



# URGENT CALL TO ACTION

## THE MOUNTAIN VIEW COALITION'S HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & EQUITY IMPACTS REGULATION IS IN JEOPARDY

### ALBUQUERQUE CITY COUNCIL TO VOTE NOV. 8TH WHETHER TO **ABOLISH** THE CURRENT AIR BOARD

October 31, 2023

On October 16, 2023, Albuquerque City Councilor Dan Lewis introduced a resolution at the City Council meeting proposing to **abolish the Air Quality Control Board**, (AQCB), in a blatant, last-ditch attempt to undermine the community-driven, precedent-setting and historic cumulative impacts regulation submitted to the Air Quality Control Board by the Mountain View Coalition.

Councilor Lewis also introduced a resolution that would establish a ***moratorium*** for the AQCB to pass any regulation or standard addressing quality of life impacts until February 2024.

If these resolutions are passed by the City Council, these bills would significantly jeopardize the Health, Environment & Equity Impacts (HEEI) regulation which is currently scheduled for a public hearing December 4th-8th at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

We are calling for supporters to urge the council to vote no on both resolutions at the next City Council meeting scheduled on [Wednesday, Nov. 8th at 5pm.](#)

The Mountain View Coalition is asking supporters of the HEEI regulation to do the following:

1. [Call your City Councilor](#) and urge them to VOTE NO on both of Dan Lewis' resolutions, O-23-88 and R-23-176.



**We urge everyone who cares about air quality, community health, equity and environmental justice to call their City Councilor and ask them to vote No on both of the bills introduced by Councilor Dan Lewis, O-23-88 which would abolish the current Air Board and install a new Air Board made up of members hand-picked by polluting industry, and R-23-176 which would put a moratorium on any action by the current Air Board to address quality of life impacts through February 1st 2024.**

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2. **Call the Mayor's office** and ask him to take a strong stand for equity, environmental justice, and the protection of public health by using his power to VETO BOTH RESOLUTIONS if they pass on November 8th. You can call Mayor Tim Keller at (505) 768-3000 or email him [here](#).

### **Talking Points**

The Health, Environment & Equity Impacts (HEEI) regulation is:

- Community-driven
- Will prevent more polluting industry from further **harming** the health of already overburdened communities in Bernalillo County
- Will **improve** air quality for all residents in Bernalillo County
- Will incentivize and **attract clean businesses** to set up shop in Bernalillo County

It is unclear whether the City Council has the **legal authority** to disband the AQCB or to impose a moratorium on it taking action.

The Bernalillo County Commission passed a resolution last week (4 votes in favor, 1 opposed) to recommend that the City Council **defer** these ordinances until the County has had “meaningful engagement and consultation” because the Commission **also has authority** over the AQCB; the BernCo Commission also authorized the county attorney to pursue **litigation** against the City if necessary in response to this “unilateral” legislation.

Here is a link to the [FAQs](#) on the HEEI regulation.

**THIS IS A CRITICAL MOMENT FOR OUR HISTORIC,  
PRECEDENT-SETTING CUMULATIVE IMPACT REGULATION!**

**WE NEED COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO RAISE UP THEIR VOICES IN  
SUPPORT OF CLEAN AND HEALTHY AIR, THE PROTECTION OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND OUR UNITED FIGHT AGAINST  
ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM!**