



September 14, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: AB 72 (Petrie-Norris) Coastal Adaptation Permitting Act of 2021 – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

The California Environmental Justice League strongly urges your signature on Assembly Bill 72; which will establish a coordinated and efficient process for coastal adaptation permitting, in order to eliminate delays and increase sea-level rise mitigation initiatives along the California coast.

According to California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment (Fourth Assessment), if left unmitigated, coastal climate changes could raise sea levels by 4.6 feet and cause approximately \$48 billion in property damage. Experts agree that early adaptation improves outcomes, and the first step toward adaptation is having clear and coordinated guidelines.

Assembly Bill 72 would:

- Provide a regulatory review and permitting process that addresses the unique nature of coastal adaptation projects.
- Streamline the approval process and expedite project completion.
- Promote opportunities for early collaboration with state and local authorities to mitigate unnecessary delays.
- Provide a more comprehensive and coordinated approach that increase legislative input and oversight in the state's coastal adaptation planning process.

To the degree the review and permitting process for coastal adaption projects can be expedited without compromising its integrity, we expect this measure to be most helpful. For these reasons, the California Environmental Justice League respectfully requests your signature on AB 72 to eliminate delays and improve our coastal adaptation permitting process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Cromartie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "T" and "C".

Tim Cromartie
Policy Director