

May , 2020

The Honorable Patricia C. Bates
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3048
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Support for SB 1090: Protecting the Public in Coastal Hazard Zones

Dear Senator Bates:

On behalf of the _____, I write in support of Senate Bill 1090, which requires the Coastal Commission to grant permits to cities, counties, state agencies, and existing oceanfront homeowners in San Diego and Orange Counties enabling the installation of drainage systems, erosion resistant landscaping, retaining walls, notch infills and/or seawalls in coastal hazard zones to mitigate coastal erosion and prevent future fatalities on public beaches.

Coastal erosion has wreaked havoc on communities along California's coastline as increasing amounts of coastal bluffs are collapsing onto our beaches. This issue has risen to a critical level in the Counties of Orange and San Diego. Millions of people visit the beaches in this region each year but are forced to sit at the base of collapsing bluffs due to the lack of sand replenishment and minimal beach area during mid to high tides. The current status quo will not suffice. There needs to be an effective and constructive path for locals to mitigate erosion of vertical bluff faces in these densely populated coastal hazard zones in order to alleviate further fatalities, injuries, infrastructure destruction, and emergency repair costs and litigation.

SB 1090 will provide for a critical avenue to prevent further bluff-related tragedies from recurring. The addition of erosion mitigation strategies on the coastal bluffs will increase the amount of safe and secure coastal access on our beaches. SB 1090 will also require that our local beaches receive the sand replenishment that they desperately need.

Given these reasons, I am pleased to support SB 1090.

Sincerely,

