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Please accept these comments to Agenda Item No. 4 at today's meeting regarding the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

I write today to remind you that Long Beach has been working on these environmental threats for years. It is time to act.

I have attended the forums presented by the City to explain the troubles that are barreling down on us due to the climate crisis. The “Long Beach Climate and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)” is a good start, but it will require us—all of us—to actually implement the actions put forth in the plan.

While the City has demonstrated its commitment to an environmentally sustainable, equitable, and resilient future in the CAAP, please do not overlook the City’s December 2019 “Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Feasibility Study” as a proven example of how local communities can take power to procure their own energy to run their homes and businesses. The CAAP indicates that a CCA program will help us achieve our greenhouse gas reduction goals.

As a member of the Long Beach Community Choice Energy Working Group, representing Long Beach 350, I know this program is one of the best ways we can meet our local GHG reduction targets and create local jobs that will benefit our most vulnerable frontline communities. The mayor and city council have asked for innovative solutions—Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) is just that.

Long Beach has a history of oil and gas dependency. But that was then, and this is now. We must transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy. Our State legislature mandates it, the people of Long Beach are in need of it, Black Lives Matter is demanding we do this equitably, and we have a moral imperative to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all future generations.

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PS I was unable to enter this on the website's EComments as it kept saying I was allowed only 1,000 words, even though the above comments are far short of that. This is just another frustration and a wall created between citizens and leaders. Please do what you can to get this fixed.