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Subject: OPPOSE Agenda Item #22 a Resolution Opposing Clean Air for Santa Ana

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June 16, 2025

Santa Ana City Council
20 Civic Center Plaza
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RE: OPPOSE Agenda Item #22 a Resolution Opposing Clean Air for Santa Ana

Members of the Santa Ana City Council,

On behalf of Climate Action Campaign and thousands of Santa Ana children and families who, according to the American Lung Association, have suffered with the worst air pollution in the nation for decades, I urge you to vote NO on agenda item 22. This item would have the council **oppose** clean air for residents – a reversal of the city's commitments to environmental justice embedded in its General Plan.

One of the largest sources of ozone pollution in Santa Ana is fossil fuel appliances in homes, which would have been significantly reduced by South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rules 1111 and 1121. These rules would regulate gas furnaces and water heaters—some of the largest sources of nitrogen oxide (NOx) pollution in Southern California homes—and represent a vital public health intervention to reduce asthma, heart disease, and other respiratory illnesses, while also saving low income families thousands of dollars on installation costs and monthly energy bills.

Sadly, on June 6, 2025, SCAQMD voted *against* adopting these rules, the result of a concerted misinformation campaign led by the gas industry to preserve its monopoly profits and delay action on life-saving air quality improvements.

Despite this vote, the facts remain clear: **Santa Ana communities would disproportionately benefit from policies like Rules 1111 and 1121.** The city ranks among the most pollution-burdened in the South Coast region, according to CalEnviroScreen, and Santa Ana residents shoulder an outsized share of the health impacts—and millions in healthcare costs—caused by gas appliances.

There's another critical reason to support this transition: **households that remain on the gas system will face rising utility bills** as more residents switch to all-electric appliances. A 2024 [study](#) projects that gas infrastructure costs will increasingly be borne by a shrinking customer base, resulting in *natural gas bills rising by up to 46% over the next 15 years* for those who do not transition.

Also, **California's Equitable Building Decarbonization Program will fully fund the replacement of gas appliances for low-income Santa Ana households**, helping families transition off the polluting gas system at no cost, while improving indoor air quality and reducing monthly utility bills. That [program](#) is set to launch in Santa Ana this year.

We urge the Council not to add to the health, environmental justice and climate inequities borne by Santa Ana families. Rather than opposing policies designed to clean the air and protect public health, the council should focus on ensuring access to state and federal incentives and programs that make this transition affordable for all—especially those who’ve borne the brunt of pollution for generations.

Given the flaws, outdated claims, and long-term economic risks embedded in this resolution, **Climate Action Campaign respectfully urges you to vote NO on Item 22.**

Sincerely,
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Subject: NO on agenda Item 22: Oppose Gas Industry Resolution

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Dear Mayor Amezcua and Councilmembers,

I'm one of your constituents. I'm asking you to pay attention to what really matters - the health and welfare of our Santa Anans. Economic concerns are paired with health concerns. If it's a choice, health must be the priority because what good is a "solid economy" if you don't have the health to enjoy it?

Please oppose Agenda Item 22. Santa Ana's air quality ranks among the worst in the United States—and our children are paying the price. Alongside Los Angeles and Long Beach, our region consistently ranks worst in the nation for ozone pollution, according to the American Lung Association, which gives us a failing grade year after year. Gas appliances in homes and buildings generate 7x more lung-damaging pollution in Santa Ana than power plants. By phasing out gas appliances such as furnaces and water heaters, we can reduce residents' exposure to toxic pollution that results in asthma, lung cancer, and cardiovascular diseases.

SCAQMD estimates these rules will prevent 2,490 premature deaths and deliver \$25.43 billion in health benefits and savings over the coming decades, while ensuring Southern Californians benefit from the most energy-efficient cooling available. Upgrading to heat pumps from gas can save a typical household in CA \$370 per year. Electric appliances are a public health benefit necessity that is more within reach than ever.

Thank you,
Gregory Tabat
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