

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Ellis

Date Submitted: 05/31/2025 10:33 AM

Council File No: 25-0002-S44

Comments for Public Posting: I write in support of the Climate Superfund legislation pending in the California legislature. This legislation will require the largest multinational fossil fuel companies doing business in California (i.e. Chevron, Exxon-Mobil, Shell) to pay their fair share of climate-related damages based on their documented CO2 emissions from 1990-2004. The fees collected from these polluters will be deposited into a Superfund account, managed by CalEPA, to mitigate existing problems and prevent future climate-related damages across the state. California taxpayers, local municipalities and the State cannot, and should not have to pay for damages associated with extreme heat, wildfires, drought and floods that are attributable to the largest polluters. Sincerely, Andrew Ellis

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Name: Debra Baird

Date Submitted: 05/31/2025 10:46 AM

Council File No: 25-0002-S44

Comments for Public Posting: Please support this. We cannot ignore global warming. Our planet is in serious trouble.

Communication from Public

Name: Alan Weiner

Date Submitted: 05/31/2025 01:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for your courage. The polluters must pay for the damage and harm they have already caused.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristen Kessler

Date Submitted: 05/31/2025 01:49 PM

Council File No: 25-0002-S44

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I ask that you support the resolution in favor of Polluters Pay Climate Superfund bill. The bill can be a creative solution for the state's budget deficit, while providing funds for climate resilience, home hardening, and other vital programs. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,
Kristen Kessler

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Name: Kathleen

Date Submitted: 05/31/2025 02:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for considering a resolution in support of the CA climate superfund legislation (SB684 and AB1243). This legislation is economically sensible and is simply the right thing to do for our communities. Here is why I support it and appreciate your support! Legally sound: There is legal precedent for the bill (California Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act and the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability act--CERCLA.) Similar bills have also been test-driven by other states--the Bill authors have learned from that experience and are confident that it can withstand litigation. Practical: The bill addresses both the affordability and the climate crises. It leverages respected climate attribution science to assess a FAIR fee on only the very largest polluters. These fees would be less than 1% of a company's total annual profits -- not a significant financial burden, especially when these companies are making billions a year. It is both a revenue and an environmental bill, protecting Californians and lowering costs by funding investment in climate solutions. Finally, this bill allows the state to act when the federal government is backtracking on both environmental protections and the funding for climate disasters. Retroactive as well as forward looking: Note that CERCLA imposes retroactive liability, as do other laws. It is legal, practical and moral to exact payment for harms that are present and ongoing due to decades of pouring pollution into the atmosphere. The companies also have the option to pay this fee over time (up to 20 years). Rather than thinking of it as a retroactive fee, it has helped me to understand it as a recompense fee—one that is intended to make amends for losses inflicted by the polluters' products. Moral: It shifts the burden of paying for climate disasters from those least able to pay to those who have profited most from the harm caused. 40% of the revenue pool would go to the most vulnerable communities. The bill asks only that the polluters pay their fair share. Ultimately, it provides CA with another source of disaster relief funding that protects taxpayers and the state budget by holding those responsible accountable. It ensures we have the resources to respond to worsening climate catastrophes, protect workers from climate threats, build climate resilient neighborhoods, prepare for future climate harms, and accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels. My heart breaks

when I witness the devastation of our precious living world wrought by fossil fuel-driven climate change, and further by the dangerous gap between the haves and have nots. My hopes are fading that my child will be able to thrive as I have unless we act soon. We need to do everything we can as a state.

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Name: Valli Herman

Date Submitted: 05/31/2025 02:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a resident of Los Angeles and I'd like to register my support for Senate Bill 684, the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025. It's imperative that the fossil fuel companies that continue to profit pay their share of the damage their products cause to the environment, to homes and to the health of all residents of the planet. The Los Angeles City Council needs to publicly support efforts to study the quantifiable costs of fossil fuel pollution and damage and then make those polluters take responsibility for their actions and INactions. We can't just accept that there are no alternatives, that we can continue "business as usual" because we are in highly unusual, critical times. The LA City Council needs to be a leader so that other government agencies can collectively show their muscle against these powerful corporations and take back the health of our citizens and environment.

