

**From:** Whitney Amaya [mailto:whitney.amaya@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:56 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** General Public Comment for 11/16/21 City Council Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello, my name is Whitney Amaya. I'm a resident of West Long Beach which is part of District 7. I'm also a member and organizer with East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice.

I want to call the City Council's attention to the newly released report Vestiges of Environmental Racism: Closing California's Last Two Municipal Waste Incinerators that examines the environmental, financial, and public health harms of incinerators and ask the council to support the recommendations listed in the report.

Most of the waste in Long Beach is burned at the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility or sent to nearby landfills, both of which pollute the environment, exacerbate climate change, and harm the health of our communities. However, as is noted in the report, there are alternative approaches to waste management that our city can lead on that does not continue to perpetuate environmental racism.

According to the report, SERRF has repeatedly exceeded their emissions, but have avoided accountability by claiming equipment startup, shutdown, malfunction exemptions meanwhile our communities have had to breathe dirty air in an area that's already overburdened from multiple polluting sources and we are left to deal with the detrimental impacts to our health.

In addition to air pollution, SERRF produces toxic ash that requires landfilling where there are great risks of the contaminants in that ash leaching into the soil and groundwater. Furthermore, an inspector had noted back in 2018, that there was a buildup of toxic ash at the site that made it difficult to breathe. This is not okay. Our communities deserve better and we need our city to begin taking action in committing to a future without SERRF.

We ask that the city councilmembers read the report and support the recommendations which include 1) closing the incinerator at the end of its contract in 2024, 2) Creating & implementing a zero waste goal & plan that centers community voices no later than 2024, and 3) investing in a zero waste future now. Please direct staff to begin taking action on the recommendations as a sign of commitment to our communities and cleaner air.

Thank you.

**From:** Josie Bennett [mailto:josieweir@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:56 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** General Public Comment for 11/16/21 City Council Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear City Leaders:

Hi, my name is Josie Bennett and I am a Long Beach resident (District 3). .

As a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach, my values and principles guide me to support policies that honor the inherent worth and dignity of every person, respect the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part, accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions, and more. These principles lead me to support East Yard and Earthjustice' call for better, cleaner waste policies and actions.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Josie

**From:** Patricia Chen [mailto:patriciachill88@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 13, 2021 11:49 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** Green Team <greenteam@uucblb.org>  
**Subject:** General Public Comment for 11/16/21 City Council Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

**Dear City Leaders:**

**Hi, my name is Patricia Chen.**

**As a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach, my values and principles guide me to support policies that honor the inherent worth and dignity of every person, respect the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part, accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions, and more. These principles lead me to support East Yard and Earthjustice' call for better, cleaner waste policies and actions.**

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**Thank you.**

**Sincerely,**

**Patricia Chen**

**District 5**

**From:** Laura Cortez [mailto:laurac.eycej@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 10:07 AM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** General Public Comment for 11/16/21 City Council Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Please read into the record.

My name is Laura and I'm writing this comment to uplift the newly released report highlighting the need to close California's Last Two Municipal Waste Incinerators. This report examines the environmental, financial, and public health harms of incinerators through empirical data. I am requesting the council makes a commitment tonight to support the recommendations listed in the report.

The Southeast Resource Recovery Facility in Long Beach exacerbates climate change, and harms the health of our communities. Burning waste through incinerators is an old world approach, and there are better, more innovative solutions to waste management that LB can lead on that does not perpetuate environmental racism.

The report highlights that SERRF has repeatedly exceeded their emissions, but have avoided accountability by claiming equipment startup, shutdown, malfunction exemptions that harm our already overburdened communities with health issues.

Additionally, SERRF produces toxic ash that requires landfilling where there are great risks of the contaminants in that ash leaching into the soil and groundwater. Furthermore, an inspector had noted back in 2018, that there was a buildup of toxic ash at the site that made it difficult to breathe. This city council has called itself "progressive" and "environmental stewards"-- which is inappropriate given that the council has allowed this polluter to continue harming your constituents for profit.

