



Carbon Cycle Institute



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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
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The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker of the Assembly
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The Honorable Toni Atkins
Senate President pro Tempore
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The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review
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The Honorable Phil Ting
Chair, Assembly Committee on Budget
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The Honorable Steve Bennett
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3
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The Honorable Josh Becker
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee #2
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RE: Maintain Critical Investments in the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program (\$420 M for FY 21-24)

Dear Governor Newsom, Speaker Rendon, Pro Tem Atkins, Assemblymember Ting, Senator Skinner, Senator Becker, and Assemblymember Bennett,

On behalf of a broad coalition of environmental justice, equity, climate, and community-based organizations from across the state, we write to respectfully request your support for **maintaining the TCC program multi-year funding level at \$420 million, including \$165 million in fiscal year (FY) 22-23 and \$140 million in FY 23-24.** This level of funding is necessary to advance neighborhood-scale climate projects in urban and rural communities who are most impacted by pollution in our state.

TCC produces climate, job, and public health benefits while centering community leadership and guarding against displacement. The TCC program takes a holistic approach by implementing a wide array of coordinated, emissions-reducing projects like affordable, solar-powered housing near clean public transit. In order to ensure these projects meet the needs of frontline communities, TCC requires robust community engagement from proposal design through project implementation and requires the development of a collaborative governance structure in which residents and community based organizations are actively involved in decision-making from the start. The program is a model of integrated climate resilience and equitable development, not only for California but for the rest of the country.

Against the backdrop of historic climate disasters that continue to increase in frequency and intensity, now is not the time to reverse commitments to critical TCC investments. In order for the state to meet its ongoing commitment to our most vulnerable communities and reach our climate goals, every community both large and small must have equitable opportunity and access to the resources needed to catalyze local transformations. Thank you for considering our request to preserve TCC's funding at \$420 million total across FY 2021-24 (with \$165 million allocated for FY 2022-23 and \$140 million allocated for FY 2023-24). We look forward to working together to accomplish this.

Sincerely,

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