



2021 ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD

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2021 ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD EXPLAINED

Since 1973, California Environmental Voters (EnviroVoters) has released our annual *California Environmental Scorecard*, which rates the actions of the California State Legislature and the Governor on their environmental actions each legislative year. Through the Scorecard, we seek to accurately reflect the impact lawmakers have on addressing the climate crisis so voters can better understand how often their representatives in the State Legislature are voting for the environment.

HOW LEGISLATORS ARE SCORED

We select the most significant environmental bills from the previous legislative session and track how every state legislator voted on each bill. Scores are shown as a percentage and are weighted to include each legislator's own pro-environment votes and the California score, which makes up 5% of every Legislator's own score. Legislators who author a pro-environment Scorecard bill that was included in the overall California Score are given an additional point, and those who have accepted oil money since 2018 (recent election cycles) have a point deducted.

95%
Environmental Votes

5%
CA Score

Extra Credit:

+1 for authoring a pro-environment Scorecard bill

-1 for accepting oil money

HOW THE GOVERNOR IS SCORED

The Governor is also given a score, which is weighted to include the signing or vetoing of pro-environment bills into law and the California score, which makes up 10% of the Governor's score. Extra points are included in the Governor's score for pro-environment executive orders and important environmental actions his administration took in 2021.

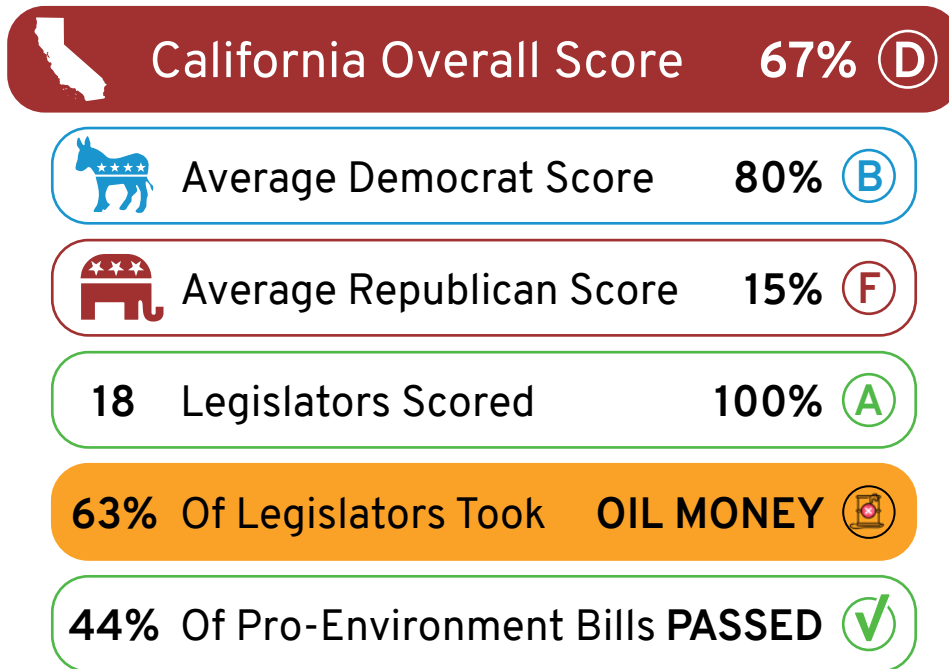
90%
Environmental Bills Signed or Vetoed

10%
CA Score

Extra Credit:

+1 for a pro-environment executive order or action

CALIFORNIA 2021 SCORE



What Happened?

