



# CITY OF PORT HUENEME

July 28, 2025

The Honorable Steve Bennett  
Member, California State Assembly  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249

The Honorable Monique Limón  
Member, California State Senate  
1021 O St., Ste. 6510  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act (AB 1243 and SB 684) Letter of Support**

Dear Assemblymember Bennett and Senator Limón,

On behalf of the City of Port Hueneme, we write in support for Assembly Bill 1243 (Addis) and Senate Bill 684 (Menjivar), collectively known as the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act. Our community is already experiencing the growing costs of climate change through coastal erosion, sea level rise, extreme heat, and increasingly destructive wildfires that threaten public safety, critical infrastructure, and our local economy. These impacts strain city resources and disproportionately burden vulnerable residents.

The City's Legislative Platform authorizes support for legislation that: protects local control and funding of vital community services; advances science-based environmental regulation; provides resources for emergency preparedness and disaster recovery; and secures funding for climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience projects. The Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act aligns squarely with those priorities by establishing a dedicated funding mechanism paid for by the largest fossil fuel producers to help California communities recover from, adapt to, and reduce the harms caused by climate change. It is also essential that the implementation of this legislation include safeguards to ensure that fossil fuel companies do not pass these costs onto residents and communities, particularly those already overburdened by environmental and economic stressors.

Specifically, the Act would require the State to quantify climate-related damages from 1990-2024, assess proportionate cost-recovery fees on major fossil fuel entities, and deposit those fees into a Climate Superfund. At least forty percent of the fund would benefit disadvantaged and environmental justice communities, many like ours that



shoulder disproportionate impacts yet have limited resources to respond. This approach is fiscally responsible, advances equity, and ensures that those who profited from fossil fuels help pay for the damage their products caused.

Port Hueneme has a long history of prudent stewardship of limited resources and collaboration with regional partners to safeguard residents. However, the magnitude of climate-driven costs wildfire recovery, coastal protection, stormwater and flood infrastructure upgrades, and public health impacts cannot be borne by local taxpayers alone. The Climate Superfund Act offers a solution that complements ongoing legal accountability efforts while delivering timely, programmatic support to cities, tribes, and counties.

For these reasons, the City of Port Hueneme respectfully urges your support and votes in favor of AB 1243 and SB 684. We also encourage the Legislature to ensure that implementation is transparent, efficient, and accessible to smaller jurisdictions so that communities of all sizes can compete equitably for funding.

Should you have questions or require further information, please contact me at [citymanager@cityofporthueneme.org](mailto:citymanager@cityofporthueneme.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Vega", is positioned above the printed name.

James Vega  
City Manager  
City of Port Hueneme

cc: Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
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