



The California Legislative

2006 REPORT CARD

When Will Republican Lawmakers Catch Up To Their Voters?

Our 2006 report card for the California Legislature reveals that partisan division continues to mark our lawmakers on environmental issues. Not a single one of the Assembly's 32 Republicans voted for the pro-environment position on more than two of the 11 most important floor votes. Across the aisle, 46 of the house's 48 Democrats voted with the public interest at least five out of 11 times, and 19 of them had 100% records. Records in the Senate showed an even starker partisan difference.

What's odd about this deep division is that it does not at all reflect the sentiments of Republican voters, who are almost as concerned about environmental protection as Democrats, according to public opinion polls. For example, the Public Policy Institute of California found in its July survey that, when asked "What about the proposal made by Governor Schwarzenegger and other legislators to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the state back to 1990 levels by the year 2020?" 65% of Republicans said they favored it, compared to 67% of Democrats and 68% of independents. Yet only one of the Republicans in the Assembly, and none in the Senate, voted for that proposal, the Global Warming Solutions Act, AB 32, which garnered votes from 46 of the 48 Assembly Democrats and 23 of the 25 Senate Democrats.

Attitudes on air pollution were similar. When asked "Would you be willing to see tougher air pollution standards on

ships, trucks, and trains that transport freight and cargo?" (if yes: "Would this be true even if this made it more costly for these businesses to operate?") 68% of Republicans said yes, compared to 77% of independents and 83% of Democrats. But 100% of the Legislature's Republicans opposed SB 927, which would have assessed a small fee on container cargo to pay for air quality, security and transportation improvements at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The bill passed with only Democratic votes, then was vetoed by Gov. Schwarzenegger.

Sierra Club believes that protecting our air, water and wilderness for our families and for our future is not a partisan issue. Unfortunately, Sacramento's Republican legislators are not listening to their own constituents on this issue.

The performance of our Legislature makes a major environmental impact well beyond the borders of California. As the Bush Administration and Republican-dominated Congress sink into a swamp of corruption and denial, other states and even some foreign countries are increasingly looking to the Golden State for leadership on many ecological matters. For example, 10 other states have now adopted California's Clean Car standards, and other states are already considering taking action modeled on the new California Global Warming Solutions Act.



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SIERRA CLUB CALIFORNIA REPORT CARD	AB 332		AB 1012		AB 1870		AB 1953		AB 2838		AB 3050		SB 927		SB 931		SB 999		SB 1056		SB 1640		Total Favorable Votes	Score
	Global Warming Solutions	Clean Alternative Fuels and Vehicles	Stop Smoking Vehicles	Strengthens Plumbing Standards for Cleaner Water	Coastal Vehicle Mitigation Program	Flood Liability	Funding for Safer, Cleaner Ports	Reforms Subsidies for Polluting Dairies	Reforms the San Joaquin Valley Air Board	Loss of GMO Regulation (Oppose)	Water Use & Planning													
STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER																								
Karen Bass (D-47)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Wilma Chan (D-16)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Judy Chu (D-49)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Hector De La Torre (D-50)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Noreen Evans (D-7)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Jackie Goldberg (D-45)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Loni Hancock (D-14)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Dave Jones (D-9)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Paul Koretz (D-42)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
John Laird (D-27)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Mark Leno (D-13)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Lloyd Levine (D-40)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Sally Lieber (D-22)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Gene Mullin (D-19)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Joe Nation (D-6)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Fran Pavley (D-41)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Mark Ridley-Thomas (D-48)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Ira Ruskin (D-21)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Lori Saldaña (D-76)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	11/11	100%
Patty Berg (D-1)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	10/11	91%
Rebecca Cohn (D-24)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	10/11	91%
Mervyn Dymally (D-52)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	10/11	91%
Dario J. Frommer (D-43)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	10/11	91%
Betty Karmette (D-54)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	10/11	91%
Johan Klehs (D-18)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	10/11	91%
Cindy Montañez (D-39)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	10/11	91%
Pedro Nava (D-35)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	10/11	91%
Fabian Núñez (D-46)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	10/11	91%
Jenny Oropeza (D-55)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	10/11	91%
Lois Wolk (D-8)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	10/11	91%
Rudy Bermudez (D-56)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	9/11	82%
Joe Coto (D-23)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	9/11	82%
Ted Lieu (D-53)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	9/11	82%
Carol Liu (D-44)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	9/11	82%
Juan Vargas (D-79)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	9/11	82%
Jerome E. Horton (D-51)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	8/11	73%
Leland Yee (D-12)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	8/11	73%

A ★ indicates a favorable vote, a — indicates an unfavorable vote. Note that for SB 1056, the favorable vote was opposition to the bill. Abstaining from a vote counts as opposition, except for SB 1056.

