



American Planning Association
California Chapter

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 852 (Dodd) Signature Request

Dear Governor Newsom:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) respectfully requests that you sign SB 852, which would permit local governments to form climate resilience districts (CRDs) to plan, finance, and implement climate adaptation and mitigation projects.

APA California is a non-profit organization made up of practicing planners, citizens and public officials committed to advancing the practice of local, regional, and statewide planning throughout urban, suburban, and rural California. The planning community has been focused on climate adaptation and mitigation for some time and is supportive of efforts to create local and regional partnerships to implement important climate related projects. SB 852 would permit local governments to establish CRDs to raise revenue through tax increment financing and voter-approved supplemental property taxes, property benefit assessments, or fees in accordance with all statutory and constitutional requirements and provides the CRD with the authority to plan and implement projects to address climate change either through mitigation or adaptation.

From devastating fires that many communities in California face year over year, to floods, droughts and extreme heat, timing is critical to better prepare our communities. While the state has taken several important actions over the years to address climate change, local communities still face incredible challenges. And while recent and unprecedented budget allocations are very much appreciated, there is no ongoing and dedicated source of funding to implement important climate related projects.

We appreciate your dedication to addressing the impacts of climate change and respectfully request your signature on SB 852. If you have any questions please contact Lauren De Valencia, lauren@stefangeorge.com, APA California's lobbyist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric Phillips'.

Eric Phillips
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APA California