



Mayor Cindy Darling

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November 13, 2025

The Honorable Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
Assemblymember, California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5210
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Environmental Sustainability and Economic Vitality in the Region

Dear Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan,

The City of Walnut Creek writes to express our City's continued commitment to advancing environmental sustainability and economic vitality throughout our region. The City of Walnut Creek has long championed policies that improve environmental standards, promote sustainable development, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and support local efforts to address impacts of climate change.

Through our Sustainability Action Plan and ongoing participation in regional energy programs, Walnut Creek has demonstrated that local governments can lead in implementing innovative climate and energy solutions. We strongly support State and regional efforts that provide resources and funding for cities to expand these programs, enhance energy efficiency, promote water conservation, and invest in resilient infrastructure. With the recent changes in federal tax credits and cuts in federal funding it is more important than ever that the State has a coordinated and robust plan for funding the climate change work included in our Sustainability Action Plan.

As the same time, Walnut Creek remains committed to ensuring that sustainability initiatives are implemented in ways that also foster economic health and opportunity. Our City's legislative platform emphasizes the importance of balancing environmental protection with support for a thriving business community. We believe that effective climate policy should empower local innovation, preserve local decision-making, and strengthen the economic foundations that allow our cities to prosper.

We appreciate your continued leadership on environmental and economic issues and welcome opportunities to partner with you to advance legislation that reflects both sustainability and vitality for the communities we serve. As bills such as SB 684 and AB 1243 move through the legislative process, Walnut Creek supports funding approaches that can help us achieve our sustainability goals while also supporting local economic vitality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cindy Darling".

Cindy Darling
Mayor, City of Walnut Creek