The Lieutenant Governor believes that rapid climate change dictates urgent action on the part of government and the private sector. He has given the newly re-vitalized Commission on Economic Development the task of fostering a sustainable growth economy, through the identification and dissemination of best practices in the areas of land use, development, procurement and waste management.

“There is no greater challenge to the future of our world than conquering global climate change,” Garamendi said. “It has the potential to negatively impact every aspect of our lives. We must elevate this battle to the forefront of everything we do, beginning today.”

Not so many years ago, then-Vice President Al Gore tasked John Garamendi with the responsibility to help develop America’s positions and platform for the Kyoto Conference on Global Climate Change. It was life-changing experience, as the potentially devastating effects of global warming become evermore apparent to him. Since that time, Garamendi has remained an outspoken proponent of a comprehensive commitment and approach to fighting Global Climate Change. He has given speeches across California and the nation on the critical imperative we face to successfully confronting this challenge.

He also insists that projects considered by the State Lands Commission and other boards and commissions on which he sits, reduce our use of carbon-based fuels to reverse or slow the effects of greenhouse gases on our environment and promote conservation.