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**From:** DONNY HOMER  
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2007 8:32 AM  
**To:** ALETA KENNARD; Jeffery Yang  
**Subject:** Rule 421 comment

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**From:** Nevergiveup68591@aol.com [mailto:Nevergiveup68591@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sun 9/9/2007 9:30 PM  
**To:** DONNY HOMER  
**Subject:** (no subject)

I just want to say that I oppose the proposed Rule that would create days where it would be mandatory not to use a fireplace or wood-burning stove. We certainly do not fall into the group that would qualify for an exemption based on a fireplace being our only source of heat but we do use our fireplace to heat our home in order to keep the SMUD bill down in the winter. The SMUD cost is prohibitive and using the fireplace allows us to cut it down by quite a bit.

It feels like invasion of privacy to have someone dictating what you do inside your house and to, supposedly, have people driving around to see if there's smoke coming out of your chimney. Not to mention forcing people to pay more money to heat another way.

Genie Turner

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**From:** ALETA KENNARD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2007 7:55 AM  
**To:** Jeffery Yang  
**Subject:** FW: Fireplaces

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**From:** JIM JESTER **On Behalf Of** webmaster  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2007 7:37 AM  
**To:** SUSAN ENGSTROM; ALETA KENNARD  
**Subject:** FW: Fireplaces

FYI.

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**From:** Donald Cecchetti [mailto:DonC.Retired@worldnet.att.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2007 10:30 AM  
**To:** webmaster  
**Subject:** Fireplaces

Board of supervisors:

Please don't take away another freedom from individuals by banning fireplaces. Why not consider the biggest air polluter and ban jet planes!

Don Cecchetti

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**Jeffery Yang**

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**From:** ALETA KENNARD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2007 2:46 PM  
**To:** Jeffery Yang  
**Subject:** FW: Pellet stoves

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**From:** SMAQMD Community Education [mailto:sparetheair@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2007 2:42 PM  
**To:** ALETA KENNARD  
**Subject:** Fwd: Pellet stoves

FYI...

"Aldrich, Jay" <jaldrich@water.ca.gov> wrote:

Subject: Pellet stoves  
Date: Fri, 7 Sep 2007 07:40:31 -0700  
From: "Aldrich, Jay" <jaldrich@water.ca.gov>  
To: <sparetheair@sbcglobal.net>

Dear "Air Nazis":

I paid \$2000 for a new pellet stove to be ahead of the curve and not have a wood burning fire place, and now you are changing the rules and basically outlawing my pellet stove so I can't use it when I need to use it. I thought only the wood burning stoves would be restricted / banned and my clean burning pellet stove would be no problem. According to your new rules, there is no difference between them.

Jay

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**Jeffery Yang**

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**From:** DONNY HOMER  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2007 1:02 PM  
**To:** ALETA KENNARD; Jeffery Yang  
**Subject:** FW: 421 Proposal - Episodic Curtailment of Wood/solid fuel burning

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**From:** Laura Osborne [mailto:Laura.Os@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wed 9/12/2007 12:45 PM  
**From:** DONNY HOMER  
**Subject:** 421 Proposal - Episodic Curtailment of Wood/solid fuel burning

fully support the proposed new Rule 421, Mandatory Episodic Curtailment of Wood and other Solid Fuel burning.

Thank you so much for considering this proposed new rule. I have four reasons for supporting it:

- My neighbor constantly heats their home with a wood-burning stove in the winter time. Their smoke seems to take a dip into our backyard before going up. Anyone who is in our backyard for any length of time, comes in reeking of smoke. I worry about what the smoke is doing to my family's lungs. I feel we should be able to be in the back yard without worrying about what we are breathing.
- On winter evenings, driving down Highway 50, I notice I arrive home with a sore throat, unless I have the car air system on recirculate. The winter evening thick wood smoke irritates the throat.
- My husband bicycles to and from work every day. I worry about what the smoke does to his lungs.
- Having breathable air is a basic right. Too many children have asthma in the Sacramento area. We can do something about it.

You have my full support. I thank you for considering Rule 421. I hope it is adopted.

Thank you for your work.

