

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO. 16,002

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD IN
SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE BILL 684 AND ASSEMBLY BILL
1243: POLLUTERS PAY CLIMATE SUPERFUND ACT

WHEREAS, climate change, resulting primarily from the combustion of fossil fuels, poses harmful effects, including more frequent and severe wildfires, extreme heat, intensified coastal erosion, sea level rise, and flooding that threaten public safety, property, and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, peer-reviewed research has determined with great accuracy the share of carbon dioxide and methane released into the atmosphere by the operations and products of specific fossil fuel companies; and

WHEREAS, local governments and taxpayers are bearing immense and mounting costs of rebuilding from damage caused by climate change, increased insurance premiums, property taxes, and utility bills. State and local budgets are impacted as climate risks rise, jeopardizing public services, and forcing communities to carry the burden to address climate-related emergencies; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before both houses of the State Legislature are two companion bills, Assembling Bill 1243 and Senate Bill 684, which seek to create the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the bills would establish the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Program (Program) to be administered by the California Environmental Protection Agency and require the largest fossil fuel polluters to pay for environmental and health damages suffered by Californians as a result of their emissions; and

WHEREAS, revenue from the Program will fund coastal-protection, grid and micro-grid resilience, wildfire-smoke filtration, extreme-heat mitigation, and green-workforce programs, with at least 40 percent reserved for designated disadvantaged communities as defined by the California Office of Environmental Health and Hazard Assessment Agency, which include nine communities in Oxnard comprising approximately 48,725 Oxnard residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxnard supports the Act because it would shift the financial burden of climate recovery from California taxpayers to the corporations that have profited from the fossil fuel industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard resolves that the City Council formally expresses support for California State Senate Bill 684 and Assembly Bill 1243, Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act, and the benefit that it provides for our community's safety.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd day of September, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mc Arthur, Perello, Rodriguez, Teran and Basua

NOES: Councilman Starr


ABSENT: Councilwoman Perez

ABSTAIN: None.




Luis A. Mc Arthur, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lourdes A. López, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney