NOx units than the targets. Alternatively, manufacturers that elect to sell only zero-emission space and water heating units, would not be subject to a per unit mitigation fee. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Certifying the Final Subsequent Environmental Assessment for Krause/2706 -11- Proposed Amended Rule 1111 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural Gas-Fired Furnaces and Proposed Amended Rule 1121 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Residential Type, Natural Gas-Fired Water Heaters; and 2) Amending Rule 1111 and Rule 1121. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, October 18 and December

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Regards,  
Sharon D. Brimer

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** Dan Torres [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 5:51 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SoCal Gas Appliance Fee

Greetings!

I'm a resident of Orange County and will need to replace my gas water heater in the next few years. I hear that you are considering a fee to manufacturers of gas appliances that would likely result in higher prices for my replacement water heater.

Please vote "no" on this.

My family is struggling with the impacts of EVERYTHING going up in price. We are losing ground and still need to send three kids to college. We cannot afford to add an electrical circuit to feed an electrical water heater.

Again, please vote "no" on this proposal.

Thank you,

Dan Torres  
[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** Shirley Santiago [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 5:51 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ban on Gas appliances has to stop

I am outraged!!!

California is already one of the most expensive states to live in. Higher groceries, utilities and gasoline. A new proposed tax on gasoline to come. Utilities going up. As a single person with no tax deductions and on a month to month budget, I'm already overwhelmed!!! Our gas cars will probably be illegal at some point and I would never be able to afford an electric vehicle, plus my power bill would be through the roof. Gas appliances not only function way better than electric but are cost efficient. This you want to force upon us??? NO!!!

The proposed mandate to ban new gas-powered water heaters and furnaces in Southern California is bad and now attempting to replace it with a fee-based system to penalize those choosing gas water heaters, set for consideration on June 6, 2025 is a slap in the face to anyone left who can think on their own!!!

Has everyone lost their minds in thinking this is a good idea??? Has anyone thought of the repercussions of this decision to people like myself? Are you trying to force/make self thinking people like myself to leave California???

I am born and raised here. I don't want to be forced on the streets or out of California in order to just survive.

Someone PLEASE think of us instead and the right to choose what WE think is best.

Shirley Santiago

## James Chavez

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**From:** Work Email Account [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 5:38 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't take away gas appliances

Don't vote to take away my efficient gas appliances.

Jason H

## James Chavez

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**From:** GERALD RIDOUT [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 5:35 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Taxes  
  
**Importance:** High

**You are killing us! DON'T TAX OUR WATER HEATERS!!**  
Gerald Ridout, [REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** Sandy Ridout [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 5:33 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Taxes

**Importance:** High

Hello. DON'T TAX OUR WATER HEATERS!! Do you want everyone to leave the State?!!  
Sandy Ridout, [REDACTED]

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Carolu Every [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 5:30 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Rules 1111, 1121

Dear Members of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Proposed Rules 1111 and 1121, which would ban the use of natural gas furnaces and water heaters in homes.

These rules will negatively impact homeowners and families by removing access to affordable, reliable, and familiar energy sources. Replacing gas appliances with electric alternatives is not only costly, but also limits consumer choice and may strain our already overburdened electrical grid.

Please listen to the voices of the people and vote NO on these proposed bans. We need practical solutions that support clean air without forcing unnecessary financial hardship or energy restrictions on our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Carolu Every  
Glendora 91741

## James Chavez

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**From:** Steve Coburn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 5:21 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

Do not get rid of gas appliances!!! 🙄🙄

Sincerely,

Steven Coburn

## James Chavez

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 5:09 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Taxing gas appliances

I'm just so fed up with this. So I'm not going to be nice.

Hay jackasses,

Stop trying to save the planet on the backs of Californians. If Commiefornia went 100% green tomorrow it wouldn't make a bit of difference. You cocksuckers need to get China and India on board with all your go green crap.

Mike Kennard

Riverside, ca

## James Chavez

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**From:** Lisa Ehmke [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 5:09 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No ban on Gas

Dear Members of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board,  
I am writing to express my strong opposition to Proposed Rules 1111 and 1121, which would ban the use of natural gas furnaces and water heaters in homes.  
These rules will negatively impact homeowners and families by removing access to affordable, reliable, and familiar energy sources. Replacing gas appliances with electric alternatives is not only costly, but also limits consumer choice and may strain our already overburdened electrical grid.  
Please listen to the voices of the people and vote NO on these proposed bans. We need practical solutions that support clean air without forcing unnecessary financial hardship or energy restrictions on our communities.  
Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Sincerely,  
Lisa Ehmke  
Glendora California  
Sent from my iPhone

## James Chavez

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**From:** Mark Cloud [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 5:05 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New Proposal will Make CA More Expensive!

Hello,

Respectfully, don't move forward with your proposed ban on gas-fired appliances.

California's middle and lower classes are being financially killed by a thousand bureaucratic, leftist cuts. This proposal would be another one.

Please stop.

Mark Cloud  
Riverside

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Barbara Garcia [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:54 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Electric Water Heaters - Opposed!

