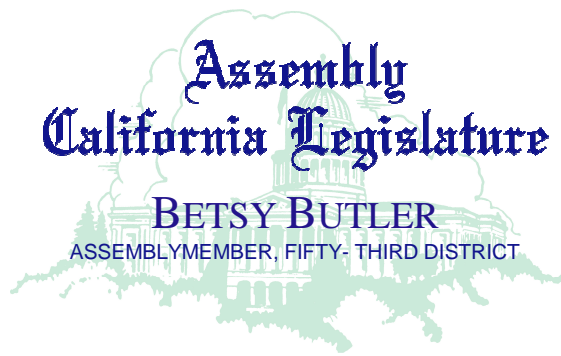


STATE CAPITOL  
P.O. BOX 942849  
SACRAMENTO, CA 94249-0053  
(916) 319-2053  
FAX (916) 319-2153

DISTRICT OFFICE  
500 Center Street  
El Segundo, CA 90245  
(310) 615-3515  
FAX (310) 615-3520



December 9, 2011

Dear Friends:

As a member of the California State Assembly, I have dedicated my service to the protection of the environment and ensuring that our natural resources are preserved for future generations. I have supported legislation to encourage the use of electric cars, stormwater capture and solar initiatives. Furthermore, I have been active in local organizations promoting green and responsible development in neighborhoods and communities throughout the greater Los Angeles region.

Looking forward, one of the greatest challenges our generation faces is addressing the impacts of climate change on our coastal communities. Developing strategies to adapt to the changes in store for us as Southern California residents is crucial and must be pursued through legislative, business and community channels, which is why I am happy to support the *Mediterranean City: A Conference on Climate Change*, so that we can continue to address the management challenges associated with an uncertain climate future.

California has led the way in developing policies to target the root causes of climate change. Now, we need to complement those efforts by creating strategies that will allow us to adapt to a changing environment.

Thank you to the Council for Watershed Health for putting together such an important event. As we all know, for adaptation to be successful, we need all of the players to be at the table together. Working together, we can accomplish great things and this conference is a tremendous step in the right direction.

Thank you for visiting the golden state. We have a lot at stake in any climate conversation so your participation and outcomes are of incredible importance to California and the world. We hope you will join us as we work together across national boundaries to build solutions to our greatest challenge.

Once again, thank you and welcome to our home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy Butler".

Betsy Butler  
Assemblymember, 53<sup>rd</sup> District