Sincerely,  
Laura Osborne  
1444 Roaring Camp Drive  
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Jeffery Yang

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**From:** Phil Germond [philgermond@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2007 4:24 PM

**To:** Jeffery Yang

**Subject:** Proposed Adoption of New Rule 421, Mandatory Episodic Curtailment of Wood and Other Solid Fuel Burning

**Re: Proposed Adoption of New Rule 421, Mandatory Episodic Curtailment of Wood and Other Solid Fuel Burning and The Sacramento BEE article Sept 7, 2007 - "Curb on wood stoves in works".** I read the article with interest, and while I don't dispute the fact that particulate matter is an issue, I do have a question pertaining to the data provided for "Evaluating ways to heat." Specifically - what is the cost basis used for each method depicted in the chart, i.e. cost for materials, whether it be wood, pellets, \$/kilowatt, etc. If you are not the person to answer this question, can you point me in the right direction?

Thank you for your time,

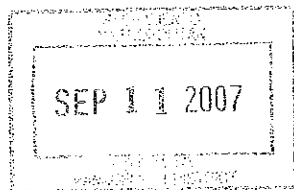
Best regards,  
Phil Germond

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1530 Fulton Ave #98  
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September 10, 2007

Air Pollution Control Officer  
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District  
777 12th Street 3rd Floor  
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: Proposal to ban use of fireplaces during colder weather.

I ran for Congress in March 2005, and I'd like to provide information which should clear the POLITICAL AIR regarding unfair and unnecessary bans on the use of fireplaces, either in advance, or to provide reasonable argument to reverse and abate the Ordinance.

Besides adding warmth to the soul and enhancing romance, fireplaces are good supplemental heat during the fall, winter, and spring. The advent of the POLITICAL BANDWAGON to impose as many restrictions and inconveniences on the rest of the Citizenry is biased payback for Al Gore not winning the Presidential Election. Governor Schwarzenegger has also followed the path of folly, and I have written to reverse his course on this foolish attachment.

It is a fact that during the Fall, Winter, and Spring, the Weather adjusts and cleans its own atmosphere with the phenomenons of DEW, FOG, and RAIN to very efficiently clean the air by attachment and washdown of PARTICULATES during the same times when fireplaces are in use, usually in the evening. Because of this, the NON ISSUE of freaking out about Particulate Matter is taken care of by Nature, and since it already corrects itself, WE DON'T NEED TO INVEST TIME, MONEY, RESTRICTIONS, OR WORRY OVER IT. Nature makes it a NON ISSUE.

If it hasn't already been dismissed as UNFAIR AND UNREASONABLE, and the facts have been ignored for the sole sake of validating Al Gore's Chicken Little-ism, as well as European Union Hopefuls and Communists hell bent on destroying or paralyzing our Manufacturing Bases, we have to be wise and guard against these interjections and baseless Pristinist Arguments that we ourselves are EVIL because we like fireplaces and good manufacturing jobs. If this Ordinance HAS been passed by muscle or deception, it should rightfully be reversed and abated as a NON ISSUE, which will take the pains of intrusion away from our lives, and restore FAIRNESS AND SENSIBILITY within the minds of our Elected Leaders, otherwise those Leaders will find themselves straightforwardly replaced with new people with enough Courage to Repeal those Impositions. Misconstructions of Logic and Science itself from the Global Warming Hypers has infected Washington and spills over, infecting other Governmental

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Bodies with the same. Just as NEWS feeds force Propaganda down through other DEPENDENT AFFILIATES within the Media, there has to be some point where those receivers of the NEWS feeds have to start questioning, resisting, or refusing to AIR SUCH NONSENCE. Our country is based on a TWO WAY or even MULTIPLE DYNAMIC LEVELS of finding the truth and discovering lies and frauds, especially when it is or has been applied on a MASS SCALE. When done on a MASS SCALE, it becomes Totalitarian Propaganda, and we SUCCUMB AND GET USED TO THE FEEL OF A DICTATORSHIP, and that's wrong as hell.