California is no longer leading on climate change. Here's the reality: In the golden state, we are far behind where we need to be on climate action. The California Legislature and Governor have their work cut out for them. The time to go bigger and bolder on climate was yesterday. California has failed in recent years to muster up the political will to pass meaningful climate policy through the Legislature that will move the needle on issues that improve local air quality, advance environmental justice, replace dirty fossil fuels with clean energy, and that take advantage of the incredible opportunity that climate action brings for the health and safety of Californians and our state's economy. **California Environmental Voters assigned its first D grade (67%) to the state for its inaction on the climate crisis in 2021.**

We are one year closer to the 2030 deadline scientists have given us to make the necessary investments and policy changes to avert major climate catastrophe, and we've got too little to show for it. We are not on track to meet our current climate goals, and in 2021 the state once again failed to take meaningful action at the rate and scale the crisis demands.

It's no mystery why: A shocking 63% of state legislators take oil money. We have the solutions to solve the climate crisis, but too many of our leaders – who were elected to represent us, the people, who overwhelmingly support climate action – have lacked the political courage to move on meaningful climate policy. The clock is ticking, and anything short of bold, expansive action on climate is insufficient. California's D grade for 2021 reflects that.

GOVERNOR 2021 SCORE



Governor Gavin Newsom Score 82% (B)

Governor Gavin Newsom's plate was full in 2021, leading the nation's most populous state amid the second year of the pandemic and a vicious recall campaign. While the State Legislature failed to pass major climate policy for the third straight year, the Governor still has a responsibility to use his executive powers to take decisive and immediate action on climate. We didn't necessarily see the Governor use his executive powers in 2021 in the same way we saw him do so the previous year. In 2021, the Governor directed CalGEM (the agency that regulates oil and gas) to phase out fracking permits, announced an agreement to build out new offshore wind energy, and highlighted new regulations proposed by CalGEM to address the dangers of oil drilling in neighborhoods. While important, none of these actions were carried out as executive orders, which carry more weight and can be used to make immediate policy changes on urgent issues. There was an important opportunity to make up for the lack of legislative action on climate that the Governor fell short of taking full advantage of in 2021. As a result, his score dropped from 87% in 2020 to 82% for 2021.

Climate action is a team sport. Governor Newsom and the Legislature need to work together to make sure urgent climate legislation gets over the finish line. This will take real climate courage. The time to act on climate was yesterday, so there's a real need for them to move quickly and make up for lost time by going big on climate action and reclaiming California's place as a leader on climate policy. The Governor's actions need to match his words.

One notable win for climate action in 2021 was that the Governor signed a state budget that included \$15 billion in climate investments to be allocated over several years. And in January of 2022, the Governor proposed a budget that would build on that by proposing another \$22 billion in investments towards climate action. We are excited to see the growing urgency of the climate crisis reflected in the state budget and are hopeful we will see the same urgency reflected this year in the Governor's use of executive actions and work with the Legislature to ensure that major climate legislation passes.

2021 CLIMATE ACTION CAUCUS

Members of the Climate Action Caucus are environmental champions fighting for bold policy change to address the climate crisis in Sacramento. These legislators deserve special recognition for their climate leadership in 2021.

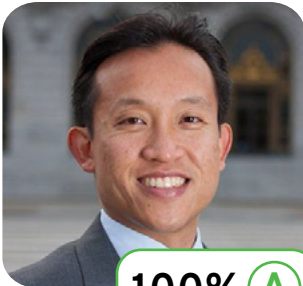


100% **A**

Assemblymember Steve Bennett (D)

New Legislator Of the Year

Assemblymember Bennett authored and passed into law an oil and gas bill in his first year in office. AB 896 holds polluters accountable for their cleanup costs and helps to reduce the number of orphaned oil wells (those left abandoned and not cleaned up by the companies that operated them) in the state. Assemblymember Bennett is a reliable strong environmental vote in the Assembly and has prioritized collaboration with colleagues on passing climate bills. He also sits on the Assembly Elections Committee, where he has been an advocate for creating a more fair, inclusive, and representative democracy.



