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The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 7630
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 852 (Dodd) Climate resilience districts: formation: funding mechanisms.
City of Lafayette – Notice of Support**

Dear Senator Portantino:

On behalf of the City of Lafayette, I write in support of SB 852 (Dodd), which would establish the Climate Resilience Districts Act to provide the ability for local governments to create districts to address climate change effects and impacts through activities and actions that include mitigation and adaptation.

In recent years, California has become increasingly susceptible to the effects of climate change, which includes catastrophic wildfires, sea level rise, drought, and other extreme weather events. While the Legislature has been helpful in responding to climate change through the passage of measures like AB 32 in 2006 and SB 32 in 2016, there are significant gaps in the application of climate resiliency projects at the local level.

SB 852 seeks to fill these gaps by permitting local governments to establish climate financing districts which would have the authority to finance, plan, and implement projects and programs to tackle global warming. The bill will give communities and regions the means of establishing local entities which span jurisdictional boundaries and focus resources on the most urgent aspects of climate change as determined locally. Additionally, this bill will allow local, state, federal, and private funds to be channeled in a coordinated manner within a jurisdiction or across jurisdictional boundaries to have the greatest and most effective impact.

For these reasons, the City of Lafayette supports SB 852.

Sincerely,

Teresa Gerringer
Mayor
City of Lafayette

cc: Senator Steve Glazer
Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan