To: Carlos Rodriguez, Curt Hagman, Larry McCallon, Manuel Perez, Michael Cacciotti, Patricia Lock Dawson, Vanessa Delgado, Janet Nguyen, Brenda Olmos, Jennifer Vinh

Subject: URGENT: Please Oppose Rules 1111 & 1121

Today, I write as a resident in strong opposition to Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121, as released on February 28, 2025. I will be severely impacted if these rules are passed. These rules directly affect the general public, not just large facilities or industries, but everyday homeowners and renters, like me.

Under the newly amended proposed rules, similar to the older rules, the consumer will be left with a higher price tag, and in this case, renters and homeowners will bear the brunt of the manufacturer's fee at the end of the day. The "revised" language introduced in February does not address my concern for the proposed mandate that will force higher costs onto residents like me. Both amended rules force consumers to choose a much more expensive option of "all-electric" space and water heaters that cost thousands more than natural gas appliances or require consumers to pay higher costs, through the fees imposed on manufacturers, to continue using natural gas furnaces and water heaters.

With these amended rules, SCAQMD adds to the cost of living crisis by creating an impossible scenario where Southern California residents must decide between 1) having to install a more costly electric heat pump with an estimated price tag of \$6,000 or 2) replacing their current gas water heater at an average cost of \$1500 or more plus additional fees!

Additionally, upgrading buildings with new electric appliances and wiring is a costly expense. Electrical system upgrades are required, which I understand costs in excess of \$40,000. These high costs will likely lead to rent increases, placing additional financial pressure on tenants in a region already struggling with housing affordability. At a time when the housing market is already under strain, increased costs and the potential for tenant displacement will only make it more challenging for renters and landlords alike, worsening Southern California's housing affordability crisis.

Finally, my friends, neighbors, and most residents are unaware of the upcoming requirements and the significant costs involved. Despite holding public workshops, the SCAQMD has not conducted sufficient outreach to inform and engage the broader community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

I respectfully urge the Board to oppose Rules 1111 and 1121.