I, and this report, ask that the city councilmembers support the recommendations which include 1) closing the incinerator at the end of its contract in 2024, 2) Creating & implementing a zero waste goal & plan that centers community voices no later than 2024, and 3) investing in a zero waste future now. Please direct staff to begin taking action on the recommendations as a sign of commitment to our communities and cleaner air.

Thank you.

Laura J. Cortez (she/they-- ella/elle)

**From:** Jessica Amaya [mailto:jessicas.amaya@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:02 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** General Public Comment for 11/16/21 City Council Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hi my name is Jessica Amaya.

I want to call the City Council's attention to the newly released report Vestiges of Environmental Racism: Closing California's Last Two Municipal Waste Incinerators that examines the environmental, financial, and public health harms of incinerators and ask the council to support the recommendations listed in the report.

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Thank you.

**From:** Tina Calderon [mailto:akunativpeopl@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:51 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** General Public Comment for 11/16/21 City Council Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Good evening,

My name is Tina Calderon and I am a Gabrielino Tongva elder and Culture Bearer.

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Thank you,

Tina Calderon



**From:** Emily Lou [mailto:louemily93@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:55 PM

**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** General Public Comment for 11/16/21 City Council Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hi my name is Emily Lou.

I want to call the City Council's attention to the newly released report Vestiges of Environmental Racism: Closing California's Last Two Municipal Waste Incinerators that examines the environmental, financial, and public health harms of incinerators and ask the council to support the recommendations listed in the report.

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Thank you.

**From:** meltemnarter [mailto:meltemnarter@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2021 8:38 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** Green Team <greenteam@uucbl.org>  
**Subject:** General Public Comment for 11/16/21 City Council Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

**Dear City Leaders:**

**Hi, my name is Meltem A. Narter.**

**As a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach, my values and principles guide me to support policies that honor the inherent worth and dignity of every person, respect the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part, accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions, and more. These principles lead me to support East Yard and Earthjustice' call for better, cleaner waste policies and actions.**

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**Thank you.**

**Sincerely,**

Meltem A. Narter

District 2

**From:** Lilia Ocampo [<mailto:ocampolilia@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:56 PM

**To:** CityClerk <[CityClerk@longbeach.gov](mailto:CityClerk@longbeach.gov)>

**Subject:**

**-EXTERNAL-**

Asunto: Comentario público en general para la Reunión del Consejo de la Ciudad del 16 de Noviembre

Hola, mi nombre es Lilia Ocampo soy constituyente del primer distrito

Quiero llamar la atención del Concejo Municipal sobre el informe recientemente publicado Vestigios del Racismo Ambiental: Cierre de los Dos Últimos Incineradores de Residuos Municipales de California que examina los daños ambientales, financieros y de salud pública de los incineradores y pedirle al consejo que apoye las recomendaciones enumeradas en el informe.

La mayoría de los desechos en Long Beach se queman en Southeast Resource Recovery Facility o se envían a vertederos cercanos, los cuales contaminan la madre tierra, exacerban el cambio climático y dañan la salud de nuestras comunidades. Sin embargo, como se señala en el informe, existen estrategias alternativas para la gestión de residuos en los que nuestra ciudad puede liderar y que no continúan perpetuando el racismo ambiental.

Según el informe, SERRF ha excedido repetidamente sus emisiones, pero ha evitado la responsabilidad al reclamar exenciones de arranque, apago y mal funcionamiento de los equipos, mientras que nuestras comunidades han tenido que respirar aire sucio en un área que ya está sobrecargada por múltiples fuentes contaminantes y se les deja para lidiar los impactos perjudiciales para nuestra salud.

Además de la contaminación del aire, SERRF produce cenizas tóxicas que requieren los vertederos donde existen grandes riesgos de que los contaminantes de esa ceniza se filtren en el suelo y las aguas subterráneas. Además, un inspector había notado en 2018 que había una acumulación de cenizas tóxicas en el sitio que dificultaban la respiración. Esto no está bien. Nuestras comunidades merecen algo mejor.