In my 12 years of Active Duty in the Army, I've seen many times where ur attention and focus has been diverted, clouded, ignored, blown off, and the characters of attentive persons have been destroyed to feed the power of ambiguous or enigmatic ghost Governors and Machiavellian machinators. It is in the interest of these cloaked entities to provide many bullets of hatred and division as humanly possible, and they definitely have worked the hearts and minds of our OWN people in the American Media to spread this discord. My view is that we have to be SMARTER THAN THIS POLITICAL SCIENCE ENVIRONMENT and inoculate ourselves with Reasonability. We cannot expect to RETAIN TRUST AMONGST OURSELVES if we surrender to the Propaganda and Hatred Du Jour from these DRAMATURGES. People in the shadows orchestrating this are being paid royally to dupe our Legislators, Mayors, Assemblymen, and Senators, to make our lives a pain in the Ass, but are we to FLEE AND MOVE REPEATEDLY TO FIND A SAFER, FAIRER GOVERNMENT, LIKE DOROTHY, IN THE WIZARD OF OZ, until we re satisfied with the COMPANY of GOOD PEOPLE AND LEADERS, or are we just nervous little brainless chickens awaiting our Fate of Slaughter, which we cannot recognize until it's too late? Are we Citizens, Voters, and Jurors, or are we SUBJECTS UNDER TYRANNY?

Sincerely,



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**Agenda Item #11**

**LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

**NEW RULE 421: MANDATORY EPISODIC  
CURTAILMENT OF WOOD AND OTHER SOLID FUEL  
BURNING**

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FOSTERING REGIONAL ECONOMIC PROSPERITY



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SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

September 13, 2007

The Honorable Roger Dickinson  
Chair, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District  
777 12th Street, 3rd Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support – SMAQMD Wood Burning Rule**

Dear Supervisor Roger Dickinson:

The Sacramento Metro Chamber urges you to support Rule 421, the wood burning rule, to improve air quality, protect transportation funding and avoid strict enforcement measures affecting business.

The Metro Chamber has traditionally advocated for common sense strategies to improve air quality in order to preserve federal transportation funding and avoid strict federal enforcement measures that include fees on businesses.

On September 4, 2007 the Metro Chamber Board of directors voted to support Rule 421 to restrict wood burning during winter months to reduce particulate mater (PM) pollution.

The Sacramento region is currently designated as a nonattainment area for the state and federal PM 10 standard and for the state PM 2.5 standard. The Sacramento region is expected to be designated a nonattainment area for the federal 24-hour PM 2.5 standard which would require local districts to adopt plans to reach attainment.

Wood burning has been identified as the largest single source of wintertime PM 2.5 in the Sacramento region. The 2005 emission inventory for Sacramento County shows that wood smoke accounts for 45% of wintertime PM 2.5 emissions and is the largest single category. Prohibiting wood burning on days when particulate levels are projected to exceed a set threshold has been identified as the most cost effective way to reduce PM 2.5. By prohibiting the release of particulate matter from wood smoke on specific days, the Sacramento region can prevent particulate matter levels from reaching unhealthy levels, and avoid being designated an nonattainment for the federal 24-hour PM 2.5 standard.

For that reason, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) is proposing the implementation of a program limiting wood burning during certain times of the year. The wood burning ordinance (Rule 421) would prohibit the operation of any wood burning device on specific days when particulate levels are projected to exceed a set threshold. The ordinance is expected to be accompanied by a marketing campaign similar to the "Spare the Air" campaign already in place during the summer months. The rule will not affect wood burning as a sole heat source or commercial activities such as restaurant cooking.

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If the wood burning ordinance is not implemented, the Sacramento region is expected to be categorized as a nonattainment area and would have to consider other enforcement mechanisms to reduce PM 2.5, which would likely have significant economic impacts on the Sacramento region. The proposed wood burning rule is expected, by itself, to allow us to avoid a nonattainment finding and help us avoid any subsequent regulations on business. The proposed wood burning rule would likely keep us from being designated a nonattainment and allow us to avoid the implementation of strict enforcement measure.

The proposed wood burning rule is a proactive, common-sense measure that will improve air quality and protect our transportation funding – with minimal impacts to our region's economy.

Representing nearly 2,500 member businesses and business organizations in the six-county Sacramento region, the Sacramento Metro Chamber serves as the region's voice of business and is the leading proponent of regional cooperation on issues affecting business, economic development and quality of life. The Metro Chamber strongly encourages cooperation across jurisdictional lines to address important public policy issues that impact jobs and the economy.

The Metro Chamber respectfully requests your support of Rule 421, the wood burning rule, to improve air quality, protect transportation funding and avoid strict enforcement measure affecting business.

