

## Jennifer Elwell

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Jennifer Elwell  
Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
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Dear Ms. Elwell,

I very much appreciate all the work done by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District toward ensuring the best possible air quality and health for Bay Area residents. As a citizen in the City of Lafayette, I'm writing in support of the proposed amendments for Rules 4 and 6 in Regulation 9, which phase out the use of fossil fuels in our buildings.

I serve on the Lafayette Environmental Task Force, where we've been looking at ways to reduce our use of fossil fuels as a significant means of addressing climate change and community health. Our findings reveal that buildings are the second biggest source of emissions in our city, and that the vast majority of these emissions come from the burning of fossil fuels for energy.

As a member of the ETF, our main reason for looking into this issue is the environment. However, we have found strong evidence for additional reasons to remove fossil fuels from our buildings, including improved health; the burning of fossil fuels in our buildings is associated with many health risks. Significantly, children raised in homes with a gas cooktop are 42% more likely to develop asthma.

I therefore fully support the phasing out of fossil fuels in our buildings, with the proposed amendments for Rules 4 and 6 of Regulation 9.

Thank you,  
Brenna Shafizadeh  
Lafayette, CA