

## James Chavez

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**From:** Martha Fuchs [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2025 10:22 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Rules 1111 and Rule 1121

South Coast Air Quality Management District:

I am against passage of Rule 1111 and Rule 1121. Natural gas should NOT be eliminated. Passage of these bills is totally unnecessary.

I expect you to consider my position when preparing to vote.

I am a voting constituent.

Regards,  
Martha Fuchs  
[REDACTED]  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**James Chavez**

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**From:** d [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2025 1:29 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Clerk and Board: I am sending you this email to express my opposition to the proposed rules 1111 and 1121. As a housing provider we believe that the exorbitant costs to replace existing gas powered water heaters and furnaces will not only make housing less affordable, and become dependent on an increasingly burdened and as such less reliable energy source - we are also opposed to the fact that this will likely displace countless residents while these units are replaced. Further, we find that this is environmentally insensitive to take existing operationally dependable furnaces and water heaters out of their useful lives. This frivolous waste is antithetical to the concept of conservation. Please record my opposition not only on my own behalf - but on those of the already burdened tenants in the multifamily units across this state that can no longer afford these impositions on their daily lives. Sincerely,

**James Chavez**

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**From:** Darlene Granger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2025 2:38 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Gas water heaters and stoves

Clerk of Board

We do not support the Proposed Amended rules (PAR) 1111 and 1121. The electrical grid is unreliable, and we continue to have black outs. This Propose Amendment also adds high costs to replacing our gas stoves and water heaters which we are unable to afford on retired income.

Thank you  
Clyde and Darlene Granger

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**From:** Janet Hernandez  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2025 8:27 AM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Delay)  
**Attachments:** mime-attachment.eml; mime-attachment

Good morning,

For your review email came in through Cut Smog email. Thank you.

Respectfully,



**Janet Hernandez**  
*Senior Office Assistant*  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
Phone: (909) 396-3001  
[jhernandez@aqmd.gov](mailto:jhernandez@aqmd.gov)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 15, 2025 3:17 PM  
**To:** Cut\_Smog <Cut\_smog@aqmd.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Delay)

My email will not go through to the email address below.

Can you please make sure it gets to the board and clerk?

Thank you,

Melinda Beckett-Maines

Dear Clerk and Board:

I am sending you this email to express my opposition to the proposed rules 1111 and 1121.

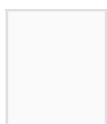
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Further, we find that this is environmentally insensitive to take existing operationally dependable furnaces and water heaters out of their useful lives. This frivolous waste is antithetical to the concept of conservation.

Please record my opposition not only on my own behalf - but on those of the already burdened tenants in the multifamily units across this state that can no longer afford these impositions on their daily lives.

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**Date:** February 15, 2025 at 11:33:53 AM PST  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Delivery Status Notification (Delay)



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**From:** John Schiffern [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 15, 2025 9:55 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Elimination of Natural Gas Energy for Housing

Sirs,

Natural gas is the most efficient energy source for furnace and water heating that is available for residents in this area of Southern California. Natural gas is also the cleanest of the fossil fuels and is available at reasonable prices. Switching my house to all electric energy would require a substantial initial investment and the monthly cost for furnace and water heating at current electric energy rates would nearly triple. The benefit for this size of investment in reduction of greenhouse gas looks to be minimal since natural gas is the cleanest of the fossil fuels. Placing more restrictions on diesel fuel would seem to provide greater benefits. I for one do not support a switch to all electric energy houses.

Respectfully,

John Schiffern  
[REDACTED]  
Norco, Ca 92860  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Melanie Fleeger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2025 5:07 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Rules 1111 and 1121

Dear Clerk and Board:

I am sending you this email to express my opposition to the proposed rules 1111 and 1121.

As a housing provider we believe that the exorbitant costs to replace existing gas-powered water heaters and furnaces will make housing less affordable as we are burdened with the cost of new heating elements.

It will also cause the housing industry to become dependent on an increasingly less reliable energy source. California's electrical grid already cannot handle the strain it is burdened with, and this additional strain will almost certainly cause overload in which causes the electrical companies to turn off the power. Without power to electrical heating elements, this would not cause inhabitable conditions for our residents.

In addition to this, we are also opposed to the fact that this will likely displace countless residents while these units are replaced. With the shortage of housing already existing in Southern California, this would further increase the likelihood of homelessness and further burdens on our cities and residents.

Further, we find that this is environmentally insensitive to take existing operationally dependable furnaces and water heaters out of their useful lives. This frivolous waste is antithetical to the concept of conservation, as well as the extra waste and pollution caused by manufacturing an increased number of water heaters and furnaces to meet this new demand.

Please record my opposition not only on my own behalf, but on behalf of our management company, partnered maintenance company, our residents, as well as all other already burdened tenants in the multifamily units across this state who will suffer at the hands of these rules that can no longer afford these impositions on their daily lives.

Sincerely,

*Melanie Fleeger*

Vice President of Property Operations  
MPMS, Inc.  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jeanne Donaldson [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2025 8:55 AM  
**To:** S Wong; COB  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: South Coast Air Quality Management District Mandate

Hello Dr. Wong,

Your comments have been forwarded to the Council Members and staff.

Thank you.

*Jeanne Donaldson*

Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk  
City of Redlands  
35 Cajon Street, Suite 4  
Redlands, CA 92373  
(909) 798-7531 Main Line  
(909) 798-7532 Direct

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**From:** S Wong [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2025 11:06 AM  
**To:** cob@aqmd.gov  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** South Coast Air Quality Management District Mandate

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Date February 17, 2025  
To South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) ([cob@AQMD.gov](mailto:cob@AQMD.gov))  
Redlands City Councilmembers (thru City Clerk [jdonaldson@cityofredlands.org](mailto:jdonaldson@cityofredlands.org))  
[JBreitling@UplandCA.gov](mailto:JBreitling@UplandCA.gov) (Upland City Councilmember)  
From Sam Wong, MD  
Subj Mandatory Transition to Zero-Emission Appliances

I understand that SCAQMD is proposing a mandatory transition to zero-emission appliances under Rule 1111 (Natural Gas-Fired Furnaces) and Rule 1121 (Water Heaters). The reported intent of this new policy was to eliminate nitrogen oxide emissions which are reported to be a key contributor to smog.

While there may be financial incentives for those who implement such a transition, those incentives ultimately are sourced from taxpayers – NOT the state or local governments. In addition, such financial incentives are often given as a single episode as the resident transitions at the beginning but not throughout the course of the use of the zero-emission appliance(s). As a taxpayer, I am opposed to such misleading “incentives.”



Conversion costs are often not cost-neutral to those who have limited and fixed income. Implementing such a costly and unnecessary mandate would be discriminatory (particularly age and race/national origin). I would not be surprised if costly litigation arises against SCAQMD on the implementation of such a mandate. Although you may brush such legal costs aside since “the government” will often absorb the costs, I would not be surprised if the tax-paying public will be informed of who specifically signed off on such costly mandates. Un-elected officials are also accountable to the taxpayers.

Sole reliance on a single energy source is fraught with energy-delivery vulnerabilities. We have seen major societal catastrophes when communities relied only on electricity during freezing climate. All successful and well-planned communities have source and process redundancies. That is so very basic to safe and intelligent governance! (Why do you suppose humans have two arms, two legs, two lungs, etc.?)

Respectfully,

Sam Wong, MD FACP

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