



September 19, 2017

Governor Jerry Brown  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SB 242 (Skinner) – PACE Program: Program Administrator  
Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of the City of Encinitas we respectfully request your signature on SB 242 (Skinner) PACE program: program administrator, a measure which will require all PACE programs administered by non-governmental third parties to meet the highest operating standards. SB 242 establishes uniform requirements including: underwriting standards, telephone confirmation for all homeowners, eligible measures standards, contractor standards, marketing standards, a new forbearance process, and reporting requirements.

The Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE) provides a finance mechanism that makes improvements to residential properties possible, including installing renewable energy sources, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, or energy or water efficiency upgrades. Since the California Legislature became the first state in the nation to pass PACE-enabling legislation in 2008, PACE has helped California homeowners, local governments, and the state achieve significant policy goals, including \$5 billion in energy costs saved, 4.2 million metric tons of carbon removed, and 20 billion kWh saved. Cities, like Encinitas, have Climate Action Plans that depend on the positive community impacts of PACE programs.

Local governments that adopt PACE programs provide oversight for those programs. More than 400 cities and counties in California have voted to adopt PACE programs, which are now available to serve more than 90% of Californians. Most programs are administered by private companies, which are overseen by local government sponsors. Thanks to the public-private partnerships that serve as the foundation, the public policy benefits listed above have come at virtually no cost to the government. As PACE has grown, it has become important for the state to establish clear standards that uniformly govern all PACE program.

For these reasons, the City of Encinitas supports SB 242 (Skinner), and respectfully requests your signature on the measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Clay', written in a cursive style.

Jonathan Clay  
Legislative Representative