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Hon. Vanessa Delgado, Chair South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board 21865 Copley Dr. Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board members,

The City of Lake Forest has been made aware of two proposed rules being advanced by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) for consideration by the Governing Board. On behalf of the Lake Forest City Council, we regret to inform you that we are opposed to Proposed Amended Rules (PAR) 1111 and 1121. The City, however, is pleased that the public hearing for said rules was pushed back from April to May, and would like to take this opportunity to share how these rules will negatively affect City operations.

The City of Lake Forest has 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 Lake Forest home.

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 across the region.

The City of Lake Forest shares your concern regarding 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 impact job creation and increase the cost of living in our region.

The City of Lake Forest asks Chair Delgado and Governing Board members to refrain from consideration/adoption of PAR 1111/1121 until the affordability issue can be fully mitigated. If you have any questions about The City's position on this matter, please contact the City Manager's Office at (949) 461-3437.

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