



*City of
Encinitas*

Office of
The Mayor

August 21, 2019

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

The Honorable Richard Bloom
Chair, Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development
State Capitol, Room 4112
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1788 (Bloom) pesticides: use of anticoagulants - Notice of SUPPORT

Jody Hubbard
Deputy Mayor

Dear Assembly Member Bloom:

The City of Encinitas supports AB 1788 (Bloom), which will ban the use of second-generation anticoagulant pesticides (SGARs) throughout the State and ban the use of first-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (FGARs) on any state-owned property.

Kellie Shay Hinze
Council Member

As you are aware, rodenticides (rat poisons) designed to kill rodents are poisoning California's native wildlife; and these persistent poisons are first consumed by rats, who in turn are consumed by other wildlife, resulting in secondary poisoning and contamination of the food chain.

Tony Kranz
Council Member

Studies reveal that more than 85% of California mountain lions, bobcats, and Pacific fishers have been exposed to rodenticides. In the decade from 1999 and 2009, the American Association of Poison Control Centers received reports of an average of 17,000 humans exposed to rodenticides annually. The vast majority, roughly 15,000, of these exposures involved children younger than six.

Joe Mosca
Council Member

The City of Encinitas is committed to a healthy environment for residents and visitors. Environmental sustainability is a priority of the Encinitas community and the City supports AB 1788 (Bloom).

Sincerely,

Catherine Blakespear
Mayor

Karen P. Brust
City Manager

cc: Senator Patricia Bates
Assembly Member Tasha Boerner Horvath
JGC Governmental Relations
Catherine Hill, League of California Cities
Encinitas Mayor and Council Members
Encinitas City Manager, Karen P. Brust