



**County Administrative Office**  
**Governmental & Legislative Affairs**

**Josh Candelaria**  
Director

February 27, 2019

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: AB 352 (E. Garcia):** As Introduced on February 4, 2019 – **Co-Sponsor**

Dear Assemblyman Garcia:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to co-sponsor AB 352, legislation that would make improvements to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). Several years into programming for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), we are learning what works and what isn't working for ensuring this funding reaches the intended audience.

The County has been very active in working to improve the GGRF process. For example, the County worked closely with the Strategic Growth Council and other local stakeholders on the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program guidelines. The way the guidelines were originally drafted it was difficult for projects in the Inland Empire to be competitive in the grant process.

After introduction of the Transformative Climate Communities program, San Bernardino County worked on a collaborative approach to ensure our region was competitive, despite the fact unincorporated areas were ineligible to receive funding. After the region agreed to advocate for one ambitious project, rather than competing with one another, Ontario was successful in being awarded \$35 million, one of only three TCC grants in the program's first year.

AB 352 would make improvements to the GGRF process by expanding the list of co-benefits, aligning application scoring with implementation of AB 617 (Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017), and reporting on applications received so the Legislature can better understand where outstanding funding needs persist.

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AB 352 also asks administering agencies to ensure there is at least a three month gap between a competitive call for proposals and due dates for those proposals, and to reevaluate their scoring criteria to ensure jurisdictions are able to compete regardless of their baseline residential size or density.

For the reasons listed above, the County is pleased to co-sponsor AB 352. Should you have any questions regarding the County's position, please contact Josh Candelaria, Governmental and Legislative Director, at 909 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Hagman", with a long, sweeping underline.

CURT HAGMAN  
Board of Supervisors  
Chairman

cc: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation