

“GAS MASK”

Visual	Audio	Facts
	Some days it's hard to breath. Climate change is real.	N/A
GFX: Diane Harkey sided with polluters	But in Sacramento, Diane Harkey sided with polluters time after time.	See below.

GFX: OPPOSED CUTTING CARBON POLLUTIONS

Cite: Harkey for Assembly accessed via Internet Archive, 10/6/11

She opposed cutting carbon pollution.

On Her 2010 Campaign Website, Harkey Said She Supports Suspending AB 32 And Would Support Legislation To “Reign In California Air Resources Board And Water Quality Boards That Seem To Be Progressing With More And More Draconian Measures To Kill Off Existing Businesses.” “Reduce regulation to encourage private sector employment ensuring California can compete in the world economy. For starters, suspend AB 32 Green House Gas Reduction legislation and reign in California Air Resources Board and Water Quality Boards that seem to be progressing with more and more draconian measures to kill off existing businesses. Proposition 23 would allow for temporary relief, as was originally envisioned when AB 32 was passed. This is not the time to increase the cost of fuel, electricity and other necessities of life with a California only Cap and Trade policy. We simply can’t afford another tax on working, retired or the throngs of unemployed people of our state.” (Harkey for Assembly, accessed via Internet Archive, [10/6/11](#))

- **AB 32 Requires California To Reduce Its Greenhouse Gas Emissions To 1990 Levels By 2020.** “AB 32 requires California to reduce its GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 — a reduction of approximately 15 percent below emissions expected under a ‘business as usual’ scenario. Pursuant to AB 32, ARB must adopt regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective GHG emission reductions. The full implementation of AB 32 will help mitigate risks associated with climate change, while improving energy efficiency, expanding the use of renewable energy resources, cleaner transportation, and reducing waste.” (California Air Resources Board, accessed [8/27/18](#))
- **The Bill Was The First In The Country “To Take A Comprehensive, Long-Term Approach To Addressing Climate Change.”** “The passage of AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, marked a watershed moment in California’s history. By requiring in law a sharp reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, California set the stage for its transition to a sustainable, low-carbon future. AB 32 was the first program in the country to take a comprehensive, long-term approach to addressing climate change, and does so in a way that aims to improve the environment and natural resources while maintaining a robust economy.” (California Air Resources Board, accessed [8/27/18](#))

2012: Harkey Voted Against AB 1532, The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Investment Plan And Communities Revitalization Act; The Bill Passed 51-28-1. (AB 1532, Concurrence in Senate Amendments, [8/31/12](#))

- **The Final Bill Would Require Funding From The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (Which Holds All Capital Collected By The Air Resources Board From Auctioning**

		Greenhouse Gas Allowances) To Facilitate Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions In The State. (AB 1532 Assembly Floor Analysis, 9/1/12)
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Harkey voted against renewable energy

Cite: Sacramento Vote Record, 2009-2012

Voted against renewable energy programs for wind and solar.

2009: Harkey Voted Against AB 920 (Solar And Wind Distributed Generation), Which Passed 54-23-1. (AB 920, Concurrence in Senate Amendments, [9/12/09](#))

- **The Final Bill Would Allow Consumer Generators Of Solar And Wind Power To Be Compensated Or Credited For Surplus Electricity Produced.** (AB 920 Assembly Floor Analysis, [9/21/09](#))

2011: Harkey Voted Against SB 2 (Energy: Renewable Energy Resources), Which Passed 55-19-5. (SB 2, Senate Third Reading, [3/29/11](#))

- **The Bill Would Require Utility Companies To Increase Electricity Produced From In-State Renewable Energy Sources To An Amount Equal To At Least 33% Of The Total Electricity Sold To Retail Customers In California By The End Of 2020.** (SB 2, Assembly Floor Analysis, [3/15/11](#))

2012: Harkey Voted Against SB 1222 (Solar Energy: Permits), Which Passed 58-13-9. (SB 1222, Senate Third Reading, [8/27/12](#))

- **The Bill Would Cap Permit Fees For Rooftop Solar Energy Systems So They Would “Not Exceed The Estimated Reasonable Cost Of Providing The Service For Which The Fee Is Charged.”** (SB 1222, Assembly Floor Analysis, [8/22/12](#))

2012: Harkey Voted Against AB 1990 (Renewable Energy Resources: Renewable Feed-In Tariff Set Aside For Most Impacted And Disadvantaged Communities). (AB 1990, Assembly Third Reading, [5/30/12](#))

- **The Final Version Of The Bill Would Require California To Increase Energy Production From Renewable Sources.** (AB 1990, Senate Appropriations Committee Analysis, [8/21/12](#))

**GFX: DIANE HARKEY
OPPOSED EFFORTS
COMBATING CLIMATE
CHANGE**

**Cite: Harkey for
Assembly, accessed
via Internet Archive,
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And Harkey joined polluters to oppose an effort combating climate change.

