

**BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION No. 2023 – 08**

**A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
Urging Responsible Leadership and Climate Justice at COP28**

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District is dedicated to addressing climate change and protecting the well-being of our communities, guided by principles of diversity, equity, access, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the recent selection of Sultan Al Jaber, an oil executive, as the president of the COP28 climate summit raises concerns about responsible leadership and the elevation of marginalized voices; and

WHEREAS, the Air District acknowledges the importance of leadership that reflects the values of authenticity, honesty, and sincerity, and recognizes the urgent need to take meaningful action to combat climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Air District recognizes that COP28, as a pinnacle global climate conference, must not risk being perceived as having been co-opted by those whose actions have contributed to climate harm; and

WHEREAS, the Air District acknowledges the invaluable contributions of climate activists, scientists, and individuals who have dedicated themselves to the cause of climate justice, and recognizes their rightful expectation that COP28 should be a platform that honors their efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District urges the organizers of COP28 to reconsider their decision and select a leader who embodies the values of climate justice, inclusivity, and collaboration among nations and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Air District will not participate in COP28, and will consider alternative climate forums and conferences, if the necessary changes in COP28 leadership are not implemented to align with the principles of climate justice and responsible stewardship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution shall be distributed to the organizers of COP28, relevant government agencies, and other stakeholders to emphasize the importance of responsible leadership and climate justice.

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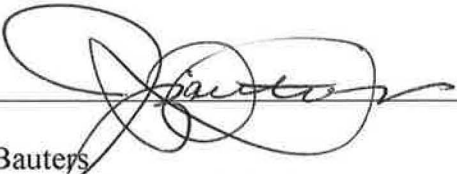
The foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed and adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on the motion of CHAIR BAUTERS, seconded by VICE CHAIR HURT, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, by the following vote of the board:

AYES: MARGARET ABE-KOGA, JOHN J. BAUTERS, NOELIA CORZO, JOHN GIOIA, ERIN HANNIGAN, LYNDA HOPKINS, DAVINA HURT, TYRONE JUE, OTTO LEE, SERGIO LOPEZ, MYRNA MELGAR, RAY MUELLER, MARK ROSS, VICKI VEENKER, SHAMANN WALTON, STEVE YOUNG.

NOES: NONE.

ABSTAIN: KEN CARLSON, JUAN GONZALEZ, DAVID HAUBERT, NATE MILEY.

ABSENT: BRIAN BARNACLE, JOELLE GALLAGHER, DAVID HUDSON, KATIE RICE.



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John J. Bauters  
Chairperson of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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Lynda Hopkins  
Secretary of the Board of Directors