100% **A**

Assemblymember David Chiu (D)

Clean Energy Champion

Former Assemblymember Chiu in 2021 authored and championed AB 525, which was signed into law and has jumpstarted the state's offshore wind energy industry. This will generate thousands of jobs and significantly move the needle on replacing dirty fossil fuel energy with clean, renewable energy. Chiu, who was appointed San Francisco City Attorney and vacated his Assembly seat, was a fierce progressive champion in the Assembly who was unafraid of taking on bold ideas and policy change and who brought colleagues and stakeholders together to push for climate action.

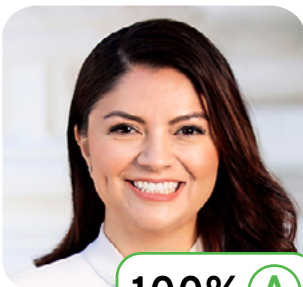


100% **A**

Senator Scott Wiener (D)

Anti-Fossil Fuel Fighter

Senator Wiener authored two Environmental Scorecard bills in 2021: SB 467 which would have banned fracking and ended neighborhood oil drilling, and SB 260, the Climate Corporate Accountability Act (EnviroVoters' sponsored bill). He is a consistent strong champion for bold climate policy with a solid environmental voting record, and has helped tremendously to push the State Senate to pass more climate legislation, which resulted in SB 260 being one of the first major climate bills to pass out of the State Senate in early 2022.



100% **A**

Senator Lena Gonzalez (D)

Clean Air Ambassador

Senator Gonzalez, elected to the Legislature in 2019, was named New Legislator of the Year in the 2020 Environmental Scorecard. In 2021, she continued to be a bold leader on climate justice in the State Senate. Senator Gonzalez's approach to climate and environmental health policies is intersectional and importantly prioritizes the needs of communities most impacted by pollution. Since taking over as chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, she has been a strong advocate for equitable access to clean transportation and cleaning up air pollution caused by cars and trucks.

2021 POLLUTER CAUCUS

Members of the Polluter Caucus have actively worked against efforts to pass policy that would protect our future from the climate crisis either by authoring anti-environmental bills or otherwise stalling progress on important policies. These legislators are responsible for stalling climate progress in 2021.



75% **C**

Senator Steve Glazer (D)

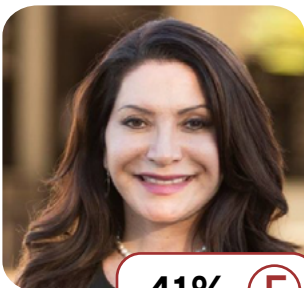
Senator Glazer continues to work behind the scenes to organize moderate, business-friendly Democrats in the Senate to stall climate and justice-focused legislation, including SB 342, a bill about environmental justice and air quality. His inability to accept any accountability for his actions and his votes is unacceptable, and the role he plays in delaying climate policy in California is undeniable. As the new chair of the Senate Elections Committee, Senator Glazer held important bills from being passed, including SB 286, a pro-democracy bill that, in its previous form, would have created a more representative democracy by requiring elections for county offices like county sheriff and board of supervisor seats to be held during general elections when voter turnout is more representative of the voters in a given county.



69% **D**

Senator Robert Hertzberg (D)

Senator Hertzberg was the Majority Leader of the Senate during 2021. Despite the Senate seeing an influx of important climate policy introduced in 2021, a majority of these important climate bills died or stalled because of a lack of leadership support from legislators like Senator Hertzberg. He has consistently worked against critical environmental justice policies like oil setbacks and has refused to support the small number of climate bills that actually made it to the Senate floor. He earned less than a 70% score in 2021, his lowest score of all time. In a state whose voters overwhelmingly want state leaders to prioritize climate action, Robert Hertzberg's actions as the former Majority Leader of the State Senate were unacceptable.



41% **F**

Senator Susan Rubio (D)

Senator Rubio has the second worst environmental score in 2021 among all Senate Democrats, and is among the top 10 lowest scoring Democrats in the entire Legislature. Her 41% score for 2021 is a giant drop from her 93% grade in 2020. In 2021, she voted against a bill that helped clean up oil wells during the bill's first floor vote, and she abstained from voting on decriminalizing jaywalking, codifying climate targets, and on improving air quality.



