

RESOLUTION: BAAQMD RULE 12 16, COMMUNITY WORKER ALTERNATIVE

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) is charged by the federal and state governments to enforce federal and state air quality laws governing industrial sources, with 24 locally elected representatives from nine Bay Area counties making up its Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, it is the Air District's mission "to create a healthy breathing environment for every Bay Area resident while protecting and improving public health, air quality, and the global climate";

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association, in its 2016 "State of the Air" report, has assigned the Bay Area a grade "D" for air quality, and residents in the Bay Area refinery corridor and other Bay Area communities suffer disproportionately from emissions-related diseases, including cancer, asthma, stroke and autoimmune disorders;

WHEREAS, the five Bay Area oil refineries are seeking to adapt their facilities in order to process dirtier, higher-sulfur crude, including Canadian tar sands, one of the dirtiest crudes on the planet, with the potential to greatly increase dangerous refinery emissions;

WHEREAS, adoption of the Community-Worker proposal for Rule 12-16 of an enforceable numeric cap on each refinery's cumulative greenhouse gas, particulate and toxic emissions will prohibit Bay Area refineries from processing significantly increased amounts of these extreme dirty crudes and will require controls to prevent increased emissions, thereby reducing the harm to Bay Area residents from dangerous emissions and limiting the amount of greenhouse gases that trigger catastrophic climate disruption;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as a prudent public health measure and effective climate policy, \_\_\_\_\_ strongly urges the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board to adopt the Community-Worker Alternative in Rule 12-16, and to instruct BAAQMD Staff to complete such rulemaking, per District Board's commitment, by the end of May 2017.