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Hon. Vanessa Delgado, Chair
South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board
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Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board members -

The City of Orange has just recently been made aware of two proposed rules being advanced by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff for consideration by your Governing Board. On behalf of our city's residents, business owners, organizations and city employees, we are conveying our opposition to Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 and urge you to defer consideration of these rules to allow SCAQMD Governing Board members and staff to receive additional information, data, input and dialogue from the numerous stakeholders potentially impacted by this proposed rule.

We have significant concerns regarding the scale of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and other requirements necessary to comply with retrofits of existing commercial buildings, single family homes and multifamily residential properties, as well as the dramatic cost implications to thousands of families who call Orange home. We believe it is highly likely that if Rules 1111 and 1121 are adopted by the Governing Board, the high costs of compliance will force the owners of older multifamily properties to sell or redevelop their properties, subsequently resulting in a dramatic reduction in the availability of affordable housing in our city and across the region.

Our City Council shares your commitment clean air and water and other quality of life benefits that draw and retain the residents and business owners who live here. However, the current versions of PAR 1111 and 1121 will deliver consequences that will lead to a variety of negative impacts, affecting jobs and increasing the cost of living in our region.

We urge the SCAQMD Governing Board to delay consideration/adoption of PAR 1111/1121 to allow District staff to better inform the millions of Southern California residents of these proposed rules and to address the many unanswered questions regarding cost, technology, and the availability of potential incentives.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Slater
Mayor, City of Orange