

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council;

WHEREAS, Southern California faces an ongoing air quality crisis, with the Los Angeles area ranking first nationwide in high ozone days for 24 of the last 25 years, adversely affecting the health of over 17 million residents;

WHEREAS, the South Coast Basin has the worst air quality in the nation, consistently ranking highest for ozone and particulate matter pollution, both of which have severe health impacts, particularly in disadvantaged communities;

WHEREAS, communities of color in Los Angeles disproportionately suffer from the health impacts of nitrogen oxide (NOx) and fine particulate pollution, with Black residents experiencing asthma-related emergency visits at rates nearly five times higher than white residents;

WHEREAS, fossil fuel furnaces and water heaters are major contributors to smog-forming NOx pollution and PM2.5, causing more than 13,000 cases of respiratory symptoms, 24,000 work-loss days, and health-related costs exceeding \$3.7 billion annually in the South Coast region;

WHEREAS, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) draft Rules 1111 and 1121 amendments establish zero-NOx standards for residential storage water heaters and residential and commercial furnaces, meaning these appliances would not produce NOx pollution during operation;

WHEREAS, the proposed updates to Rules 1111 and 1121, phased in from 2026 to 2035, would require zero-emission alternatives, such as electric heat pumps, to replace polluting equipment, cutting emissions and reducing \$2 billion annually in health-related costs;

WHEREAS, gas-burning appliances, including furnaces and water heaters, contribute nearly half of NOx emissions regulated by the SCAQMD, significantly exceeding emissions from power plants and other industrial sources;

WHEREAS, switching to zero-emission appliances like electric heat pumps reduces smog-forming pollution, enhances climate resilience, and provides efficient, reliable heating and cooling solutions;

WHEREAS, adoption of these rules aligns with California's commitment to achieving zero-pollution appliance standards statewide by 2030 and mirrors successful models like the Bay Area's regulations, which have shown significant health and environmental benefits;


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WHEREAS, adoption of these rules would protect public health by significantly reducing pollution in the region and ensuring the availability of cleaner, more affordable appliances as manufacturers scale production and incentives increase;

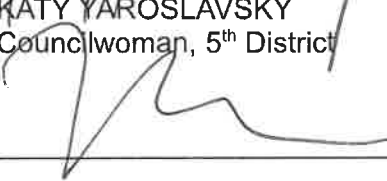
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles City Council supports the South Coast AQMD's proposed Rules 1111 and 1121 to mandate zero-emission standards for residential and commercial furnaces and water heaters;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Los Angeles will actively collaborate with the South Coast AQMD to promote awareness, provide incentives, and assist residents in transitioning to zero-emission technologies.

Introduced by

  
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