



*City of Encinitas*  
*City Council's Office*

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Senator Portantino, Chair  
Senate Appropriations  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Catherine S. Blakespear*  
Mayor

**RE: AB-897 (Mullin, Bennett, Quirk, Ward) — Support**

Dear Senator Portantino:

*Tony Kranz*  
Deputy Mayor

On behalf of the City of Encinitas, we are writing to express our support for AB-897, a bill that would establish Regional Climate Networks across the state to foster collaboration and coordination on climate solutions.

*Joe Mosca*  
Council Member

As reflected in the many proposed climate-related bills at the Natural Resources Committee hearings, and recent reports highlighting the increasingly rapid rate at which climate change is occurring in the State of California, there is an urgent need for robust climate mitigation and adaptation programs. AB-897 aims to ensure these various efforts are implemented as effectively as possible by elevating collaboration across local, regional, and state levels on climate solutions, including the creation of Regional Climate Adaptation Plans.

*Kellie Shay Hinze*  
Council Member

The composition of the networks will vary from region to region but aims to include a wide range of stakeholders working on climate action, including cities, counties, council of governments, metropolitan planning organizations, climate collaboratives, and nonprofit organizations.

*Joy Lyndes*  
Council Member

Since 2018, the City of Encinitas has been implementing a Climate Action Plan to identify and accelerate climate solutions at the local level. Through our experiences, we know that a regional network with key stakeholders, including other elected officials, is vital to achieving our city's climate goals and ensuring a safe, livable, and equitable California.

For this reason, we urge your support for AB-897, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Pamela Antil*  
City Manager

Catherine S. Blakespear  
Mayor