Sincerely,



Matthew R. Mahood  
President & CEO

Cc: Members, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District  
Larry Green, Air Pollution Control Officer/Executive Director, Sacramento  
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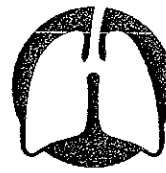
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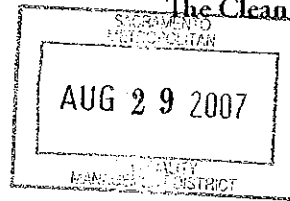


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August 23, 2007

Honorable Roger Dickinson, Chair  
SMAQMD and members  
777 12th Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl  
Sacramento CA 95814-1908



**Re: Support for SMAQMD Rule 421, mandatory no-burn restriction on wintertime "Spare the Air" days**

Dear Supervisor Dickinson:

Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails is concerned about health - and our air quality is critical to our health. We have worked for many years to support air pollution reductions from cars and trucks, from factories, from rice straw and other agricultural burning. Important work has been done and a great deal of pollution has been reduced.

However, this is not enough. We must continue to find ways to reduce fine particulate pollution which significantly contributes to health problems including decreased lung function, aggravated asthma, increased chronic respiratory disease in children, irregular heartbeat, nonfatal heart attacks, and even premature death in people with heart or lung disease.

We have the opportunity to make a 45% reduction in Sacramento's wintertime air quality problems by endorsing Rule 421, which seeks to impose mandatory No-Burn Restrictions during the months of November, December, January, and February when the PM 2.5 levels are predicted to exceed the federal health-based standards, *about 30 days during the four month period.*

Residential wood burning is the primary pollutant source for Sacramento's wintertime PM 2.5 problems. The objective of Rule 421 is to reduce the amount of wood burned for ambiance and aesthetic reasons and would exempt wood burning when used as the sole source of heat in a residence or for cooking. Implementation of this rule can advance our area to near-attainment levels by regulating a completely recreational and optional activity.

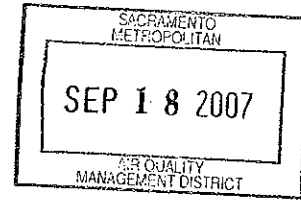
Breathe California of Sacramento - Emigrant Trails urges you to support Rule 421, a proactive air quality measure with the potential for great impact on reducing pollution and improving health in our region. We appreciate your consideration of this important issue. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about our position. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Annemarie Vincent  
Sr. Policy Manager

Cc: Mr. Larry Green, Air Pollution Control Officer/ Exec. Director

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The Cleaner Air Partnership

Sept. 12, 2007

Honorable Roger Dickinson  
Chair, SMAQMD  
777 12<sup>th</sup> Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Business-health support for winter woodburning ban on poor air quality days**

Dear Supervisor Dickinson,

The Cleaner Air Partnership, the business-health partnership between the Sacramento Metro Chamber and Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails, would like to relay its support for the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's Rule 421, the mandatory no-burn restriction in Sacramento County. We urge you to support this proactive, common-sense measure that will both improve our air quality and health and protect our transportation funding – with minimal impacts to our region's economy.

The rule's goal to reduce small soot or particle pollution is important to our region. Portions of the Sacramento region, including Sacramento County, are not expected to meet new federal standards for small particle pollution known as PM 2.5. We are already known as one of the nation's most polluted metro areas for such pollutants.

Nonattainment of air quality standards is linked to increased risk of asthma, lung disease, decreased lung development, heart difficulties and other dangerous health problems. It also threatens to delay or reduce federal transportation funding for our region, endanger the permitting of job-creating large businesses, create the specter of additional regulations and downgrade the quality of life that is crucial to attract and retain talented employees from today's highly mobile workforce.

At 45 percent, residential wood burning is the largest single source of Sacramento County's wintertime PM 2.5 problems. While there are many sources of particulate pollution affecting our health, based on performance in other regions, Rule 421 has the potential to advance our area to near-attainment levels *by itself* – and by regulating a completely recreational and optional but polluting activity. The rule will not affect woodburning as a sole heat source or commercial activities such as restaurant cooking.

We urge you to support Rule 421 a proactive air quality measure with the potential for great impact on health and small impact on our economy. We appreciate your consideration, and please contact us if you have any questions about our position.

Sincerely,

Bill Mueller  
Manager, Cleaner Air Partnership

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The Cleaner Air Partnership is a joint project of Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails, the Sacramento Metro Chamber and Valley Vision to help the Sacramento region meet clean air standards that protect health and promote economic growth.

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