I am opposed to the proposal of forcing Californians to convert to electric water heaters. Vote no!!!

Barbara Garcia

## James Chavez

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**From:** Peter Campbell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:46 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Cc:** Heather Farr; Emily Yen; Yanrong Zhu  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Public comment on PAR 1111 and PAR 1121

Please see below comment for the Governing Board.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:45 PM  
**To:** Peter Campbell <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public comment on PAR 1111 and PAR 1121

Mr. Campbell,  
Your comment section at <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scagmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1111-and-rule-1121> would not process my comment. Please see below.

Governing Board,  
Southern California exists with a huge variety of climate zones and impacts. PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 propose zero-NOx emission limits for new space and water heating appliance installations based on future effective dates, with compliance dates differentiated for units installed in new or existing buildings.  
Many Californians depend on appliances that run on natural gas as an alternative to electric energy. Even in Southern California, recent blizzards have proven that living in an all-electric home can be deadly. One community alone in 2023 suffered as many as 11 deaths due to dependence on electricity when it was cut off for weeks at a time.  
Forcing the entire Southern California region to rely on electric energy in an era of brownouts, Public Safety Power Shutoffs and zero tolerance for creating new sources for generating electricity is not only short-sighted. It could be catastrophic and deadly.  
Do not approve this ill-fated plan.

Warm regards,  
Dirk Rinker, President

[REDACTED]

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Sergio Gonzalez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:44 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Electric water heater requirement

I am outraged that you want to force us taxpayers to buy electric water heaters. Many of us cannot afford the cost of the units or the additional electricity cost. You should be ashamed of yourselves. If my vote counts, I vote to keep my gas water heater. And this fee you want to charge us is just plain robbery.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
Get [Outlook for Android](#)

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Ellie Hutton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:30 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] proposal to tax residential gas appliance purchases

I want to formally protest your proposed tax on gas appliances which you plan on voting on this friday. A single cargo ship coming into the port in long beach releases far more pollutants into the air than all the gas appliances at all the residents in the state for an entire year. Dont burden Californians with this added tax

I am firmly opposed to this tax. Its just going to make it harder to live in california. We have the highest electric rates in the US.

Eleanor Hutton

**James Chavez**

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**From:** karen yoder [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:22 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas water heaters

Dear AQMD,

Please do not burden Los Angeles residents by forcing people to upgrade to costly electric water heaters.  
Thank you.

Karen Yoder  
Redondo Beach

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## James Chavez

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**From:** Shirley Ritsch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:15 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Tax

Don't tax our gas water and space heaters!

Sincerely,  
Shirley Ritsch

## James Chavez

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**From:** Heather McKenzie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:13 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Prop 1111 and 1121 opposition

Dear Members of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Proposed Rules 1111 and 1121, which would ban the use of natural gas furnaces and water heaters in homes.

These rules will negatively impact homeowners and families by removing access to affordable, reliable, and familiar energy sources. Replacing gas appliances with electric alternatives is not only costly, but also limits consumer choice and may strain our already overburdened electrical grid.

Please listen to the voices of the people and vote NO on these proposed bans. We need practical solutions that support clean air without forcing unnecessary financial hardship or energy restrictions on our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Heather McKenzie  
Glendora, CA

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Ralph Gidwitz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:12 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas Regulations

Your proposed policy regarding gas fired ranges and water heaters to be voted on this Friday, is ill-considered, ill-advised, and should be unanimously rejected. As a resident/taxpayer, the only conclusion I can draw from your machinations is that really have little regard for the people who pay your stipends.

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Ralph W. Gidwitz

Mobile: (312)961-3700

Email: [rwgidwitz@beestreet.org](mailto:rwgidwitz@beestreet.org)

## James Chavez

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**From:** Dan Hanson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:10 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments on Proposed Rules

Dear Members of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Proposed Rules 1111 and 1121, which would ban the use of natural gas furnaces and water heaters in homes.

These rules will negatively impact homeowners and families by removing access to affordable, reliable, and familiar energy sources. Replacing gas appliances with electric alternatives is not only costly, but also limits consumer choice and may strain our already overburdened electrical grid.

Please listen to the voices of the people and vote NO on these proposed bans. We need practical solutions that support clean air without forcing unnecessary financial hardship or energy restrictions on our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hanson  
Glendora, CA 91741

## James Chavez

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:10 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] new more stringent regulations--costly to taxpayers

I understand you have a vote scheduled for later this week--water heaters and or port traffic. As a member of the general public, enough is enough. Not only has our electricity increased more than 200% since we moved into our home, property taxes have doubled with the addition of school bonds. Insurance quadrupled this year, only after we reroofed our house (old roof was 25 years old, but not leaking). There is just no more we can afford. We are on the Fair plan as our previous insurer declined to write a new policy after 40 years with the same one.

You represent the public, so do the right thing and vote in favor of the people, and no new costly measures for resident.

