

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA  
SUPPORTING THE POLLUTERS PAY CLIMATE SUPERFUND ACT (SB 684  
AND AB 1243)

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WHEREAS, climate-related disasters have become more frequent and severe, placing significant financial, environmental, and social burdens on governments and communities throughout California;

WHEREAS, the financial cost of climate-related events is rising, often exceeding available public resources, and creating long-term recovery challenges for cities and regions across the state;

WHEREAS, some communities face greater risks and fewer resources to prepare for, respond to, and recover from climate-related impacts;

WHEREAS, the City of La Mesa adopted a 2024 Climate Action Plan Update that outlines strategies to improve public health, environmental quality, and infrastructure resilience;

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 684 and Assembly Bill 1243 (the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act) would establish a statewide fund to support climate adaptation, resilience, and mitigation projects, financed by contributions from companies proportionally responsible for historical greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS, the Act would require large fossil fuel companies with significant historical greenhouse gas emissions to contribute to a statewide climate superfund;

WHEREAS, the proposed fund would help reduce the fiscal burden on state and local governments while ensuring that at least 40% of proceeds are directed toward environmental justice communities most affected by climate change; and

WHEREAS, similar programs have been established in other states, such as New York and Vermont, offering a model for shared responsibility in addressing climate impacts and funding critical infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Mesa, supports the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act (SB 684 and AB 1243) and urges its passage by the California State Legislature as a means of strengthening the state's capacity to address climate challenges and support local government efforts to build more resilient communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Mesa, California, held the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, MEGAN WIEGELMAN, City Clerk of the City of La Mesa, California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2025-, duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City on the date and by the vote therein recited.

MEGAN WIEGELMAN, CMC, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)