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Asthma. Heart disease. Lung cancer. Real consequences when our air is polluted.

Breathing In Polluted Air May Increase The Risk Of Heart Disease. The New York Times reported, “Studying the links between pollution and health is difficult, since so many factors are involved and it is difficult to establish a direct cause-and-effect relationship. But a link between pollutants in the air and declines in cardiovascular health has been suspected since at least the 1990s, when epidemiological research suggested that breathing in tainted air drives up rates of heart disease. The possible short-term effects of pollution remained particularly unclear, with some studies showing no immediate short-term risk. And little was known about the impact of inhaling emissions and air particles on brain function and dementia.” (New York Times, [2/15/12](#))

- **Coal-Fired Power Plants Emit Soot And Ozone, Which Are “Directly Linked To Illnesses Like Asthma And Lung Disease.”** The New York Times reported, “New carbon emissions standards that were proposed last year for coal-fired power plants in the United States would substantially improve human health and prevent more than 3,000 premature deaths per year, according to a new study. The study, led by researchers at Syracuse and Harvard Universities, used modeling to predict the effect on human health of changes to national carbon standards for power plants. The researchers calculated three different outcomes using data from the Census Bureau and detailed maps of the more than 2,400 fossil-fuel power plants across the country. The model with the biggest health benefit was the one that most closely resembled the changes that the Environmental Protection Agency proposed in a rule in June. Under that plan, reductions in carbon emissions for the plants would be set by states and would include improvements to the energy efficiency of, for example, air-conditioners, refrigerators and power grids. The health benefits of the rule would be indirect. While carbon emissions trap heat in the atmosphere, which contributes to a warming planet, they are not directly linked to health threats. Emissions from coal-fired power plants, however, also include a number of other pollutants, such as soot and ozone, that are directly linked to illnesses like asthma and lung disease. Researchers calculated that the changes in the E.P.A. rule could prevent 3,500 premature deaths a year and more than 1,000 heart attacks and hospitalizations from air-pollution-related illness.” (New York Times, [5/5/15](#))
- **Climate Change Can Increase Smog Pollution In Some Areas, Adversely Affecting Patients With Asthma And Allergies; More Frequent Heat Waves From Climate Change Can Increase Heat-Related Deaths.** The National Resources Defense Council wrote, “More frequent and severe heat waves will result in a greater number of heat-related deaths. ... Global warming could increase smog pollution in some areas and intensify pollen allergies and asthma. Hotter conditions could also aggravate local air quality problems, already afflicting more than 100 million Americans. ... Warming temperatures, alternating periods of drought and deluges, and ecosystem disruption have contributed to more widespread outbreaks of infections like malaria, dengue fever, tick-borne encephalitis, and diarrheal illnesses. People living in poverty will be hardest hit

		<p>by the global surge in infectious diseases.” (National Resources Defense Council, accessed 11/4/15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EPA Estimated The Clean Power Plan Could Prevent 90,000 Asthma Attacks In Children And 1,700 Heart Attacks. (Environmental Protection Agency, accessed 10/21/15) <p>Climate Change Contributes To Asthma As It Lengthens The Allergy Season And Raises The Pollen Count. “Climate change plays a few roles contributing to asthma: It lengthens allergy season and raises pollen counts. An increase in ozone and carbon pollution contributes to pollen counts, while extreme rainfall and dampness encourages the growth of indoor fungi and molds. The result? Terrible allergy seasons and more cases of asthma: The rate of people diagnosed with asthma has gone up from 7.3 percent of the population to 8.4 percent over the last decade. Between 1995 and 2011, hotter temperatures caused the ragweed pollen season to increase by anywhere from 11 to 27 days in parts of the U.S.” (The New Republic, 5/7/14)</p> <p>The World Health Organization Has Declared Air Pollution To Be A Carcinogen And Linked To Lung Cancer. “One way climate change causes lung damage is through the spread of wildfires, the report explains. A warmer, drier climate is linked to record-breaking wildfires, which have come dangerously close to threatening populated cities like San Francisco and Colorado Springs. Air pollution and smog also directly impair the lungs, and some studies liken breathing ground-level ozone and tiny particulate matter to inhaling second-hand cigarette smoke. Last year, the World Health Organization declared air pollution to be a carcinogen, saying its link to lung cancer is clear and that it’s also associated with an increased risk for bladder cancer.” (The New Republic, 5/7/14)</p>
<p>GFX: Diane Harkey sides with polluters SAY NO TO DIANE HARKEY.</p>	<p>Diane Harkey sides with polluters.</p>	<p>See above.</p>

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