



## **Blue Ribbon Committee on Maximizing Jobs and Economic Growth**

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### **PURPOSE:**

Establish a high-level expert Blue Ribbon Committee to advise and inform state clean energy and climate actions to ensure maximum job creation and economic benefits to California and Californians.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Numerous non-partisan studies and reports show that California's clean energy and climate programs are creating major public health and environmental benefits. Many of the same analyses show that these policies are creating jobs and economic growth as well, and are resulting in major new clean energy, transportation, and infrastructure improvements throughout the state.

For example, in December 2014 the Advanced Energy Economy Institute (AEE) issued its report "California Advanced Energy Employment Survey" which showed that California is the location of over 40,000 businesses serving advanced energy markets, with the creation of roughly [432,000 new jobs](#) and a 5% increase in jobs over 2013.

The University of California at Berkeley Labor Center estimates that meeting California's energy efficiency goals in 2020 will generate [211,000 total jobs](#), or over 1 percent of California employment. Most of these jobs are high-wage construction and installation jobs that do not require advanced degrees.

Next 10 (a non-partisan, non-profit organization) has issued [numerous reports](#) showing that clean energy and climate policies result in thousands of new jobs created throughout the state.

In addition to these reports and studies, state agencies like the Air Resources Board, the Energy Commission, and the Public Utilities Commission all have established *ad hoc* advisory committees to help them assess the economic impacts and benefits of policies enacted by the legislature on clean energy and climate policy.

As the Legislature and Governor articulate next steps for our clean energy and climate policies, it's important to have a more permanent and formal committee that can advise these agencies on the best ways to maximize expenditure of public funds and implementation of low-carbon energy policies to ensure the state achieves the greatest economic growth and job creation.

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**PROPOSAL:**

Create the Blue Ribbon Committee on Maximizing Jobs and Economic Growth that consists of the following members with expertise in economic, financial, and policy aspects of clean energy economic growth and job creation:

- 5 members appointed by the Governor, subject to Senate confirmation;
- 1 member appointed by the Senate Rules Committee; and
- 1 member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

Direct the Committee to advise state agencies on the most effective ways to allocate clean energy and greenhouse gas related funds and to implement policies that maximize economic and employment benefits.

Require the Committee to report annually to the Legislature and the Governor.

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