Assemblymember Mike Gipson (AD 64) – Legislative Actions Related to the Environment

Since 2014, Assemblymember Gipson has been a part of implementing public policy that has changed the face of environmental protection in California. His votes and leadership as Democratic Caucus Chair on the following bills continue to be essential to the changes in public policy related to the environment:

- AB 350 (c 2015) - Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 - Enacts the "Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015" and establishes targets to increase retail sales of renewable electricity to 50% by 2030, and double the energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas end uses by 2030.
- AB 398 (c 2017) - Extended the cap and trade program
- AB 617 (c 2017)- Raised penalties for certain air pollution violations 5x higher.
- AB 525 (c 2021) - Established a planning process for incorporating off-shore wind in CA, to increase our renewable energy sources
- AB1346 (c 2021) - Requires the phase-out of emissions from small engines, like those used for lawn equipment, which is a major source of smog-forming pollutants in the South Coast region.
- SB158 (c 2021)- Reformed the department of toxic substances control and appropriates $500M for the cleanup of contaminated properties

In addition to the aforementioned transformative actions, Assemblymember Gipson has made his constituents a priority by authoring, co-authoring, and voting for legislation that promotes clean air and the protection of our ports and beaches (AB 864). His support, including funding for AB 2722 the Transformative Climate Communities Program and AB1071 the Supplemental environmental projects directly benefits communities in the 64th Assembly District including Watts. By supporting Senate Bill 1000 and AB 2616 ensured that cities and counties are required to address environmental justice in their general plans. Assemblymember Mike Gipson continues to support legislation around climate to highlight the importance of expanding resources, providing access to environmental education, and expanding environmental justice.

Additional legislative actions by Assemblymember Gipson include in engagement on the following bills:

- AB 864, Williams. Oil spill response: environmentally and ecologically sensitive areas. This bill requires pipelines to have the best available technology to reduce the amount of oil released in an oil spill to protect state waters and wildlife.
- AB 1059, Eduardo Garcia. California Communities Environmental Health Screening. This bill requires the Office of Environmental Health and Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to update its California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen 2.0) tool by using relevant environmental data relating to known impacts of air pollution, water pollution, and toxic sites on the environmental quality of the communities in the California-Mexico border region.
- AB 1071, Atkins. Supplemental environmental projects. This bill requires each board, department, and office within the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to establish a policy on supplemental environmental projects (SEPs) that benefits environmental justice communities.

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- AB 2616, Burke. California Coastal Commission: environmental justice.
- SB 122, Jackson. California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings.
- SB 348, Galgiani. California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: railroad crossings
- SB 734, Galgiani. Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011.
- SB 1000, Leyva. Land use: general plans: safety and environmental justice
- SB 1008, Lara. California Environmental Quality Act: Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System: exemption.
- AB 2722, Burke. Transformative Climate Communities Program..
- AB 28, Frazier. Department of Transportation: environmental review process: federal pilot program.
- AB 246, Santiago. Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011
- AB 734, Bonta. California Environmental Quality Act: Oakland Sports and Mixed-Use Project.
- AB 987, Kamlager-Dove. California Environmental Quality Act: sports and entertainment project.
- AB 1218, Obernolte. California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: bicycle transportation plans.
- AB 1438, Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials. State Water Resources Control Board: environmental laboratories: public water systems: certificates and permits: procedures

- AB 1804, Berman. California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: residential or mixed-use housing projects.
- AB 2341, Mathis. California Environmental Quality Act: aesthetic impacts
- AB 2377, Irwin. Agriculture: Cannella Environmental Farming Act of 1995: technical assistance grant program.
- AB 2782, Friedman. California Environmental Quality Act
- ACR 137, Eduardo Garcia. Latinos: environmental protection and conservation.
- SB 720, Allen. Environmental education: environmental principles and concepts.
- AB 302, as amended, Gipson. South Coast Air Quality Management District: fleets
- AB 476, as amended, Gipson. Vehicular air pollution: heavy-duty vehicles
- AB209, Limon - Parks: outdoor environmental education: grant program
- AB252, Daly - Department of Transportation: environmental review process: federal program
- AB782, Berman - California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: public agencies: land transfers
- AB1191, Bonta - State Lands Commission: exchange of trust lands
- AB1515, Friedman- Planning and zoning: community plans: review under the California Environmental Quality Act.
- AB1628, Rivas - Environmental justice.
- AB72 Pietre Norris- Environmental protection: coastal adaptation projects: natural infrastructure: regulatory review and permitting .
- SB7, Atkins - Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021
- SB118 - California Environmental Quality Act: public higher education: campus population