

Free the Beach: Ensure Public Coastal Access for All

Diverse allies including environmental justice, civil rights, health, and beach activists have long fought to free the beach for all. Climate change, private development, and beachfront homeowners threaten public access to public beaches even though public access is a core tenet of the California Coastal Act. Dr. Charles Lester and his team at the California Coastal Commission have done a really good job to protect the coast and public access for us all. Unfortunately Dr. Lester's job, and the successful Coastal Program he leads, are threatened by those who would like to oust him unjustifiably. We support transparency in government, an independent Coastal Commission staff, and continued public access for all Californians.

We ask Governor Brown, Senate President Pro Tem De Leon, and Assembly Speaker Atkins to please 1) take action to protect Dr. Lester's tenure and the independence of the Coastal Commission staff that upholds our rights in our Coast and 2) direct the Commissioners to refocus their efforts to promote public access and climate justice.



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