Pedimos que los concejales de la ciudad lean el informe y apoyen las recomendaciones que incluyen 1) cerrar el incinerador al final de su contrato en 2024, 2) Crear e implementar una meta y un plan de cero desperdicio que centre las voces de la comunidad para más tardar en 2024, y 3) invertir en un futuro sin desperdicio ahora. Por favor dirigirse al personal que comiencen a tomar medidas sobre las recomendaciones como una señal de compromiso a nuestras comunidades y para un aire más limpio.

Gracias.

Subject: General Public Comment for the November 16 City Council Meeting

Hello, my name is Lilia Ocampo I am a constituent of the first district

I want to draw the City Council's attention to the recently released report *Traces of Environmental Racism: Closure of California's Last Two Municipal Waste Incinerators* that examines the environmental, financial, and public health harms of incinerators and ask the council to support the recommendations listed in the report.

Most of the waste in Long Beach is burned at the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility or sent to nearby landfills, polluting Mother Earth, exacerbating climate change and damaging the health of our communities. However, as noted in the report, there are alternative strategies for waste management in which our city can lead that do not continue to perpetuate environmental racism.

According to the report, SERRF has repeatedly exceeded its emissions but avoided liability by claiming startup, shutdown and equipment malfunction exemptions, while our communities have had to breathe dirty air in an area that is already overloaded by multiple sources. pollutants and are left to deal with the detrimental impacts on our health.

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We ask that city councilors read the report and support the recommendations that include 1) shutting down the incinerator at the end of its contract in 2024, 2) Creating and implementing a zero waste goal and plan that focuses community voices to no later than 2024, and 3) invest in a zero-waste future now. Please reach out to staff who begin to act on the recommendations as a sign of commitment to our communities and to cleaner air.

Thanks.

**From:** Pamela Amaya [mailto:pamelam.amaya@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:59 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** General Public Comment for 11/16/21 City Council Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hi my name is Pamela Amaya, a resident of West Long Beach.

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Thank you.

**From:** Gabe A R [mailto:gabe488@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:52 PM

**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** General Public Comment for 11/16/21 City Council Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hi my name is Gabriel Reyes.

I want to call the City Council's attention to the newly released report Vestiges of Environmental Racism: Closing California's Last Two Municipal Waste Incinerators that examines the environmental, financial, and public health harms of incinerators and ask the council to support the recommendations listed in the report.

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Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave Shukla [mailto:dave.shukla@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 12:11 PM  
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Suzie Price <Suzie.Price@longbeach.gov>  
Cc: Whitney Amaya <amayaw.eycej@gmail.com>  
Subject: General Public Comment on 11/16/21 City Council Meeting - 2

-EXTERNAL-

Hello, my name is Dave Shukla, and I am writing you both as a resident, and as the Operations Director of the Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy.

I'm writing to leave a message for Councilmember Suzie Price to uplift the comments that were submitted to the city council meeting last night that highlighted the findings and recommendations from the newly released report Vestiges of Environmental Racism: Closing California's Last Two Municipal Waste Incinerators.

Trash has been burned at the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility for decades. According to the report, SERRF has repeatedly exceeded their emissions, but have avoided accountability by claiming equipment startup, shutdown, malfunction exemptions contributing to the poor air quality in our region.

In addition to air pollution, SERRF produces toxic ash that requires landfilling where there are great risks of the contaminants in that ash leaching into the soil and groundwater. Furthermore, an inspector had noted back in 2018, that there was a buildup of toxic ash at the site that made it difficult to breathe. This is not okay. Our communities deserve better.

We ask that Councilmember Suzie Price read the report, and take action on the recommendations in the report which include 1) closing the incinerator at the end of its contract in 2024, 2) Creating & implementing a zero waste goal & plan that centers community voices no later than 2024, and 3) investing in a zero waste future now.

Thank you.



**From:** Bill Sive [mailto:bill.sive@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, November 14, 2021 5:16 PM

**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Public Comment: City Council Meeting 11/16/2021 - Agenda Item: 20.21-1212

**-EXTERNAL-**

Mayor Garcia, City of Long Beach Councilmembers,

As the United States, the City of Long Beach and the World look for sustainable futures, it is time to once again look at the operations of the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF).

I firmly believe that the time has come for waste incinerators like the SERRF to be old technology. I encourage the City of Long Beach to use Amager Bakke ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amager\\_Bakke](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amager_Bakke)) as a model for a replacement.

