



City of Riverside, California  
Office of the Mayor

**PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON**



July 1, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O St., Room 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Mike McGuire  
Senate President pro Tempore  
1021 O St., Room 8518  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Robert Rivas  
Speaker of the Assembly  
1021 O St., Room 8330  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 867 (Allen): Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 - SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Newsom, President pro Tempore McGuire, and Speaker Rivas:

On behalf of the City of Riverside, I write in strong support of SB 867 (Allen), the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024. The Legislature's \$10 billion general obligation bond proposal will make great strides to address the severe impacts of climate change and prepare our communities to become more resilient. It is critical now more than ever for California to make substantial investments in measures to protect our vulnerable communities, air quality and natural resources.

Public investments are needed now to prepare California for the impacts of extreme weather. To successfully achieve California's 2045 carbon neutrality goal in an equitable manner, the state must rapidly invest to deploy climate mitigation measures and strengthen its resiliency. In doing so, we must protect the State's natural resources and vulnerable communities who have historically been excluded from state investments and are bearing the brunt of climate change impacts.

Recent polling indicates more than 57% of California voters support investments in clean drinking water, protection of rivers, lakes and streams, wildfire prevention and wildlife protection, and clean air improvements. SB 867 reflects these priorities and also includes critical investments in green workforce development for young people, expanded outdoor access to parks and open space, natural resource protection, coastal

resilience, direct investments in community resilience, preparing our grid for more renewable energy resources, and mitigating the effects of extreme weather.

We are grateful for your partnership and leadership thus far. We urge you to pass and sign the climate bond by the July 3 deadline to provide Californians with the opportunity to vote to reduce the severe impacts of drought, wildfire, air pollution, and extreme weather events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Lock Dawson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Patricia Lock Dawson  
Mayor, City of Riverside

cc: The Honorable Ben Allen  
City of Riverside Legislative Delegation