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SCAQMD should not regulate beach fire rings because air quality along the coast far exceeds federal health standards. Also, there is no definitive evidence that short term exposure to beach fire ring particulate matter causes adverse health effects. SCAQMD misunderstands and misrepresents the health evidence because, in part, it employs no doctoral level epidemiologists, like myself. Furthermore, the SCAQMD Board vote of 7-6 to impose regulations would have been 5-6 without the votes of two improperly appointed Board Members. Joseph K. Lyou, social psychologist and environmental activist, did not satisfy the 2007 appointment criteria specified in California Health and Safety Code Section 40420(c).* Clark E. Parker, Sr., misrepresented four academic degrees, including a "Ph.D.," on his 2012 Senate Rules Committee application. His actual 1980 "University of Central Arizona" diploma states "Doctor of Arts," not "Doctor of Philosophy." The "University of Central Arizona" was never accredited and currently does not exist.

*FYI (not to be in letter): "The member appointed by the Governor shall be either a physician who has training and experience in the health effects of air pollution, an environmental engineer, a chemist, a

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