



July 28, 2025

The Honorable Caroline Menjivar  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Room 6630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 684 (Menjivar) – Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025  
City of Laguna Beach – Notice of Support**

Dear Senator Menjivar:

On behalf of the City of Laguna Beach, I am writing in strong support of SB 684 (Menjivar), the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Program, the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025, directs the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to establish and administer a statewide program requiring the largest fossil fuel polluters to fund projects that address the far-reaching impacts of climate change.

As a coastal community, we are acutely aware of the compounding risks posed by climate change including rising sea levels, extreme heat, wildfire risk, and other climate-related hazards. These threats not only endanger public health and safety, but also strain our City's infrastructure, emergency preparedness resources, and long-term planning capacity. SB 684 represents a meaningful step toward aligning the State's climate resilience investments with a sustainable, polluter-funded revenue stream.

The City's legislative platform explicitly supports ongoing state investments and incentive-based funding models that help local governments collaborate to improve air quality, reduce emissions, and protect vulnerable communities, while recognizing the importance of balancing climate action with thoughtful economic transition strategies. SB 684 holds fossil fuel entities accountable by requiring them to finance adaptation and mitigation programs. These entities collectively contributed more than a billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions during the covered period, and the bill offers a fair and forward-thinking fiscal approach.

Notably, SB 684 preserves local flexibility and maintains existing authority by ensuring that local ordinances and enforcement powers remain intact. It also emphasizes transparency and regular updates through independent evaluations and public climate cost studies, helping ensure that revenues will be allocated responsibly and in alignment with the needs of disadvantaged and climate-impacted communities statewide.

SB 684 offers the potential to access funding for zero emission transportation, coastal resilience, disaster planning, and green workforce initiatives.

For these reasons, the City of Laguna Beach is pleased to support SB 684 (Menjivar).

Sincerely,

  
Alex Rounaghi  
Mayor

cc: City Council  
Assembly Member Diane Dixon  
Senator Tony Strickland