Kind regards,

Gretchen Murray

## James Chavez

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**From:** Jerry Laughlin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:08 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] A NO vote for new gas usage fees on water heaters, spas, and swimming pools

Dear respected Hearing Board Members,

I want to voice my “NO” vote and vehemently oppose any intention on the part of the AQMD Hearing Board to add new fees of any kind to those owning gas fired water heaters, family spas, heated swimming pools. I have been advised you have a vote on this measure this coming Friday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Again, please recognize my staunch resistance to any measure of this nature. Please stop activity of this nature immediately.

Regards,

Jeremy Laughlin  
[REDACTED]

(Single family dwelling homeowner)

## James Chavez

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**From:** EDWARD STOLL [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:04 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Taxing water heaters

Please don't tax my water heater or any other appliances in my home Thanks Edward Stoll

Sent from my iPhone

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Patrick Lyons [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 4:00 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DO NOT TAX GAS WATER HEATERS

I am opposed to the proposed taxing of gas powered water heaters and any other gas powered appliances used in homes in any part(s) of California.

**VOTE NO**

## James Chavez

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**From:** westcoast21 <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 3:57 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Electric water and furnace heaters

Do not vote for changing water heaters and or furnaces. All it will do is cost everyone thousands of dollars and accomplish nothing. And how do you plan to make more electricity to run the stupid things. By the way in 1988 you declared natural gas as one of the clean fs to replace coal and other fuels.

Michael Kyne

## James Chavez

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**From:** Joseph Hoskins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 3:57 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No tax on gas water heaters

Do not tax gas water heaters!!

Sent from my iPhone

## James Chavez

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**From:** W. O.T. <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 3:55 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PAR 1111 & 1112 All Electric Mandate

Dear Clerk Of The Board At SCAQMD,

We are getting in touch with you because we are a large community group of small mom and pop and women property owners. There are a lot of us but we each own only one building with six units in a historical neighborhood. Quite a few of us actually live in our properties, and some of us also have mortgages. At first glance saying we own a property may seem like we are rich, but most of us are older and purchased our properties years ago or saved and bought a place where we live among our tenants. Owning a small apartment building is the same as owning any other small business, a liquor store, a dress shop, an online creative store, which California and the Governor have said in the past that they fully champion. Yet, we rental property owners are regarded differently despite us being small businesses. If we've owned our properties for more than fifteen years, which all of us have, we are subject to such *excruciatingly financially* strangling laws that many of us already went bankrupt during COVID. So, if you pass *SCQMD PAR Rules 1111 and 1112, the all electric mandate you will destroy the rest of us*. Do you want to do that? And, if you do, why? To date, we have obeyed every single new law that has popped up for we small rental property owners to follow but we in all sincerity cannot do what you proposed 1111 and 1112 delineate. It will bankrupt us. We are not exaggerating.

So, we ask you to comprehensively and soberly do your due diligence instead of just waving your wands and dictating something that may sound good on paper but will literally destroy the county of Los Angeles. It will bankrupt the majority of rental property owners so we will be forced to sell to developers and it will create thousands more homeless people because renters will have nowhere to live if our building are torn down and the city becomes a construction site. You must get a *sober* assessment of the struggles that both renters and small business landlords go through already to survive. If you do not want us to survive, please tell us honestly why not?

Our group of small rental property owners are pro conservation in all ways that are *feasible*. However, we also know that the proposed PAR Rules Mandates 1111 and 1112 are utterly *unfeasible* for properties that have natural gas utilities because, as you must know, and if you don't *please* apprise yourself of what would be required. Switching from gas to electric appliances *is not as easy as simply replacing one appliance for another*. To replace a gas water heaters or furnace gravity heaters with electric ones would require **total reconstruction**. They would require *tearing open walls, ceilings and floors*. They would require running new lines from electrical poles to buildings, then installing new breakers from 110 volts to 220 volts, which would create a potential environment of fire, and would tax the California electrical grid to such a degree that it would literally kill the grid itself. As you well know, *every summer* when residents simply turn on their air conditioners *we have blackouts*. Imagine what will happen if you add multitudes of electrical water heaters and electrical heaters to the amperage being pulled from California's already weak and old electrical grid. Water heaters are used all day long. Add the air conditioners or heaters to that, and we are talking about an entire county living in the dark due to blackouts. Perhaps for months at a time. That would breed crime and fear, the opposite of what a city needs to be safe and healthy.

Yesterday we actually spoke with two plumbers and two electricians who do large projects, to get a more concrete idea of what such an endeavor would cost for a property owner who has only six units, which our group all have. **The cost would be at least \$300,000 to renovate each building fully, IF the structures could take it at all.** They all concurred that our buildings are actually *not* constructed for such an overhaul. So, what conclusion does that lead us and perhaps you to?

It leads us to the fact that in the past five years, Governor Newsom has passed bills to seemingly protect renters and small businesses. Yet, if you pass these proposed Rules 1111 and 1112, it is precisely *these people* who will be destroyed by the Mandates. What's more, because we small property owners cannot afford to rebuild our properties to accommodate your proposed Mandate, we small rental property owners will be *forced* to sell to large developers. Those large developers are *NOT* subject to the same rent control laws that we smaller and older rental property owners are because the new developments are under fifteen years old, a caveat that the county/city created a while back excluding the new large developments from the strict laws we older structures are subject to. We do not mind most of the rent control laws. We believe in fairness for renters and property owners, *BUT* the large rich developers build buildings that are *SO* unbelievably expensive. *Please* do your due diligence and look into the prices they charge for renters, namely around

Miracle Mile Fairfax District, Wilshire Corridor. We're talking \$2,000 for a 450 square foot single, up to \$10,000 for a two bedroom! Meanwhile, we charge an average of \$2,500 for two bedrooms, a dining room, large kitchen, bathroom and parking. You will create a wake of destruction if you go through with these PAR 111 and 1112 Rules/Mandate.

