



# California Association for Local Economic Development

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Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom  
State Capitol Building, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

The California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED), an organization representing over 800 public and private local economic development professionals, respectfully requests your Signature on SB 852 (Dodd), which authorizes the creation of climate resilience districts equipped with various financing tools and powers.

California's local agencies face many challenges presented by climate change including sea level rise, flooding, extreme heat and cold, increased wildfire risks, drought and other conditions. SB 852 authorizes cities and counties to form climate resilience districts empowered to use tax increment financing and other designated authority to address locally identified infrastructure and other issues exacerbated by climate change.

CALED's members understand the importance of having options available when tailoring solutions to address unique local issues and circumstances.

SB 852 provides local agencies with an additional tool that can foster collaborative approaches between local agencies. For these reasons, CALED respectfully requests your Signature on SB 852. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at 916-448-8252, with any questions.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO

Cc: Ms. Ronda Paschal, Deputy Legislative Secretary  
Honorable Senator Bill Dodd