

DRAFT RESOLUTION BAAQMD RULE 12-16

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 against industrial sources;

WHEREAS, the mission statement of BAAQMD is “The Air District aims 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 Air District’s Board of Directors is made up of 24 locally elected representatives from 9 Bay Area counties;

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association in its 2016 “State of the Air” report just gave the Bay Area a Grade D for air quality;

WHEREAS, residents in the Bay Area Refinery corridor and other Bay Area communities already suffer disproportionately from emissions related diseases, including cancers, asthma and other autoimmune related diseases;

WHEREAS, the shift to dirtier crude slates by Bay Area refineries has to potential to greatly increase dangerous emissions.

WHEREAS, Proposed Rule 12-16 as submitted in the Community–Worker proposal is intended to not allow any further increase of emissions from the five Bay Area petroleum refineries;

WHEREAS, the five Bay Area oil refineries are seeking to adapt their facilities in order to process dirtier higher sulfur crude slates, including Canadian Tar Sands, among the dirtiest crudes on the planet;

WHEREAS, adoption of the Community-Worker proposal for Rule 12-16 will ensure that future emissions limits will prohibit Bay Area refineries from processing these extreme dirty crudes, thereby reducing the harm to Bay Area residents from dangerous emissions and reducing the amount of harmful “Green House Gasses” damaging planetary climate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, _____ hereby urges the Bay Area Air Quality Management District staff to fully present the Community-Worker Alternative for proposed Rule 12-16;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, _____ urges the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors to adopt the Community-Worker Alternative in Rule 12-16 to ensure community and refinery worker health and safety.