

August 9, 2022

To: Long Beach City Council

From: Anna Christensen, Chair, Swimming Pool Committee, Long Beach Area Peace Network

Re: City of Long Beach Climate Action and Adaptation Plan/CAAP, Appendix E, Community Engagement, Community Working Group

Comment/Correction: Remove Anna Christensen/Phil Geison/Long Beach Area Peace Network from The Community Working Group list.

The Community Working group did not include Anna Christensen, Phil Geison, or any other members of the Long Beach Area Peace Network. Phil and I attended a single community meeting where we proposed that the City not build Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center/BBAC as it was environmentally unjust and would become inaccessible and unsafe due to sea level rise and storm surges during its lifetime.

Meeting attendees were informed by Chris Kootz of Development Services that a phase out oil and gas operations would not be addressed in the CAAP. It appeared that we were being recruited to sell an already formulated CAAP in disadvantaged areas by explaining it to residents in a simplified manner following a script. We did not feel heard.

*CAAP, Appendix E, Community Engagement,
Community Working Group*

The Community Working Group was convened to provide input on the public engagement approach and climate-related concerns and actions. The group included more than 20 representatives from local community-based organizations.

*E-7 Community Working Group members: • Lauren Ahkiam, LAANE, Don't Waste Long Beach • Laurie Angel, Jane Addams Neighborhood Association • Whitney Amaya, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice • Holland Brown, Alamitos Heights Improvement Association and Ground Education • **Anna Christensen, Long Beach Area Peace Network** • Patricia Chen, Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach • Kirsten Cox, Long Beach Progressive Revolution • Tiffany Davy, Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy • Karl Eggers, Walk Bike Long Beach • **Phil Geison, Long Beach Area Peace Network** • Joan Greenwood, Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance • Elizabeth Lambe, Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust • Dr. Robert Kalayjian, Citizens' Climate Lobby • Pedora Keo, California Nurses Association • Nelson Kerr, Long Beach Health Department • John Kindred, Long Beach Environmental Alliance/Long Beach Gray Panthers • Christa Indriolo, California Nurses Association • Robert Nothoff, Don't Waste Long Beach • Sokha Ny, Long Beach Environmental Alliance, LB 350, LB Gray Panthers • Karen Reside, Long Beach Gray Panthers • Lauren Ahkiam, LAANE, Don't Waste Long Beach • Laurie Angel, Jane Addams Neighborhood Association • Whitney Amaya, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice • Holland Brown, Alamitos Heights Improvement Association and Ground Education • **Anna Christensen, Long Beach Area Peace Network** • Patricia Chen, Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach • Kirsten Cox, Long Beach Progressive Revolution • Tiffany Davy, Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy • Karl Eggers, Walk Bike Long Beach • **Phil Geison, Long Beach Area Peace Network** • Joan Greenwood,*

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