At this point we naturally have questioned what your organization stands to benefit from passing such a seemingly not fully thought through mandate. We all agree that cleaner air is important, but snapping your fingers and insisting that every rental property immediately *rebuild or sell our properties to developers* who will tear them down is the *antithesis* of constructive governing. The city will become a construction site where *no one can live*. If you force us to do this we will all have to sell because we cannot afford to rebuild, and then all of *our tenants will have nowhere to live as well*.

Some of us wonder if electrical appliance companies are giving you kickbacks to implement such laws? Are developers giving you kickbacks to put millions of small rental property owners out of business?

We understand and agree that change has to come, but it has to be reasonable and sustainable, slow and realistically thought out and planned. It cannot be a knee jerk dictate, a bureaucratic earthquake that will *raze* Los Angeles and most of California. To pass PAR Rules/Mandate 1111 and 1112 is not the answer. Gas water heaters and furnaces use such a low amount of natural gas that maintaining them as is and *perhaps* making *new builds all electric* could be step in the right direction IF our electrical grid was strong enough to power them. But, our electrical grid still is *not* strong enough to power them. So, a first priority for you could be to work on genuinely updating the California power grids to firstly just handle the summer air conditioners that always create blackouts, and then strengthen it to handle more electrical voltage pull for appliances, *if* that is found to truly be a better form of conservation. If you pass 1111 and 1112 you would be putting the cart before the horse.

Please do not crush we small business property owners who simply want to eek out a basic living with what remains after large property taxes, rental registration and myriad other fees.

Sincerely,

Los Angeles Small Property Owner Coalition

## James Chavez

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**From:** MICHAEL O'BRIEN [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 3:56 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] GAS APPLIANCES

DO NOT RESTRICT ACCESS TO GAS APPLIANCES BY BAN OR INCREASED TAX!!

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## James Chavez

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**From:** Mark Walch [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 3:41 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Tax on Gas-Powered Appliances

This is to voice opposition to this proposed tax. Poorly thought-out. It would not only be ineffective and harmful to consumers, but we recognize it to be a deceitful way to countermand the earlier retraction of a proposed ban.

--MSW

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Mark Campbell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 3:33 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas water heaters

Please do not approve taxes on gas water heaters.

Thank you,

Mark Campbell

## James Chavez

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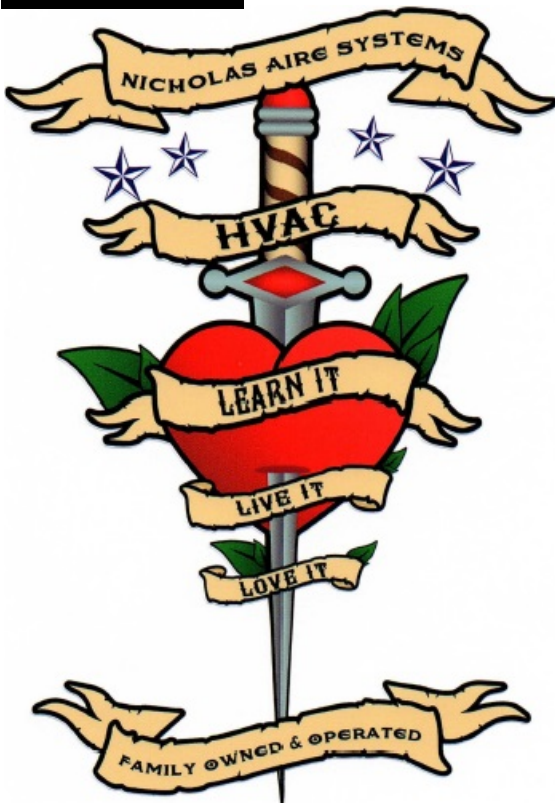
**From:** Nicholas Aire Systems [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 3:26 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] NO ELECTIC HEATING

Say no to electrification.

Thank You,

*M Frank*

Nicholas Aire Systems  
[REDACTED]



## James Chavez

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**From:** Darren Southard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:31 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DON'T TAX OUR WATER HEATERS!

DON'T TAX OUR WATER HEATERS!  
STOP TAXING US IN ORANGE COUNTY!  
-Darren

## James Chavez

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**From:** David Asman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:31 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No To Electric Water Heaters

No To Electric Water Heaters.

## James Chavez

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**From:** Tamara Karpowitz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:35 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas heaters, water heaters and stoves

DON'T TAX OUR WATER HEATERS!!!

