

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-52-CC

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE,
CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF A STRONG SOUTH COAST AIR
QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PROPOSED RULE 1109.1 TO
ACHIEVE NOX EMISSION REDUCTIONS FROM PETROLEUM
REFINERIES AND RELATED OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (“Air District”) is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality in the South Coast Air Basin;

WHEREAS, the South Coast Air Basin continues to be the most ozone-polluted in the country and fails to meet both state and federal ozone air quality standards;

WHEREAS, ozone has a range of respiratory health impacts including lung irritation and inflammation, and can undermine lung formation in children;

WHEREAS, nitrogen oxide (“NOx”) emissions from industrial operations contribute to the formation of ozone in the region;

WHEREAS, petroleum refineries and related operations (collectively “petroleum refineries”) are one of the largest stationary sources of NOx emissions in the South Coast Air Basin;

WHEREAS, petroleum refineries in general have avoided installing available and life-saving pollution controls to reduce NOx emissions for decades through their participation in the NOx Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (“RECLAIM”) program, a market-based emissions trading program administered by the Air District;

WHEREAS, the Air District is ending the RECLAIM program and developing Proposed Rule 1109.1 to transition petroleum refineries to a command-and-control regulatory structure;

WHEREAS, the Air District proposed Draft Rule 1109.1 entitled “Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Petroleum Refineries and Related Operations.” [<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rules-1109-1#>] incorporated herein by reference, will require petroleum refineries to install available and life-saving pollution controls to reduce NOx emissions;

WHEREAS, Proposed Rule 1109.1 is expected to reduce NOx emissions from petroleum refineries by 6.5 to 8 tons per day;

WHEREAS, Proposed Rule 1109.1 is necessary for the South Coast Air Basin to meet state and federal ozone air quality standards; and

WHEREAS, Proposed Rule 1109.1 will finally provide much needed emission reductions for communities at the fenceline of petroleum refineries and communities throughout the South Coast Air Basin.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council does hereby declare that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Based on the above recital and other information provided by City staff at the City Council Meeting of October 26, 2021, the City Council hereby endorses the South Coast Air Quality Management District's proposed Rule 1109.1.


SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution which shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 26th day of October 2021.


CITY OF SOUTH GATE:

By: 
Al Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 
Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

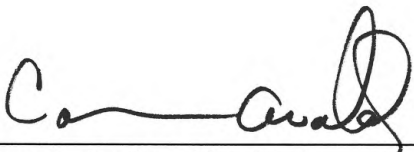
By: 
Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF SOUTH GATE)

I, Carmen Avalos, City Clerk of the City of South Gate, California, hereby certify that the whole number of Members of the City Council of said City is five; that Resolution No. 2021-52-CC was adopted by the City Council at their Regular Meeting held on October 26, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Rios, Avalos, Diaz, and Hurtado
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: Davila
Abstain: Council Members: None
Recused: Council Member: None

Witness my hand and the seal of said City on November 2, 2021.



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
City of South Gate, California