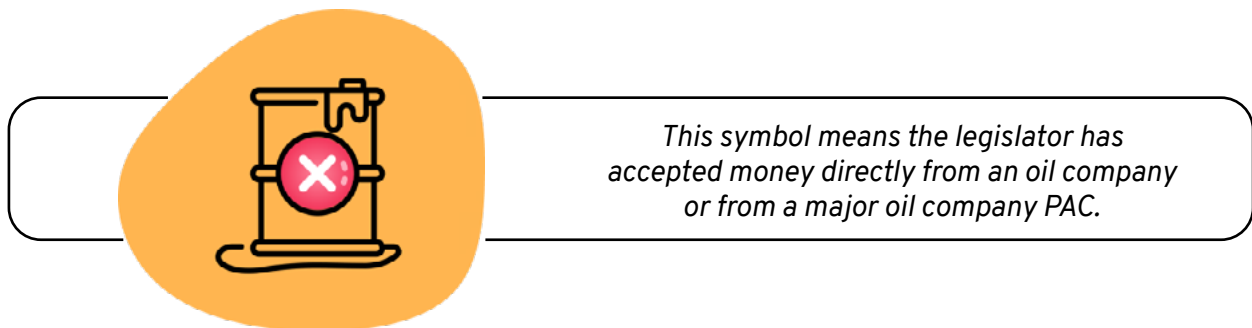
12% **F**

Assemblymember Rudy Salas (D)

Assemblymember Salas earned a 12% environmental score in 2021, making him the lowest-scoring Democrat in the entire California Legislature, scoring worse even than some Republicans. In 2021, he voted against all but one Environmental Scorecard bill. His time in the Legislature can be summed up by his overall 50% lifetime environmental score, which demonstrates how he has consistently let down his constituents on environmental issues in the nine years he has been in office by prioritizing oil companies. Assemblymember Salas authored numerous anti-environment bills, the worst being a bill in 2019 that would have sold out his constituents in Fuller Acres, a rural community with just under 1,000 residents (77% of whom are Latinx and a third of whom are children) in order to give a special exemption to an oil refinery to not have to monitor for toxic air pollutants that are known to cause cancer.

OIL MONEY BADGES

An oil money badge appears on the Scorecard listing of every legislator who has accepted money directly from oil companies or from major oil company Political Action Committees (PACs) within the past six years. While direct contributions from oil companies and their major PACs is not the only way a legislator can receive funding from the oil industry, it is a helpful indicator to show who openly accepts oil company funding and who does not. Corporate polluters' campaign contributions to legislators have a powerful impact on their votes. So for the first time, legislators who have accepted oil money in recent election cycles – since 2018 – have a negative mark on their 2021 environmental score, counting equal to an anti-environment vote. It is imperative that leaders reject the money and influence of this industry and instead hold them accountable for their role in creating the climate crisis.



HOW TO USE THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD

Through the Scorecard, we seek to accurately reflect the impact lawmakers have on addressing environmental issues and the climate crisis so voters can better understand how often their representatives in the State Legislature are voting for the environment.


Now here is where you come in. Find your legislator's environmental score, and make note of whether or not they take oil money. Then reach out to your legislator. Call, email, or tweet at them to tell them what you think of their environmental score and why it matters to you that your legislator always votes for climate justice. Don't underestimate our collective power as individuals and constituents. When the people of California make their voices heard, our policies better reflect our state's priorities.