## James Chavez

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**From:** John Reekie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 11:34 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ban of Gas Appliances

Dear Clerk of the Board,

I wish to join my concern with others who feel the AQMA has chosen to ignore the difficulties that will be caused with the ban of gas powered appliances, especially for the elderly, disabled, and low income families. In any economy the cost of replacement, perhaps even the decision to do so, would be prohibitive. How would one choose? Warm water, lack of heat, eventually no gas powered ovens or cooktops and stoves?

I wonder if there has been consideration as to the validity of the entire State of California being run on electricity (which, of course, is a whole other concern!). Change is inevitable. However, if it is accomplished without wisdom, then it can only bring harm.

Please think closer to your own homes before making any rash decisions. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Ellen S. Reekie

[REDACTED]  
San Gabriel, CA 91775

## James Chavez

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**From:** Beth Tirado [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 3:09 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No to Proposed Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear AQMD,

Please do NOT ban natural gas furnaces and water heaters in our homes.

We want energy options and choices.

Please do NOT take away our energy options and force us to use more electricity.  
In doing so I believe you will leave us more vulnerable to outages.

We love our natural gas appliances, big and small.

Sincerely,  
Beth Tirado  
Pasadena, CA

## James Chavez

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 3:03 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Governing Board Meeting Agenda: June 6, 2025 Space and Water Heating Appliance

### **Don't tax gas water heaters or gas heaters.**

The fees and retrofitting expenses—electric panel upgrades, plumbing changes—will crush homeowners and apartment budgets. It's super expensive for homeowners to install electric heat pumps. Plus, the California Electric Grid can't accommodate more electric users. Water wind and solar have not produced enough electricity as is for the current demand on the grid, which has forced California to buy electricity at extremely high costs from other states and Mexico to avoid black-outs. This is irresponsible. This will also increase the costs to renters as well.

### **Vote No. It's just not affordable.**

## James Chavez

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**From:** Steve Aminoff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 3:01 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] don't tax our water heaters!

don't tax our water heaters!

Gloria Broderick

## James Chavez

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**From:** Martha DaBrow [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 2:59 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Stop the Removal of Gas heaters and furnances

These rules will add enormous expenses on homeowners like me. And they wouldn't make significant gains in cleaner air. Not to mention these new rules would threaten our already strained electrical grid and make home ownership even more expensive.

VOTE NO!

Martha DaBrow  
[REDACTED], Santa Ana CA 92705  
[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 2:02 PM  
**To:** Teresa Acosta (Del); Sandra Hernandez (Del); Alisa Cota; Michael Cacciotti (GBM); Sho Tay (Cac); tim\_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; Ben Wong (Cac); Ben Wong; Bill Glazer (Cac); Wesley Reutimann (GBA); Ken Chawkins; Sam Kang (Cac); Jose Zavala (Cac); plock-dawson@aqmd.gov; Thomas Gross; Andrew Silva; Curt Hagman (GBM); Curt Hagman; Jodi James (Hag); Michael Miller; progers1@aqmd.gov; Katherine Kolcheva (Hag); Larry McCallon (GBM); Ron Ketcham (McC); Debra Mendelsohn (McC); hmittchell@aqmd.gov; Loraine Lundquist; Loraine Lundquist (Mit); janet.nguyen@ocgov.com; Charles Hahn (Ngu); Diane Nguyen (Ngu); tina.tran@oc.gov; Brenda Olmos; Marisela Santana; Veronica Padilla-Campos; Amy Wong; fredminassian@aqmd.gov; V Manuel Perez (GBM); Margarita Felix (Per); schedule4@rivco.org; Guillermo Gonzalez (Per); Nithya Raman (GBM); Jackson Guze; Carlos Rodriguez (GBM); Debra Mendelsohn (Rod); COB; Cindy Bustillos  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] AQMD Board Meeting of June 6, 2025; Agenda Item 28

Dear Members of the AQMD Governing Board,

I am writing to respectfully oppose the proposed rule (Agenda Item 28, June 6, 2025) that would restrict or eliminate the use of natural gas water heaters and furnaces.

While I support efforts to improve air quality and reduce emissions, this proposal raises serious concerns for residents and businesses across the region. Natural gas appliances continue to provide a dependable, cost-effective, and energy-efficient solution—particularly in homes and buildings not designed for full electrification.

One critical issue is that California's electrical grid is already under significant strain. During periods of peak demand, we regularly face rolling blackouts, flex alerts, and warnings about grid instability. Mandating the replacement of gas appliances with electric alternatives—without first ensuring the grid can reliably handle the added load—is both impractical and risky.

This rule would also disproportionately impact low- and middle-income households, many of whom cannot afford the high upfront costs of electrical retrofitting or the increased monthly utility bills.

I urge the Board to reject this rule and instead consider more balanced policies that encourage cleaner technologies through incentives, infrastructure upgrades, and long-term planning—without removing affordable, reliable options that Californians currently depend on.

Thank you for your time and service to the community.

