

# Summary of Public Input

*In preparation for the 2017 Work Plan, public input was gathered from a SpeakUp Long Beach! community discussion board as well as the Sustainable City Commission Meeting held on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.*

## Buildings and Neighborhoods



- **Steve:** Senior LGBT housing for LGBT people and allies ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Chanel:** Visible, friendly walk paths on the west side of Long Beach to encourage both physical & mental health ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Caitlin:** Enhancing the walkability of neighborhoods; making public space and amenities more accessible, safe, and enjoyable; encouraging people to use forms of alternate transportation ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Laurie:** Improve bus routes and increase walkability ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Marilyn:** Cleaning the alleys on street sweeping days; more effective process for removing graffiti ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Chanel:** Create more walking paths and trails, especially in low income areas ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Unknown Name, High School English teacher:** Modify land use to increase walkability and bike use, bring back corner stores, denser development ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Gabrielle:** Cleaner air, safer water and open space, outlawing leaf blowers ([Commission Meeting](#))

## Energy & Climate



- **Jae:** Stop fracking along the shore; promoting solar energy by applying for grants, training and employing residents to install solar panels ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Caitlin:** Educating and providing incentives/rebates to residents and businesses to increase their energy efficiency; increasing the energy efficiency of City facilities by emphasizing energy accountability, interdepartmental partnerships, and aggressive applications for energy grants ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Scott:** Pass an ordinance requiring any new building/construction to implement renewable energy sources; require solar for a percentage of all energy use; incorporate renewable energy infrastructure in City owned structures ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Shamis, Engineer & Chair of LB chapter of Surfrider:** Work towards climate adaptation – sea level rise, coastal erosion; funds that encourage development off the beach ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Jan:** Impact of air pollution from industrial areas, create climate justice emission plan, plan to move towards reliable and renewable energy, more community engagement and progress reporting of what's going on ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Patricia, Co-organizer for LB 350:** Adopting Climate Action Plan as element of the City's general plan, wants something that can last through more mayors, recommends it supports the Sustainable City Action Plan, make it as effective as possible ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Annie, Member of 350:** Urging the city to implement a community choice aggregation plan, a lot of energy can be saved by making the process more efficient ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Iris, Stop Fracking LB:** Encourage stop fracking, "keep it in the ground" ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Peter, Member of 350:** Install solar panels, study onshore wind power ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Carey, Member of 350:** Really impressed with what we're doing, would like the City to continue to support global climate change efforts ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Gabrielle, Sierra Club:** Implement community choice aggregation ([Commission Meeting](#))

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## Waste Reduction



- **Caitlin:** Establishing City purchasing guidelines while promoting and educating residents and businesses on sustainable waste practices; establishing a food waste recovery program and an E-waste facility ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Tony, Long Beach Fresh and Don't Waste Long Beach:** Establish a more far-reaching compost program for local businesses; working with restaurants more closely to reduce food waste by making portions more reasonable and encouraging programs that get excess food to the hungry ([SpeakUp](#) & [Commission Meeting](#))
- **Louise:** Transition to a fully managed Waste Recycling System by establishing higher standards that address the needs of the small businesses, large office complexes, restaurants, or home owners, while providing fairness in pricing; begin the process of instituting a Long Beach Waste Reduction program and seek to franchise haulers who meet the City's solid waste reduction requirements ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Ryan:** Encourage the food industry to not waste their excess food supply; educate the community and restaurants on what they can do with their excess food ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Stella:** Create local zero waste goal, currently lack access to recycling bins, encourage a recycling driven job hub ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Linda:** Increase number of recycling bins, establish a local zero waste goal ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Shamis, Engineer & Chair of LB chapter of Surfrider:** Waste reduction – ban of Styrofoam ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Unknown Name, Member of Earth Justice & Don't Waste Long Beach:** Adopt a zero waste goal, reduce reliance upon incinerator ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Francisco and Elizabeth, Don't Waste LB & LBCC Students:** Establish zero waste goal ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Diana, VP of Food Finders & Don't Waste Long Beach:** Despite the amount of food rescued, it is still the single largest source of food waste in CA, ensure all residents have access to food waste collection ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Natasha, Don't Waste LB:** Have limited access to green waste collection ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Alice, Nurse, Mother, & Organizer of LB 350:** Would like to see solutions that have positive influences, adopt a zero waste goal ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Chloe and Sophia, Daughters of Alice:** Adopt a zero waste goal ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Patricia, Co-organizer for LB 350:** Adopt a zero waste goal ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Iris, Stop Fracking LB:** Have composting available citywide ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Unknown name, Member of 350:** Adopt the zero waste goal ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Leah, Don't Waste LB:** Develop more food waste reduction program ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Steve, LA Sierra Club:** Adopt a zero waste goal ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Stephanie, US Zero Waste Business Council:** Creating a zero waste economy for everyone, zero waste is the Cinderella of climate change ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **Robin:** Adopt a zero waste goal and ban Styrofoam ([Commission Meeting](#))
- **John, Member of Surfrider, Smokefree LB, & Don't Waste LB:** Give citations out for littering ([Commission Meeting](#))



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## Green Economy & Lifestyle

- **Caitlin:** Create a “shop green” program or directory and encouraging healthy food options and recreational activities ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Tony, Long Beach Fresh and Don’t Waste Long Beach:** Consider adopting a Good Food Purchasing plan that increases standards for City-level food procurement; seek policies that connect green lifestyle to other critical values including, key values of local business, nutrition, animal welfare, and a valued workforce ([SpeakUp](#) & [Commission Meeting](#))
- **Steve, LA Sierra Club:** Create more green job opportunities ([Commission Meeting](#))



## Transportation

- **Caitlin:** Expand transit lines and enhance bus stop amenities; create further bicycle infrastructure and expand City bike share programs; reduce emissions related to the port, airport, and City-affiliated vehicles ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Lisa:** Maintain noise levels to an acceptable level; carefully consider sustainability into decisions such as introducing international flights at the Long Beach airport; decision making regarding this proposal must balance social, economic, and environmental considerations ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Unknown Name, High School English teacher:** Accelerating the EV charging stations to encourage early adoption of city vehicles ([Commission Meeting](#))



## Urban Nature

- **Helen:** Revisit the Heartwell Park plan and get feedback from a larger number of people; establish a green waste plan ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Caitlin:** Create greater connectivity between parks and transit; incorporate community participation with regards to planning parks and other green projects ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Robin:** Urging urban agriculture incentive zone ([Commission Meeting](#))



## Water

- **Caitlin:** Improving irrigation systems and impermeable surfaces, updating landscaping standards, and implementing means of recycling water ([SpeakUp](#))
- **Nancy:** Increase infrastructure for reclaimed water so it can cover all of Long Beach ([Commission Meeting](#))