Amager Bakke located in Copenhagen is the world's first and only clean energy plant. The plant is similar in size to the SERRF in that it turns 400,000 tons of Copenhagen's waste into clean energy.

In addition to Amager Bakke there are additional ways to improve quality of life in the westside of Long Beach via implementing Green retrofitting ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green\\_retrofit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_retrofit)) practices on current buildings. Green retrofitting increases the amount of green space within our city with the added value of reducing greenhouse emissions.

The westside of Long Beach is the ideal geographic footprint to utilize forthcoming infrastructure funding from the Federal Government. In addition, infrastructure funding can also be used to implement hydropanel (<https://www.source.co/how-hydropanel-works/>) and Blue spaces ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue\\_space](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_space)).

These new practices, being implemented in progressive sustainable cities throughout other geographic locations reducing the harm of environmental racism as noted in the newly released report "Vestiges of Environmental Racism: Closing California's Last Two Municipal Waste Incinerators" which examines the environmental, financial, and public health harms of municipal incinerators and kindly request the City Council to support the recommendations noted in the report.

Please direct City Staff to study these sustainable recommendations and how they can be implemented in our city with infrastructure funding. Implementing these recommendations sooner makes the City of Long Beach a leader in sustainability, closer to a Zero Waste future as-well-as a more livable city for all its residents.

Kindest Regards,

Bill Sive

**From:** Andi Svenneby [mailto:asvenneby@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:39 AM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** General Public Comment for 11/16/21 City Council Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hi my name is Andrea and I live in the 1st district in an orange census tract surrounded by red blocks on the CalEnviro Screen map tracking pollutants.

I want to call the City Council's attention to the newly released report Vestiges of Environmental Racism: Closing California's Last Two Municipal Waste Incinerators that examines the environmental, financial, and public health harms of incinerators and ask the council to support the recommendations listed in the report.

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According to the report, SERRF has repeatedly exceeded their emissions, but have avoided accountability by claiming equipment startup, shutdown, malfunction exemptions meanwhile our communities have had to breathe dirty air in an area that's already overburdened from multiple polluting sources and are left to deal with the detrimental impacts to our health. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE AND WE MUST HOLD SERRF ACCOUNTABLE. My recommendation is for heavy fines to be distributed to surrounding communities for air filters, and mobile health clinics servicing these communities for free as well as other resources to benefit these communities including native drought tolerant landscaping and native trees to aid in cleaning up the air exacerbated by SERRF emissions,

In addition to air pollution, SERRF produces toxic ash that requires landfilling where there are great risks of the contaminants in that ash leaching into the soil and groundwater. Furthermore, an inspector had noted back in 2018, that there was a buildup of toxic ash at the site that made it difficult to breathe. This is not okay. Our communities deserve better.

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Furthermore, I am suggesting the following: heavy fines any time SERRF exceeds their limits and distribute those funds to surrounding communities for air filters, and mobile health clinics servicing these communities for free as well as other resources to benefit these communities including native drought tolerant landscaping and native trees to aid in cleaning up the air exacerbated by SERRF emissions,

Thank you,  
Andrea Svenneby

**From:** Lupe Diaz [mailto:lupisdiaz34@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2021 1:57 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** General Public Comment for 11/16/21 City Council Meeting

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hi my name is Guadalupe Valdovinos and I am associated with East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice.

I want to call the City Council's attention to the newly released report Vestiges of Environmental Racism: Closing California's Last Two Municipal Waste Incinerators that examines the environmental, financial, and public health harms of incinerators and ask the council to support the recommendations listed in the report.

Most of the waste in Long Beach is burned at the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility or sent to nearby landfills, both of which pollute mother earth, exacerbate climate change, and harm the health of our communities. However, as is noted in the report, there are alternative approaches to waste management that our city can lead on that does not continue to perpetuate environmental racism.

According to the report, SERRF has repeatedly exceeded their emissions, but have avoided accountability by claiming equipment startup, shutdown, malfunction exemptions meanwhile our communities have had to breathe dirty air in an area that's already overburdened from multiple polluting sources and are left to deal with the detrimental impacts to our health.

