

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

“Bringing People Together to Improve Our Social and Natural Environment”

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Mr. Krause and Ms. Farr
South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD)
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RE: Support for Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Mr. Krause and Ms. Farr:

I am writing on behalf of the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAIEJ) to support the South Coast AQMD’s efforts to clean up appliance pollution through amending Rules 1111 and 1121. This proposed regulatory package will achieve more emissions reductions than any other effort passed in over three decades. The effort is also consistent with the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), which determined that “[t]he only way to achieve the required NOx reductions is through extensive use of zero emission technologies across all stationary and mobile sources.”¹ Given the serious pollution in this region, these health gains from advancing zero-emissions are desperately needed for millions of people. We are deeply concerned that the proposal is getting weakened through delaying compliance deadlines and many loopholes. We encourage staff to reject these efforts to reduce the efficacy of the rule. It is vital that these rules go to the Governing Board in a strong form and be adopted in February.

As an organization which works in communities facing some of the worst air quality in the nation, CCAIEJ is strongly in support of these efforts to address the largest single source of pollution in the region. These rules will be instrumental to clearing the air and saving lives and we look forward to seeing families, friends, and neighbors living fuller lives for longer.

We remain pleased to see the South Coast AQMD’s Go Zero program take form. These incentives will be really helpful in hastening the transition away from combustion in our buildings. It is our understanding that the South Coast AQMD’s Executive Officer has committed to a 5-fold increase in the \$21 million allocated to this program. It is vital the Board endorse this commitment via resolution to ensure the full \$100 million goes towards these incentives.

We appreciate AQMD staff’s significant work on these proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121. Wrapping up this rulemaking process as soon as possible is vital, so we can work on the important aspects of actually transitioning away from combustion in our homes.

Sincerely,



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Policy Coordinator

CCAIEJ is a long-standing community based organization with over 40 years of experience advocating for stronger regulations through strategic campaigns and building a base of community power. Most notably, CCAIEJ’s founder Penny Newman won a landmark federal case against Stringfellow Construction which resulted in the ‘Stringfellow Acid Pits’ being declared one of the first Superfund sites in the nation. *CCAIEJ* prioritizes community voices as we continue our grassroots efforts to bring lasting environmental justice to the Inland Valley Region.

¹ South Coast AQMD, 2022 AQMP, at Executive Summary.