VIEW THE SCORECARD ONLINE










To see the online version of the 2021 *California Environmental Scorecard* go to envirovoters.org/scorecard


2021 SCORES: STATE SENATE

DISTRICT	NAME	PARTY	2021 SCORE	OIL MONEY	PHONE NUMBER
1	Brian Dahle	R	10%		(916) 651-4001
2	Mike McGuire	D	90%		(916) 651-4002
3	Bill Dodd	D	70%		(916) 651-4003
4	Jim Nielsen	R	3%		(916) 651-4004
5	Susan Talamantes Eggman	D	71%		(916) 651-4005
6	Richard Pan	D	51%		(916) 651-4006
7	Steven Glazer	D	75%		(916) 651-4007
8	Andreas Borgeas	R	12%		(916) 651-4008
9	Nancy Skinner	D	98%		(916) 651-4009
10	Bob Wieckowski	D	93%		(916) 651-4010
11	Scott Wiener	D	100%		(916) 651-4011
12	Anna Caballero	D	41%		(916) 651-4012
13	Josh Becker	D	100%		(916) 651-4013
14	Melissa Hurtado	D	39%		(916) 651-4014
15	Dave Cortese	D	88%		(916) 651-4015
16	Shannon Grove	R	3%		(916) 651-4016
17	John Laird	D	98%		(916) 651-4017
18	Robert Hertzberg	D	69%		(916) 651-4018
19	Monique Limón	D	100%		(916) 651-4019
20	Connie Leyva	D	100%		(916) 651-4020
21	Scott Wilk	R	3%		(916) 651-4021
22	Susan Rubio	D	41%		(916) 651-4022
23	Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh	R	3%		(916) 651-4023
24	María Elena Durazo	D	98%		(916) 651-4024
25	Anthony Portantino	D	98%		(916) 651-4025
26	Ben Allen	D	100%		(916) 651-4026
27	Henry Stern	D	100%		(916) 651-4027

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2021 SCORES: STATE SENATE

DISTRICT	NAME	PARTY	2021 SCORE	OIL MONEY	PHONE NUMBER
28	Melissa Melendez	R	3%		(916) 651-4028
29	Josh Newman	D	77%		(916) 651-4029
30	Sydney Kamlager	D	100%		(916) 651-4030
31	Richard D. Roth	D	51%		(916) 651-4031
32	Bob Archuleta	D	56%		(916) 651-4032
33	Lena Gonzalez	D	100%		(916) 651-4033
34	Thomas Umberg	D	55%		(916) 651-4034
35	Steven Bradford	D	67%		(916) 651-4035
36	Patricia Bates	R	3%		(916) 651-4036
37	Dave Min	D	89%		(916) 651-4037
38	Brian W. Jones	R	10%		(916) 651-4038
39	Toni Atkins	D	75%		(916) 651-4039
40	Ben Hueso	D	72%		(916) 651-4040



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2021 SCORES: STATE ASSEMBLY

DISTRICT	NAME	PARTY	2021 SCORE	OIL MONEY	PHONE NUMBER
1	Megan Dahle	R	0%		(916) 319-2001
2	Jim Wood	D	82%		(916) 319-2002
3	James Gallagher	R	11%		(916) 319-2003
4	Cecilia Aguiar-Curry	D	64%		(916) 319-2004
5	Frank Bigelow	R	0%		(916) 319-2005
6	Kevin Kiley	R	0%		(916) 319-2006
7	Kevin McCarty	D	98%		(916) 319-2007
8	Ken Cooley	D	63%		(916) 319-2008
9	Jim Cooper	D	29%		(916) 319-2009
10	Marc Levine	D	98%		(916) 319-2010
11	Jim Frazier	D	55%		No longer in office
12	Heath Flora	R	14%		(916) 319-2012
13	Carlos Villapudua	D	64%		(916) 319-2013
14	Tim Grayson	D	55%		(916) 319-2014
15	Buffy Wicks	D	90%		(916) 319-2015
16	Rebecca Bauer-Kahan	D	98%		(916) 319-2016
17	David Chiu	D	100%		No longer in office
18	Mia Bonta	D	98%		(916) 319-2018
19	Philip Ting	D	100%		(916) 319-2019
20	Bill Quirk	D	90%		(916) 319-2020
21	Adam Gray	D	29%		(916) 319-2021
22	Kevin Mullin	D	100%		(916) 319-2022
23	Jim Patterson	R	11%		(916) 319-2023
24	Marc Berman	D	100%		(916) 319-2024
25	Alex Lee	D	98%		(916) 319-2025
26	Devon Mathis	R	20%		(916) 319-2026
27	Ash Kalra	D	100%		(916) 319-2027

