

***Written Testimony in Support of Proposition 4
To the California State Legislature and Relevant Budget Committees
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To whom it may concern,

My name is Shijia Tang, and I am a state policy analyst with Saving the Sea, a student-run group based in California dedicated to protecting our environment and natural resources. I am writing to provide testimony in support of Proposition 4 and its continued investments in climate resilience, water infrastructure, wildfire preparedness, and community adaptation programs throughout California.

Proposition 4 represents an important step toward addressing the growing environmental and public health impacts of climate change across the state. California continues to face worsening droughts, extreme heat events, flooding, sea-level rise, and catastrophic wildfires that disproportionately affect vulnerable communities. The investments outlined under Proposition 4 help strengthen statewide resilience through long-term environmental protection, disaster preparedness, and sustainable infrastructure improvements.

One particularly important aspect of Proposition 4 is its support for water resilience and safe drinking water programs. Many California communities continue to experience aging infrastructure, groundwater contamination, and increasing water insecurity due to prolonged drought conditions. The proposition supports projects that improve drinking water reliability, groundwater sustainability, and climate-adaptive water systems, particularly for disadvantaged communities facing greater environmental burdens. Additionally, Proposition 4 strengthens California's wildfire preparedness and community resilience efforts through vegetation management, ecosystem restoration, and emergency planning. Investments in urban greening and extreme heat mitigation also improve public health outcomes and environmental equity across densely populated communities.

On behalf of Saving the Sea, thank you for considering my testimony in support of Proposition 4. We believe these investments are critical to protecting vulnerable communities and strengthening California's long-term environmental resilience.

Sincerely,
Shijia Tang, State Policy Analyst