



## City Manager's Office – Intergovernmental Relations

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May 5, 2022

The Honorable Chris R. Holden  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
1021 O Street, Suite 8220  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2204 (Boerner Horvath) – Office of Clean Energy Workforce – As Introduced 2/15/22 – Support**

Dear Chairman Holden:

On behalf of the City of Riverside, I write to express our support for AB 2204 (Boerner Horvath), legislation that would establish the Office of Clean Energy Workforce and the Clean Energy Workforce Board to oversee the transition of California's workforce to a carbon neutral economy.

Despite the state's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction achievements, California lacks a robust workforce development strategy to shift to a clean energy economy and transition to a zero-emissions future. Based on a report released by the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI), nearly 113,000 people are employed in the fossil fuel-based industries in California earning around \$130,000, well above the roughly \$85,000 received by workers in California's current clean energy sectors. The PERI report estimates that about 3,200 workers per year will be displaced in these industries in California between 2021 and 2030 while another roughly 2,500 will voluntarily retire each year.

AB 2204 would establish the Office of Clean Energy Workforce, tasked with creating or coordinating programs to retrain and upskill workers for clean energy jobs, and plan and support the physical relocation of the fossil fuel-based workforce.

For these reasons, the City of Riverside supports AB 2204. If you have questions regarding the City's position, please contact Chekesha Gilliam, Intergovernmental Relations Officer at (951) 826-2419 or [CGilliam@riversideca.gov](mailto:CGilliam@riversideca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Mayor  
City of Riverside

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
The Honorable Adrin Nazarian  
City of Riverside Legislative Delegation