



Our Mission

We're working to rapidly reduce climate pollution at scale, starting in California.

Board of Directors

Lokelani Devone, Chair
Venise Curry, MD, Vice Chair
Elliot Hinds, Treasurer
Jean S. Fraser, Secretary
Susan Longville
Mary Luévano
Steven A. Nissen
Carl Mears, PhD
Susan Thomas
Lisa Whitescarver

Executive Staff

Ellie Cohen, Chief Executive Officer
Lois Downy, Chief Financial Officer
Lauren Bourke, Chief Development Officer
Barry Vesser, Chief Operations Officer

Strategic Advisors

Peter Barnes, Co-founder, Working Assets
Rick Brown, TerraVerde Renewable Partners
Jeff Byron, Former CA Energy Commissioner
Joe Como, Former Director, CA Office of Ratepayer Advocates
Ann Hancock, Chief Strategist & Co-Founder, The Climate Center
Hunter Lovins, President, Natural Capitalism Solutions

Science & Technical Advisors

Fred Euphrat, PhD
Daniel M. Kammen, PhD
Lorenzo Kristov, PhD
Alexandra von Meier, PhD
Edward C. Myers, M.S.Ch.E.
Greg Thomson, Green Solutions & Technologies
Mathis Wackernagel, PhD
Ken Wells, E.I.T.
Ai-Chu Wu, PhD

Contact

theclimatcenter.org
1275 4th Street #191
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
707-525-1665

The Honorable Juan Carrillo
Chair, Assembly Local Government
State Capitol, Room 157
Sacramento, CA 95814

April 1st, 2025

RE: SUPPORT – Assembly Bill 39 (Zbur)

Dear Chair Carrillo:

I am writing on behalf of The Climate Center and its thousands of supporters statewide to express support for your bill, Assembly Bill 39, which will ensure that city and county governments across the state are prepared for California's transition to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) and buildings by creating and adopting plans to meet their electrification goals.

This bill acknowledges the leadership that some of our cities and counties are already undertaking in their planning processes. It provides the flexibility to utilize existing plans rather than create new ones while providing guidance and a clear path forward to ensure no municipality falls behind.

The Climate Center is a nonprofit climate and energy policy think tank working to rapidly reduce climate pollution at scale. We are a think tank/do tank working collaboratively for an accelerated, equity-centered, labor-friendly climate policy in California. We know that as goes California, so goes the world. With the climate crisis rapidly worsening, we engage in cross-sector coalitions to enact bold, science-based policy that sparks innovation and channels market forces for speed and scale greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions to benefit everyone.

California's GHG reduction goals focus on the transportation and built environment sectors, which account for most of our emissions. This bill critically focuses on the intersection of these two sectors and the infrastructure necessary to make meaningful progress towards both.

As the transition to ZEVs and all-electric appliances continues to accelerate with the development and increasing access to new technologies, cities and counties will not be able to keep up and support this growing facet of municipal life without robust planning to ensure the sufficient distribution of charging and electric-ready infrastructure.

AB 39 is critical, as establishing these local plans will better assist California with identifying equitable solutions to critical statewide goals. For these reasons, The Climate Center strongly supports AB 39.

We strongly urge your AYE vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'EC', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Ellie Cohen, CEO
The Climate Center

CC: The Honorable Rick Chavez Zbur, Author
Assembly Local Government Committee, Members & Consultants