	AB 32	AB 1012	AB 1870	AB 1953	AB 2838	AB 3050	SB 927	SB 931	SB 999	SB 1056	SB 1640		
Simon Salinas (D-28)	★	★	★	★	★	—	★	—	★	—	—	7/11	64%
Juan Arambula (D-31)	★	★	★	—	—	★	★	—	★	—	—	6/11	55%
Ed Chavez (D-57)	★	★	★	—	★	—	★	—	—	—	★	6/11	55%
Joe Baca (D-62)	★	—	★	★	—	—	★	—	—	—	★	5/11	45%
Ronald Calderon (D-58)	★	—	★	—	★	—	★	—	—	—	★	5/11	45%
Joe Canciamilla (D-11)	★	—	★	—	★	★	—	—	—	—	★	5/11	45%
Gloria Negrete-McLeod (D-61)	★	★	★	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	★	5/11	45%
Alberto Torrico (D-20)	★	—	★	★	★	—	—	—	—	—	★	5/11	45%
Tom UMBERG (D-69)	★	★	★	—	—	—	—	—	★	—	★	5/11	45%
Barbara Matthews (D-17)	—	★	★	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	3/11	27%
Sam Blakeslee (R-33)	—	—	★	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2/11	18%
Shirley Horton (R-78)	★	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2/11	18%
Greg Aghazarian (R-26)	—	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/11	9%
John J. Benoit (R-64)	—	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/11	9%
Russ Bogh (R-65)	—	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/11	9%
Dave Cogdill (R-25)	—	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/11	9%
Lynn Daucher (R-72)	—	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/11	9%
William Emmerson (R-63)	—	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/11	9%
Bonnie Garcia (R-80)	—	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/11	9%
Guy Houston (R-15)	—	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/11	9%
Alan Nakanishi (R-10)	—	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/11	9%
Roger Niello (R-5)	—	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/11	9%
Nicole Parra (D-30)	—	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/11	9%
Keith Richman (R-38)	—	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/11	9%
Van Tran (R-68)	—	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/11	9%
Mark Wyland (R-74)	—	—	★	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1/11	9%
Chuck DeVore (R-70)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
Ray Haynes (R-66)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
Bob Huff (R-60)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
Rick Keene (R-3)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
Doug La Malfa (R-2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
Jay La Suer (R-77)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
Tim Leslie (R-4)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
Bill Maze (R-34)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
Kevin McCarthy (R-32)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
Dennis Mountjoy (R-59)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
George Plescia (R-75)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
Sharon Runner (R-36)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
Todd Spitzer (R-71)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
Audra Strickland (R-37)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
Michael Villines (R-29)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%
Mimi Walters (R-73)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0/11	0%

State Senate Environmental Report Card

For the past several years, the Senate has generally been much more supportive of environmental legislation than the Assembly. Of California's 40 Senators, 25 are Democrats and 19 of them supported all of the bills assessed in this Report Card. In contrast, of the 15 Republicans in the Senate, 12 voted against all of these bills.

A more detailed Senate Report Card, similar to the Assembly Report Card, is available on our web site: www.sierraclubcalifornia.org

Richard Alarcón (D-20)	9/9	Gil Cedillo (D-22)	7/9
Elaine Alquist (D-13)	9/9	Denise Ducheny (D-40)	7/9
Debra Bowen (D-28)	9/9	Kevin Murray (D-26)	7/9
Wes Chesbro (D-2)	9/9	Dean Florez (D-16)	6/9
Joe Dunn (D-34)	9/9	Mike Machado (D-5)	6/9
Martha Escutia (D-30)	9/9	Jeff Denham (R-12)	1/9
Liz Figueroa (D-10)	9/9	Bob Margett (R-29)	1/9
Christine Kehoe (D-39)	9/9	Abel Maldonado (R-15)	1/9
Sheila Kuehl (D-23)	9/9	Sam Aanestad (R-4)	0/9
Alan Lowenthal (D-27)	9/9	Dick Ackerman (R-33)	0/9
Carole Migden (D-3)	9/9	Roy Ashburn (R-18)	0/9
Deborah Ortiz (D-6)	9/9	Jim Battin (R-37)	0/9
Don Perata (D-9)	9/9	Dave Cox (R-1)	0/9
Gloria Romero (D-24)	9/9	Robert Dutton (R-31)	0/9
Jack Scott (D-21)	9/9	Tom Harman (R-35)	0/9
Joseph Simitian (D-11)	9/9	Dennis Hollingsworth (R-36)	0/9
Nell Soto (D-32)	9/9	Tom McClintock (R-19)	0/9
Tom Torlakson (D-7)	9/9	Bill Morrow (R-38)	0/9
Ed Vincent (D-25)	9/9	Charles Poochigan (R-14)	0/9
Jackie Speier (D-8)	8/9	George Runner (R-17)	0/9

Governor's Actions on our Priority Bills

Continuing his trend of being 'a shade of green,' Governor Schwarzenegger signed only three of the seven Sierra Club California Report Card bills that made it to his desk in 2006. (The other four Report Card bills died in the Legislature.)

SIGNED

- AB 32 – Global Warming Solutions
- AB 1870 – Stop Smoking Vehicles
- AB 1953 – Strengthens Plumbing Standards for Cleaner Water

VETOED

- AB 1012 – Clean Alternative Fuels and Vehicles
- AB 2838 – Coastal Vehicle Mitigation Program
- SB 927 – Funding for Safer, Cleaner Ports
- SB 1640 – Water Use and Planning

Generally, the Governor has been strongest on ocean protection and global warming issues, and weakest on growth management and flood protection.

When lower priority bills are included, the Governor's overall signing record for bills supported by Sierra Club California improves (25 of 39, or about 64%). While this level of environmental support is vastly better than the record of other elected Republicans in California, there is obvious room for improvement. For comparison, former Governor Gray Davis ranged between 75-100% during his 5-year tenure, averaging about 82%.

Schwarzenegger has also involved himself extensively in the initiative process. Unfortunately, he opposes Prop. 87, which taxes oil companies to raise funds for clean alternative energy.