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Name: Pamela and Randy Dreyfuss

Date Submitted: 05/31/2025 02:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please record that I couldn't be more in favor of this climate superfund bill. My husband and I own a small business in Los Angeles County. We were impacted by the fires, incurring losses of over \$100,000, which our insurance company didn't cover because our deductible is prohibitively high. Why is it? Because insurance companies are passing climate costs onto taxpayers -- they all employ in-house climate risk experts. Our business insurance went up 30% this year. I know that the Fair Act will also raise everyday citizens' home taxes this year, as well. In kindergarten, we learn to clean up our messes. When we grow up, if we make big, ugly messes, we pay to clean them up. That's what this bill is about: Fairness. Out-of-control, more frequent wildfires are a significant problem that fossil fuel companies should pay for, not us. Fossil fuel companies have known since the 1970s that their dirty business causes global warming and have done nothing. As a small, family-run business, we are working to achieve zero emissions, which we take very seriously, and costs a lot of money. We have installed solar and seek out many novel ways to cut our emissions and amplify our position to whomever will listen. Please bring this before the City Council for a vote of support. Climate change is going away. It's time to MAKE POLLUTERS PAY.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I write in support of SB684, the Make Polluters Pay Bill. For too long, the fossil fuel industry has been allowed to exploit US energy markets and it's proven that the use of fossil energy has contributed to devastating climate change. With insurance rates rising astronomically in all sectors, fossil fuel companies should be charged for the damage they have caused. This bill is a step in the right direction.

Communication from Public

Name: Roseanne Costantino

Date Submitted: 05/31/2025 02:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We are fully in support of this bill becoming California law. Our air, water and land are being decimated and polluted by the fossil fuel industry and we are careening toward more and more climate disasters, such as the Palisades and Eaton fires this past January. We are, as a city, toxic after the harmful releases into the air and water of pollutants from these fires. These fires are increasing as a result of the worsening droughts and heating of the earth because of carbon in the atmosphere. It's that simple, and the fossil fuel industry has known about these consequences of their products since the mid 20th century, if not earlier. And yes, rather than them being responsible and finding and implementing ways to move away from this disastrous product, they gaslight, obscure and push forward. We pay for it through taxes and subsidies, increased insurance rates or loss of insurance, and the terrible prospects for our children's futures. WE MUST MAKE THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY PAY FOR THESE DISASTERS. This bill is a step in the right direction. Thank you Scott Harber and Roseanne Costantino

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Name: Frances Lee

Date Submitted: 05/31/2025 03:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It will take all of us to pass the AB 1243/SB 684 Polluters Pay Climate Superfund bills and to hold the biggest oil companies accountable to pay their fair share for past climate disasters that are attributable to their operations. These profitable companies haven't paid a dime while taxpayers and cities have paid the full bill. We are at the breaking point of affordability. Our frontline communities are paying with their health. The PPCS will raise \$250 billion in revenue to help rebuild and become more resilient to climate threats, protect our communities including the most vulnerable and transition away from fossil fuels. Let's give our next generations a chance for a livable future by supporting AB 1243/SB 684.

Communication from Public

Name: Anne Bergman

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Name: Glynn Barrish-Carroll

Date Submitted: 05/31/2025 05:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly recommend that the City Council supports and goes on record to support the Climate Superfund Legislation to protect all the climate and people in the region. As a cancer survivor, with asthma, who lives near a refinery, I have smelled the air and seen the flames from burn offs at various hours of the night usually and often wake up with the noise and smell. In fact it happened again last night ! This not only affects the air quality and creates high CO2 emissions which cause climate change but surely must be affecting the health of many in the region, as do all the refineries. We need SB684 and AB1243 to pass to help all stakeholders. Please support the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund bills.

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Name: Pat Saperstein

Date Submitted: 05/31/2025 07:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please support Senate Bill 684! It's essential to make polluters pay their fair share. As a lifetime citizen of Los Angeles I say we need to help our city and state fight climate change and hold polluters accountable.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna

Date Submitted: 05/31/2025 07:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: City council should support the climate superfund and hold corporations accountable on climate costs. Taxpayers should not be penalized for home insurance increases, fires in CA are the result of increased gas emissions, corporations profiting from sales of gas are to be paying for our insurance increases.