

CA SB-100: The 100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2017

Our Jewish values teach us to live justly and sustainably -- and to protect our environment. Now we have an urgent need to combat climate change, and here is a concrete opportunity for Reform Jews to live our faith through immediate action:

Reform California has joined a broad coalition of environmental, health, and social justice organizations to work towards the passage of **SB-100: The 100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2017**.

This important bill requires that all electricity in California come from carbon-free and renewable sources by 2045. As the 6th largest economy in the world, California has a special responsibility to take a leading role to ensure a livable planet for future generations, and the Jewish community has the opportunity to lead. Our active involvement is critical, now more than ever, as catastrophic climate events endanger our state – even as environmental protections and clean energy programs are gutted at the federal level.

Introduced by Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, SB-100:

A. Establishes an overall state target of 100% clean energy for California by 2045 by directing the CA Public Utilities Commission, CA Energy Commission, and Air Resources Board to adopt policies and requirements to achieve total reliance on renewable energy and zero carbon resources by that date.

B. Accelerates the current 50% mandate for clean renewable energy from 2030 to 2026 and establishes a new benchmark of 60% by 2030 to ensure more clean energy in the California grid sooner.

SB-100 already achieved a major milestone when it passed the California Senate in 2017, and it will work its way through the Assembly in 2018.

Now Reform CA is asking for the help of congregations and congregants to support the passage of this bill by taking these steps:

1. **Call your State Assembly member** to urge passage of SB100. (See <http://assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers> for contact information.) Make these key points:
 - California must show leadership in protecting our climate, and SB100 is a strong move in the right direction.
 - SB100 is necessary now so utilities make mid- and long-term plans for a cleaner future
 - We need a strong, “clean” bill with clear goals and no loopholes to exploit

2. **Ask members of your congregation** to call their Assemblymember -- there is great strength in numbers!
 - Forward this email with an appropriate introduction
 - Speak from the bima about the bill
 - Reach out to individuals and groups (e.g. Sisterhood) about the bill
3. **Encourage your clergy** to reinforce the messages of sustainability, environmental protections and environmental justice from the pulpit

Together, we can make a lasting difference for a healthy climate!