



# CARE

Californians for Affordable & Reliable Energy



## CALIFORNIA IS IN THE MIDDLE OF AN AFFORDABILITY CRISIS

– state policies are creating higher costs with little relief for working Californians.

### ACTION NEEDED

We need to control the rising costs of energy and ensure we have the supply needed to keep costs affordable for all Californians.

There is a growing list of state-mandated programs and requirements that have rapidly increased energy costs compared to the rest of the nation—driving up costs on everyone and everything.

For families to succeed and for businesses to grow in California, they need to know that their electricity, transportation and natural gas costs will be manageable. But costs have gone beyond what millions of Californians manage every month. The Federal Reserve has recently reported that one million Californians are three months behind in making their car payments.

### SINCE 2010, WHEN THE GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2006 (AB 32) WAS IMPLEMENTED:



California residential electric bills have increased **24 percent**



The average family now pays **\$241 more** per year for electricity



Average gasoline prices have increased from **\$3.14 to \$3.56 per gallon**

(source: US Energy Information Administration, GasBuddy.com)

### Join us in asking legislators to prioritize affordability and adequate supply.

Californians for Affordable and Reliable Energy (CARE) is a broad-based coalition of small businesses, community groups, local business organizations, and statewide associations that are calling on policymakers to prioritize affordability and working Californians when making energy policy decisions.

// Our neighborhoods are struggling. Families are having to choose between paying their ever-increasing electric bills or feeding their families. The affordability crisis is real and policymakers must stop making it worse for our communities."

Bishop Lovester Adams Sr, Pastor Greater New St. Matthews M.B. Church in Los Angeles, CA

