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To: The Long Beach City Council
From: The Sierra Club
RE: Long Beach Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

Thank you for providing the opportunity for input on Long Beach's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. We applaud the wide range of topics covered, and the comprehensive look at the very real threat that climate change places on the city. However, we must point out these areas which would make the plan more reflective of the severity and urgency of the climate crisis.

- Include a plan to end local fossil fuel extraction, production, export and import. This must include a plan to shut down wells that leak methane and other toxins..
- Include a plan to shut down SERRF, end burning of plastic and other toxic trash.
- Plan to regulate and phase out local plastic production and sales.
- Take into account climate change impacts on and from future major local projects.
- Guarantee safe drinking water for all residents or prioritize water quality use for preservation of nature.
- Advocate for community swimming pools and neighborhood parks as "cooling centers" in marginalized communities.
- Plan for a retreat from areas subject to sea level rise, storm surges, and flooding due to climate change.
- Commit to preserve sacred sites and natural open spaces or inclusion of traditional tribal land management practices.
- Reduce hardscape by incentivizing the removal of structures and paved areas, and restoring natural creeks and other waterways.

You also received a letter from the Sierra Club's Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force, which explores these topics in more detail. The Sierra Club is committed to a livable planet, and we know that local officials can often have the greatest impact in moving toward this goal. We look forward to working with the city of Long Beach to rapidly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and secure our communities against the impacts of climate change.

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