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2021 SCORES: STATE ASSEMBLY

DISTRICT	NAME	PARTY	2021 SCORE	OIL MONEY	PHONE NUMBER
28	Evan Low	D	81%		(916) 319-2028
29	Mark Stone	D	98%		(916) 319-2029
30	Robert Rivas	D	100%		(916) 319-2030
31	Joaquin Arambula	D	29%		(916) 319-2031
32	Rudy Salas	D	12%		(916) 319-2032
33	Thurston "Smitty" Smith	R	11%		(916) 319-2033
34	Vince Fong	R	35%		(916) 319-2034
35	Jordan Cunningham	R	55%		(916) 319-2035
36	Tom Lackey	R	12%		(916) 319-2036
37	Steve Bennett	D	100%		(916) 319-2037
38	Suzette Martinez Valladares	R	29%		(916) 319-2038
39	Luz Rivas	D	98%		(916) 319-2039
40	James Ramos	D	41%		(916) 319-2040
41	Chris Holden	D	91%		(916) 319-2041
42	Chad Mayes	I	40%		(916) 319-2042
43	Laura Friedman	D	100%		(916) 319-2043
44	Jacqui Irwin	D	98%		(916) 319-2044
45	Jesse Gabriel	D	98%		(916) 319-2045
46	Adrin Nazarian	D	98%		(916) 319-2046
47	Eloise Gómez Reyes	D	100%		(916) 319-2047
48	Blanca Rubio	D	47%		(916) 319-2048
49	Ed Chau	D	98%		No longer in office
50	Richard Bloom	D	98%		(916) 319-2050
51	Wendy Carrillo	D	100%		(916) 319-2051
52	Freddie Rodriguez	D	29%		(916) 319-2052
53	Miguel Santiago	D	90%		(916) 319-2053
54	Isaac Bryan	D	98%		(916) 319-2054

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DISTRICT	NAME	PARTY	2021 SCORE	OIL MONEY	PHONE NUMBER
55	Phillip Chen	R	27%		(916) 319-2055
56	Eduardo Garcia	D	90%		(916) 319-2056
57	Lisa Calderon	D	81%		(916) 319-2057
58	Cristina Garcia	D	93%		(916) 319-2058
59	Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer	D	90%		(916) 319-2059
60	Sabrina Cervantes	D	81%		(916) 319-2060
61	Jose Medina	D	72%		(916) 319-2061
62	Autumn Burke	D	75%		No longer in office
63	Anthony Rendon	D	89%		(916) 319-2063
64	Mike Gipson	D	64%		(916) 319-2064
65	Sharon Quirk-Silva	D	60%		(916) 319-2065
66	Al Muratsuchi	D	93%		(916) 319-2066
67	Kelly Seyarto	R	9%		(916) 319-2067
68	Steven Choi	R	12%		(916) 319-2068
69	Tom Daly	D	43%		(916) 319-2069
70	Patrick O'Donnell	D	51%		(916) 319-2070
71	Rando Voepel	R	12%		(916) 319-2071
72	Janet Nguyen	R	11%		(916) 319-2072
73	Laurie Davies	R	3%		(916) 319-2073
74	Cottie Petrie-Norris	D	98%		(916) 319-2074
75	Marie Waldron	R	24%		(916) 319-2075
76	Tasha Boerner Horvath	D	98%		(916) 319-2076
77	Brian Maienschein	D	75%		(916) 319-2077
78	Christopher Ward	D	98%		(916) 319-2078
79	Akilah Weber	D	98%		(916) 319-2079
80	Lorena Gonzalez	D	91%		No longer in office



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