



June 16, 2025

California State Senate
1315 10th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Youth Advisory Committee - Support for AB 986 (Muratsuchi)

Dear Members of the California State Senate:

On behalf of the Youth Advisory Committee of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, we are writing to demonstrate our strong support for Assembly Bill 986, authored by Assemblymember Muratsuchi. This Bill aims to amend Section 8558 of the Government Code to include landslides and climate change-related conditions for state and local emergencies. This amendment is a necessary measure to aid the many California cities that are experiencing and will experience emergencies due to climate change-related landslides.

Currently, landslides are not classified as qualifying disasters under the California Emergency Services Act. This is a factor that must be changed as quickly as possible. Hundreds of members of youth are affected by California landslides such as the landslide in Rancho Palos Verdes. The landslide has affected infrastructure and homes among many other factors. All of this damage has major impacts daily on children and teenagers in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and its neighboring cities. Whether it is losing gas and heat to homes, having electrical power outages for months, interruption of having clean water in homes, safe living conditions, clean air, loss of internet for school work, denying or prolonging a student's voyage to school, affecting their mental health daily from living in uncertainty and destruction, or creating constant instability for a student, the youth in our community are tasked with handling it all. A landslide is a clear natural emergency that requires being included in our California law to provide aid to our citizens. Youth have gone without heat, electricity, water, broken roads, and homes for months. Therefore, any amendments to fix the law in California would be highly praised and welcomed greatly by the youth in Rancho Palos Verdes and its surrounding communities.

AB 986 would relieve a large strain on our community and all of California who have many recorded landslides. Orange County has had recent major landslides that have impacted residents and transportation lines. Fire burn areas in Los Angeles County may also be at increased risk for future landslides now as well. Climate change continues to impact our

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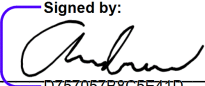
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coastal communities through California. AB 986 would allow options of State resources to provide for communities. Currently, our City and its people are being forced to carry the heavy burden of paying for almost all of the necessary costs to repair and maintain our situation. The passing of AB 986 would largely provide possibilities to relieve that burden of a natural disaster as it would provide much needed funds to our City and options for impacted families.

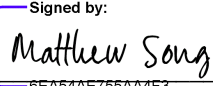
AB 986 is a measure that would benefit communities throughout California which are and will experience similar difficulties given the rise in climate change. It is a measure not just for immediate help if AB 986 is passed, but also so that the future youth and future leaders of our State be aided as much as possible.

On behalf of the Youth Advisory Committee, the youth voice of Rancho Palos Verdes, we urgently plead for the passing of AB 986.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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