

Dear California Coastal Commission,

My name is Ethan Argue, I'm 13, and I am a 7th grader from Piedmont Middle School in Piedmont, California. I participate in Green Team, an elective class at my school. Recently, my class has been learning about sea level rise and tides, and we were given an assignment to write a letter to your commission to comment on draft policies and how local agencies and planners should be addressing the rising sea levels. My class is very aware that this problem is almost purely caused by humans and global warming.

One action I recommend to community level planning is to have design standards, because it minimizes the risk of damage from flooding and erosion and increases resilience in case of extreme events. Another action I recommend is to have infrastructure - service protection to keep things needed in a community to function. I would also recommend is the replenishment and nourishment of beaches. This would put more sand on beaches, so that erosion can be decreased, recreation can be increased, and preserves and enhances the aesthetic and habitat value of beaches.

Thank you for reading

Sincerely,

Ethan Argue

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ethan Argue". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the name.