Kathryn Placido  
[REDACTED]  
Alhambra CA 91801

## James Chavez

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**From:** Bob Blaisdell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 1:56 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

I beseech AQMD to reject Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121. I was going to write my own long opposition comments but a recent opinion column by Antonio Villaraigosa in the Orange County Register does a better job than I could ever do. See: AQMD Rules 1111 and 1121 should be rejected at [https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_\\_https://www.ocregister.com/2025/06/01/antonio-villaraigosa-aqmd-rules-1111-and-1121-should-be-rejected/\\_\\_;!!JzNmQwiJ!lwQFJC\\_U0DHXEkvRkgoAFh1htOeNPPCalQjTn\\_s241Vpu8v8YKS7FtPmiK8BmPmmYcBNT5kXfGFsQOBBSgXhPv1N4A\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.ocregister.com/2025/06/01/antonio-villaraigosa-aqmd-rules-1111-and-1121-should-be-rejected/__;!!JzNmQwiJ!lwQFJC_U0DHXEkvRkgoAFh1htOeNPPCalQjTn_s241Vpu8v8YKS7FtPmiK8BmPmmYcBNT5kXfGFsQOBBSgXhPv1N4A$)

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Mr Villaraigosa correctly points out that converting to electric water heater and furnace could be unreasonably expensive due to required service upgrades and other home changes such as running new wires and repairing walls opened up for the new circuits. My home would fall into the cost prohibitive to convert category as would all or most of my neighbors because I live in a condominium community. And if asbestos duct work gets in the way of a furnace change, the costs could further escalate. When I upgraded my HVAC system to zoned system to save energy, I ran into this problem. It was not legal to modify the asbestos ducts, therefore they had to be removed.

My final point is that it is patently illogical and unfair to effectively fine owners of homes that are difficult to impossible to convert away from gas. Even if the owner could afford the large expense, doing so would never pass any reasonable cost benefit test. Not to mention that I am already sucharged for my use of natural gas via cap and trade. AQMD's proposal to increase gas equipment prices is logically redundant and unfair double taxation. If you need a slush fund for cost effective changes, get the funds from cap and trade. If you cannot justify that, then it is not justified.

- Bob Blaisdell

Irvine, CA

## James Chavez

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**From:** MICHAEL PLACIDO [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 1:52 PM  
**To:** Vanessa Delgado; Teresa Acosta (Del); Sandra Hernandez (Del); Alisa Cota; Michael Cacciotti (GBM); Sho Tay (Cac); tim\_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us; Ben Wong (Cac); Ben Wong; Bill Glazer (Cac); Wesley Reutimann (GBA); Ken Chawkins; Sam Kang (Cac); Jose Zavala (Cac); plock-dawson@aqmd.gov; Thomas Gross; Andrew Silva; Curt Hagman (GBM); Curt Hagman; Jodi James (Hag); Michael Miller; Progers1@aqmd.gov; Katherine Kolcheva (Hag); Larry McCallon (GBM); Ron Ketcham (McC); Debra Mendelsohn (McC); hmitchell@aqmd.gov; Loraine Lundquist; Loraine Lundquist (Mit); Janet.nguyen@ocgov.com; Charles Hahn (Ngu); Diane Nguyen (Ngu); Tina.tran@oc.gov; Brenda Olmos; Marisela Santana; Veronica Padilla-Campos; Amy Wong; fredminassian@aqmd.gov; V Manuel Perez (GBM); Margarita Felix (Per); schedule4@rivco.org; Guillermo Gonzalez (Per); Nithya Raman (GBM); Jackson Guze; Carlos Rodriguez (GBM); Debra Mendelsohn (Rod); COB; Cindy Bustillos  
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Thank you for your time and service to the community.

Michael T. Placido  
[REDACTED]  
Alhambra CA 91801  
[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** willthomas2 [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 1:38 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote on phasing out gas water heaters

I am very much against phasing out gas appliances. The cost of installation of alternative appliances will be too much for middle- and low-income families. Prices of gas, groceries and housing are making California less and less affordable. Don't add the necessity of adding \$8,000 dollars for a furnace and \$2000 for a heat pump to already stretched thin budgets.

Sincerely,

Melinda Thomas  
La Mesa, CA

**James Chavez**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 1:03 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Electric Water Heaters

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a lifelong resident of Ontario and Upland, California. I have lived in my current home for over 30 years. **Please vote NO on changing water heaters to electric only!**  
**I want to keep my gas water heater when the current one fails and I want to continue to have a gas stove and clothes dryer!**

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Phillips  
Emory Phillips  
[REDACTED].  
Upland, CA 91784

## James Chavez

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**From:** GRACE TURI [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 12:43 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose to the ban of gas heater and water heater

