



The Local Government Climate Alliance (LGCA) unites California cities and counties to advocate for bold, equitable climate policies at the state level. LGCA leverages joint advocacy, knowledge sharing, and collective influence to accelerate action and deliver benefits to local communities across California.

VALUE PROPOSITION

Local governments lack a powerful voice in Sacramento to advocate for the nuanced and often technical climate solutions that are needed to reach local climate goals and keep communities safe. Existing municipal lobbyists are often underinformed about climate issues, and are necessarily spread thin across topical issues to represent the totality of local government priorities. LGCA will bring the focus and expertise necessary to advance impactful equitable climate solutions in California's crowded advocacy space.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

To drive the impactful, equitable, and scalable solutions needed to significantly accelerate statewide climate action, deliver lasting benefits to local communities, and meet climate goals ahead of California's 2030 and 2045 targets, LGCA will work to:

1. Expand cities' authority for local climate action and securing funding.
2. Accelerate affordable access to clean electricity, electrified transportation, zero-emission buildings, and low-carbon industry.
3. Remove barriers for local clean energy and climate strategies.
4. Ensure retraining, wage protection, and community reinvestment as cities and counties phase out fossil fuels.
5. Invest in wildfire prevention, water security, coastal resilience, habitat restoration, and urban greening, using nature-based solutions when possible.
6. Improve housing affordability, air quality, public transit access, public health and safety, and local economic development.

GOVERNANCE

The General Assembly of Core Members, Partners, and Affiliates will meet every other month, and will be led by a Chair and Vice Chair. Committees include an elected Executive Steering Committee (meets monthly) and a Policy Advisory Committee (meets monthly) and topic-specific subcommittees. Core Members commit to attending monthly Policy Advisory Committee meetings. The full General Assembly will meet at least once annually. Equity is embedded in all decisions.

- Core Members: Cities/counties, full voting rights.
- Observing Members: Cities/counties, limited participation, non-voting.
- Affiliates: Regional agencies, nonprofits, academics, tribal governments (advisors).

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Local Government (by population)

< 50,000: \$1,500
50,000 - 150,000 \$4,500
150,001 - 500,000 \$6,500
500,001+ \$8,000

Affiliate (by employee count)

1-20: \$1,500
20+: \$2,500

LGCA membership will consider a jurisdiction's population size and ability to pay and will make accommodations wherever practicable. This flexible approach recognizes that every city and county has different resources, priorities, and constraints, while ensuring we can sustain strong, coordinated climate advocacy together. The City of Santa Barbara will serve as LGCA's initial fiscal sponsor, with alternative sponsorship options to be explored in future years.