In addition to air pollution, SERRF produces toxic ash that requires landfilling where there are great risks of the contaminants in that ash leaching into the soil and groundwater. Furthermore, an inspector had noted back in 2018, that there was a buildup of toxic ash at the site that made it difficult to breathe. This is not okay. Our communities deserve better.

We ask that the city councilmembers read the report and support the recommendations which include 1) closing the incinerator at the end of its contract in 2024, 2) Creating & implementing a zero waste goal & plan that centers community voices no later than 2024, and 3) investing in a zero waste future now. Please direct staff to begin taking action on the recommendations as a sign of commitment to our communities and cleaner air.

Thank you.

**From:** Tuphsouf Frepty [mailto:godanw@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2021 9:23 AM  
**To:** cityclerk@longbeach.go  
**Cc:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Business that nurtures a City LWest &CCouncil

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**From:** **Tuphsouf Frepty** <godanw@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Sat, Nov 13, 2021, 3:09 PM  
**Subject:** Business that nurtures a City LWest &CCouncil  
**To:** <lisa.west@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** <Mollie.Wilson@longbeach.gov>, CityClerk <cityclerk@longbeach.gov>

Dear Lisa West and City Council members,

Regarding: Business that nurtures a City

Good day to you and I hope this email finds you well. My name is Danny Wilson - back ground Sociology Bachchlors Degree/also studied business, Masters Degree Sociology, Recommended City Commissioner of Community Development and Economic Development 2007, by Gary DeLong (Great Business mind).

After learning of so many businesses closing that make families thrive in Long Beach, I as a social scientist wanted to make recommendations and point out value going forward.

You see Safety departments, business licensing and health departments or any one addressing business deprivation, citation or departure should be being reviewed with a report to help keep businesses hope fair/possible for all. Weekly, biweekly, monthly and quarterly business reports of what business is being the object of slow or fast departure should be recognized. Fairness must be checked; is business disappearing more in one district and how. Is this a sly way to slowly reduce a district's commerce and revenue making power, as well as reduce public job creation more possible for one area and less for another. Seriously, safety and enforcement could letirally sell control of revenue making to one area and not another, or worse slowly have related or relatives buy up the majority without notice.

The city needs repair businesses for shoes when new shoes are stuck on a ship. Do not listen to Safety and law enforcement that say repair, retail and maintenance is for homeless to gather. Mother"s, fathers, service workers need a variety of services in Long Beach like shoe repair, laundry service, car repair, food, health food, clothing maintenance, retail, pharmacy and more. Most of these are not an easy click to get done. The city citizens need these. These have been systematically, in my oppinion, taken away with non trained eyes noticing. The next 3 to 5 years are going to need attention to these intricacies more than ever. Traditional revenue methods and new ones are needed, not one or the other, all. The recent changed all that.

I see them and wanted to encourage the courting of these businesses going forward. If you or any of the council need to contact me, please do. As a concerned citizen I will help if possible. I am in the third

great district of council member Price and great staff. They are familiar with my citizen commentary and reasoning, in terms of intricate detailed value statements and passionate ones shall we say.

Attention, in my opinion is needed on a regular basis for the above subject matter from now on if possible.

Thank you for the time.

Danny Wilson - Masters of Management Public Administration, Sociologist, Author

**From:** Myron Wollin [mailto:mywollin@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:12 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Rent Stabilization

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello,

The City of Long Beach needs to adopt a rent stabilization policy. We cannot build enough housing to relieve the shortage of affordable housing.

Landlords are raising rents an average of 20% in the last 10 years and the majority of Long Beach renters are rent-burdened, meaning they pay more than 30% of their monthly income toward rent.

It has been particularly hard on our Seniors who have a fixed income and often end up homeless.

We need Rent Stabilization to protect and stabilize our Long Beach citizens, 61% of them who are renters, from being displaced.

I urge City Council to direct the staff to adopt a Rent Stabilization Ordinance as a specific Policy or Program in the Housing Plan to prevent displacement and homelessness.

Myron Wollin  
Ex-President Long Beach Gray Panthers