I cannot attend the meeting tomorrow so I am writing to you to let you know that I STRONGLY OPPOSE the banning gas heaters, water heater, gas appliances, etc!!!! This is ridiculous and a really really bad idea!!! We ( the People) did NOT vote for this. Living in California is extremely expensive and getting worse every day. Who can afford a house now and if you do have a house the insurance companies and either dropping you or going up 2-3 times. Now you want us to change everything to electric. No one can afford this! You are asking people to buy all new appliances and also try to retro fit your home so it can take electric appliances etc. This is CRAZY!!! Are you all going to pay for this for us? I don't think so. People will not abide this. The electric grid now cannot handle what we already have with black out etc and now you want to do this. The landlords will have to raise rents in order to comply with this asinine idea. This only leads me to believe that someone is getting paid money in order to try to pass this stupid and unwanted idea. How come the public doesn't know about this? Obviously, this is trying to pass without the PEOPLE's consent. This tried to pass a couple of years ago and it was strongly objected to so why trying again.....is it to keep trying until it passes because that is what you want.....is it to keep trying because maybe this time the People don't know about it so it can pass? How are you going to enforce this? People that are already marginalized will be put further into the negative etc. This should be something that the People need to vote on!!!! We are becoming a communist/dictator state ....the People should have a choice !!!!! No wonder everyone is leaving California. Who will pay the taxes? What this board should really be doing is intensely monitoring all these lithium battery farms that are popping up everywhere that sooner or later always catch on fire and spread toxic smoke in the air, water, ground etc, if they really care about the well being of the public. Again, I STRONGLY OPPOSE this. Also, the public does not even know what is going on therefore this should not be decided on. Please do the right thing for the public. This would create great harm to the public. Please do the right thing and not what people are being paid to try to pass.

May God Guide You

Thank You

Grace Turi

**James Chavez**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 12:03 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Don't Tax our Warter Heaters

Do not Tax Our Water Heaters

Arnold Winer

[REDACTED]  
Alta Loma 91701  
California

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Allen Inlow [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 11:44 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote NO on Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Plea to the South Coast Air Quality Management Board: I am requesting that you NOT pass Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121, banning the future sales and installation of Natural Gas burning appliances. The cost of these proposed rules will severely penalize the poorest of your 17 million constituents and still constitutes a penalty among the average income constituent. The return on this investment environmentally is negligible at best.

Thank you for your consideration.

Allen Inlow  
[REDACTED]  
Glendora, CA 91741

## James Chavez

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**From:** docmgtusa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 10:56 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please do not vote to remove gas

Hello,

I am a citizen of Orange County California. I am asking you to vote NO on phasing out gas water heaters and furnaces.

Thank you.

Trent Barrow  
[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** John Absmeier [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 11:31 AM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE ITEM # 28 Banning natural gas operated furnaces and water heaters

Item 28. OPPOSE

Please Vote NO!

The cost of this item is prohibitive to citizens. In addition it will only serve to drive home owners and renters out of the state. It will not do anything for the pollution coming from the harbors, shipping and other areas. Why do you want to harm home owners and renters? If you approve this item, it will also put extra burden on the electric grid which already has major problems.

Please Vote NO.

Thanks for your consideration.

John Absmeier  
[REDACTED]

## James Chavez

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**From:** Russell B [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 11:30 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DON'T TAX OUR WATERS AND GAS APPLIANCES.

DON'T TAX OUR WATERS AND GAS APPLIANCES.

Russell Rogers

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Perris, Ca. 92570

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## James Chavez

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**From:** Russell B Rogers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 11:26 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DON'T TAX OUR WATERS AND GAS APPLIANCES.

DON'T TAX OUR WATERS AND GAS APPLIANCES.

Russell Rogers

[REDACTED]  
Perris, Ca. 92570

## James Chavez

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**From:** Roberta Sabadin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 11:11 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Natural gas appliances

Don't tax our gas appliances!!

Roberta Sabadin  
Dana Point, CA.

## James Chavez

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**From:** Jennifer True [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 10:52 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas appliances

Please - a NO vote. Recently, the cost of living has risen far above our budget. Please do not add any more burden at this time.

Thank you,

Jennifer True

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Kate Worden [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:28 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please vote NO on Proposed Rules 1111 and 1112

Dear Members of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Proposed Rules 1111 and 1112, which would ban the use of natural gas furnaces and water heaters in homes.

The rules will negatively impact homeowners and families by removing access to affordable, reliable, and familiar energy sources. Replacing gas appliances with electric alternatives is not only costly but also limits consumer choice and may strain our already overburdened electrical grid.

Please listen to the voices of the people and vote NO on these proposed bans. We need practical solutions that support clean air without forcing unnecessary financial hardship or energy restrictions on our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Kate Worden

Azusa, CA, 91702

**James Chavez**

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**From:** LeAnne Larsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 8:52 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board; Public Advisor  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Rules 1111 and 1121

To Whom it May Concern:

My husband and I are both retired seniors living on a fixed income. Most everything in our house (built in 1989) is powered by natural gas; our heater, our hot water heater, gas oven, and gas dryer. We recently remodeled our kitchen and replaced our old gas appliances with new GAS appliances. We saved for years to be able to do so and could simply not afford to be forced to replace them with electric appliances. We also love the ease and convenience of natural gas.

Also, please consider the fact that electricity is EXPENSIVE and there are brownouts and blackouts due to shortages in electricity. How would this be addressed?

All of the government vehicles that were converted to natural gas power....would you waste millions of taxpayer dollars scrapping them to replace them with electric vehicles? This doesn't seem like prudent use of our taxpayer funds.

Please do not limit our choices to electricity only. This would not be a free America without the freedom to have affordable options.

