

## **Policy Proposal: ACA 16 Climate Amendment**

### Californian Sustainability and Environmental Rights

#### **Statement of the Problem:**

According to Assemblymember Issac Bryan, one of the creators of the ACA 16 Climate Amendment, without a formal “green amendment” all of the progress that has been made in California’s environmental policy is potentially subject to rollbacks (Bryan 2024).

#### **Summary of the Proposed Solution:**

ACA 16, also known as the California Green Amendment will codify the right to clean air, water, and a healthy environment for every Californian (Bryan 2024). This will provide a permanent guide for future environmental policy and ensure that previously passed environmental legislation will remain in place. However, the primary objective of this proposed amendment to the California Constitution is to declare that the people have a right to clean air, water, and a healthy environment.

#### **Reasons to Cast a Vote in Affirmation:**

California is a leader in environmental policy and by adding an essential “green amendment” we can ensure environmental protection and justice for all almost 40 million residents in California. Nine States have already passed similar Green Amendments: let’s make California the tenth.

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