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[Supporting Proposed Changes to BAAQMD Rules 9-4 and 9-6: Zero-Emission Appliance Standards1

Resolution supporting Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD) proposed Regulation 9 Rules 4 and 6; Rules 9-4 and 9-6 as amended would require new furnaces, water heaters, and boilers sold or installed in the Bay Area to be pollutionfree as early as 2027.

WHEREAS, The combustion of fossil fuels for gas furnaces and water heaters generates 3,700 tons of Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) per year and 6.6 million metric tons of carbon emissions in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Area Air District does not meet Clean Air Act standards for fine particulate matter and ozone, byproducts of NOx; and

WHEREAS, NOx and its byproducts harm human health by causing asthma, reduced lung function, strokes, heart attacks, and premature death; and

WHEREAS, 21 percent of San Francisco high school students suffer from asthma, with rates 80% higher than average for Black high school students and 50% higher than average for Filipino high school students; and

WHEREAS, Some of the greatest reductions in fine particulate matter in the Bay Area would be experienced by residents of the eastern portion of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS. The reductions in fine particulate matter would have disproportionate health benefits for people of color; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Regulation 9 Rules 4 and 6 (Proposed Rules) would phase out the sale of polluting gas furnaces and water heaters starting in 2027; and

WHEREAS, The Proposed Rules would have dramatic climate benefits, slashing greenhouse gas emissions from appliances by 73% by 2046; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has declared a climate emergency and adopted a sweeping climate action plan that sets an ambitious target for all buildings to end combustion of fossil fuels by 2040; and

WHEREAS, By acting as a region, the Bay Area can send a strong market signal to the clean appliance industry that will spur innovation, scale up the supply chain, and create greater economies of scale in the production and installation of clean appliances; and

WHEREAS, Compliance for the Proposed Rules begins in 2027 to give adequate time for manufacturers, contractors, and energy providers adequate time to prepare, and the Air District Board of Directors will evaluate market readiness and costs to consumers two years ahead of each compliance date; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco support the Air District's Proposed Regulation 9 Rules 4 and 6 that would improve public health and help realize the City's climate goals; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors transmit a copy of this Resolution by email to Marcy Hiratzka, Clerk of the Board of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, to forward to all board members.



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## Resolution

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March 14, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/14/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed Mayor

3/24/2023

**Date Approved** 

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.