There has to be other, less restrictive ways to achieve cleaner air quality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,  
LeAnne Larsen

Sent from my iPhone

## Faye Thomas

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**From:** COB  
**Subject:** FW: Strong Opposition to SCAQMD's Proposed Electrification Mandates – Unfair Burden on Retirees and Solar Users

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**From:** Gary Marston [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 5:41 PM

**To:** Vanessa Delgado <[vdelgado@aqmd.gov](mailto:vdelgado@aqmd.gov)>; Sandra Hernandez (Del) <[shernandez@aqmd.gov](mailto:shernandez@aqmd.gov)>; Teresa Acosta (Del) <[tacosta@aqmd.gov](mailto:tacosta@aqmd.gov)>; Alisa Cota <[acota@aqmd.gov](mailto:acota@aqmd.gov)>; Michael Cacciotti (GBM) <[macacciotti@yahoo.com](mailto:macacciotti@yahoo.com)>; Sho Tay (Cac) <[shotay@gmail.com](mailto:shotay@gmail.com)>; [tim\\_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us](mailto:tim_sandoval@ci.pomona.ca.us); [benwongwest@aqmd.gov](mailto:benwongwest@aqmd.gov); [wmglazier@gmail.com](mailto:wmglazier@gmail.com); Wesley Reutimann (GBA) <[wesleyreutimann@gmail.com](mailto:wesleyreutimann@gmail.com)>; [Kenchawkins1@gamil.com](mailto:Kenchawkins1@gamil.com); Sam Kang (Cac) <[Scunk39@gmail.com](mailto:Scunk39@gmail.com)>; [plock-dawson@aqmd.gov](mailto:plock-dawson@aqmd.gov); Thomas Gross <[tkgross@verizon.net](mailto:tkgross@verizon.net)>; Andrew Silva <[asilva@aqmd.gov](mailto:asilva@aqmd.gov)>; [jodi.James@gos.sbcounty.gov](mailto:jodi.James@gos.sbcounty.gov); Curt Hagman <[Chagman1@aqmd.gov](mailto:Chagman1@aqmd.gov)>; Michael Miller <[mmiller1@aqmd.gov](mailto:mmiller1@aqmd.gov)>; [Progers1@aqmd.gov](mailto:Progers1@aqmd.gov); Katherine Kolcheva (Hag) <[Katherine.kolcheva@bos.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Katherine.kolcheva@bos.sbcounty.gov)>; Larry McCallon (GBM) <[lmccallon@cityofhighland.org](mailto:lmccallon@cityofhighland.org)>; [hmittchell@aqmd.gov](mailto:hmittchell@aqmd.gov); [Janet.nguyen@ocgov.com](mailto:Janet.nguyen@ocgov.com)

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Strong Opposition to SCAQMD's Proposed Electrification Mandates – Unfair Burden on Retirees and Solar Users

Dear Members of the South Coast Air Quality Management District,

I am writing as a long-time San Diego resident, solar energy user, and retiree living on a fixed income, to express my strong opposition to the proposed restrictions on gas-powered water heaters and furnaces.

This policy—whether through direct bans or disguised as “mitigation fees”—places an unfair and unaffordable burden on homeowners like myself, particularly in a state where the cost of living is already skyrocketing. California now leads the nation in electricity costs. Layered on top of that, we are dealing with:

- A steep rise in home insurance premiums,
- Significant property tax assessments increases proposed by the state and county,
- Increasing gasoline prices driven in part by CARB's \$0.65/gallon emissions fee,
- And an additional \$0.50/gallon increase due to Governor Newsom's actions targeting in-state oil refineries.

As someone who responsibly invested in solar energy, I've already made a substantial financial and environmental commitment. Forcing expensive electric conversions—costing thousands upfront and increasing monthly utility bills—effectively penalizes those of us who planned ahead and acted in good faith.

Your own revised plan may look more “flexible” on paper, but in reality, it is a slow-motion mandate that sidesteps public consent. The escalating fees are clearly designed to phase out gas appliances through economic pressure—not environmental consensus.

Let's be honest: this will hit middle-income families, seniors, and small landlords the hardest. If this mandate goes forward, will your board publish the actual out-of-pocket costs you've personally incurred

in transitioning your own homes to electric-only appliances? Transparency should match the policies you're asking millions of Californians to bear.

This proposal is not equitable, not practical, and not justified by a public health emergency. I urge you to prioritize affordability, fairness, and real-world feasibility in your decision-making. Don't punish responsible energy users for political optics.

Sincerely,  
Gary

Gary Marston

## James Chavez

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**From:** Krista Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025 7:53 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed 1111 & 1121

Dear Members of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Proposed Rules 1111 and 1121, which would ban the use of natural gas furnaces and water heaters in homes.

These rules will negatively impact homeowners and families by removing access to affordable, reliable, and familiar energy sources. Replacing gas appliances with electric alternatives is not only costly, but also limits consumer choice and may strain our already overburdened electrical grid.

Please listen to the voices of the people and vote NO on these proposed bans. We need practical solutions that support clean air without forcing unnecessary financial hardship or energy restrictions on our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely  
Krista Miller

Sent from my iPhone