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Chair Vanessa Delgado & Members of the Governing Board South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765

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RE: SUPPORT for Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Chair Delgado and Members of the Governing Board:

I am writing to you in my individual capacity as Mayor of the City of West Hollywood in support of the South Coast AQMD's efforts to clean up appliance pollution through amended 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."

Earlier this year, SCAQMD passed Rule 1146.2, a zero-emission appliance standard that will reduce emissions of harmful nitrogen oxides (NOx) from industrial, commercial, and multifamily buildings. Rules 1111 and 1121 expand on these efforts to improve air quality through zero-emission appliance standards for residential homes.

Given the serious pollution in this region—some of the worst in the country—advancing healthy air standards is desperately needed. These rules will not only help the state's building decarbonization progress to stay on track, but they will also ensure protection for the 18 million residents in the Air Basin by replacing polluting water heaters and furnaces with clean, zero-emission appliances.

We appreciate all the work that has been done to support the advancement of an equitable transition to zero-emission technology aimed at cleaning up the state's worst air pollution. We respectfully ask that you put the state and its residents first by passing these critical healthy air standards. Thank you for your attention to this urgent issue.

Sincerely,

John M. Erickson

Mayor