

TO: The Honorable Chris Holden, Chair
Assembly Appropriations Committee
FROM: Nossaman LLP on behalf of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors
DATE: July 21, 2023
RE: **SB 511 (Blakespear) Greenhouse gas emissions inventories - SUPPORT**

The County of Monterey is pleased to support measure Senate Bill (SB) 511 by Senator Catherine Blakespear. This measure would direct the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to prepare inventories of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for use by cities and counties to use in the preparation of Climate Action Plans (CAPs) and to prioritize the use of funding and resources to achieve optimal reductions of GHG emissions in local communities. Inventories would be especially important to reduce and eliminate disparities and impacts on vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

SB 511 will fill a significant gap in the work done by local governments to address climate change. While important actions have been taken and resources allocated at the state level, it is local communities that are on the front line of meeting the climate change challenge. While some local governments, in preparing CAPs and prioritizing their efforts to reduce GHG emissions, have the expertise and resources to produce their own GHG emission inventories, the vast majority of local governments do not.

This bill, in directing CARB to assemble and share GHG emission inventories with local governments, will provide critical data essential to the task of drafting the best CAPs possible and making the best decisions on the application of available resources to benefit communities.

For these reasons, Monterey County strongly supports SB 511. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Monterey County's Public Policy Advisor, Ashley Walker of Nossaman LLP at 916-442-8888.

Sincerely,



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