

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
SUSTAINABLE CITY  
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020  
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE  
411 W OCEAN. BLVD, LONG BEACH, 4:00 PM**

Sona Coffee, Chair  
Morgan Wheeler, Vice Chair  
Donna Bergeron-Birge, Commissioner  
Carla Dillon, Commissioner  
Hilda Gaytan, Commissioner



Rey Gonzales, Commissioner  
Jenny Novak, Commissioner  
Eric Rock, Commissioner  
Coby Skye, Commissioner  
Alan Tolkoff, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES**

**SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO  
EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 4:09 PM, Chair Coffee called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Hilda Gaytan, Rey  
**Present:** Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Alan Tolkoff, Coby Skye, Morgan  
Wheeler and Sona Coffee  
**Commissioners** Eric Rock  
**Absent:**

Also present: Courtney Chatterson, Communications Specialist; Britney Coker-Moen, Green Business Coordinator; Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

Chair Coffee made opening remarks.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. 20-031CA Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Environmental Committee and Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, July 23, 2020.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Wheeler, seconded by Commissioner Skye, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Coby Skye, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 3 - Hilda Gaytan, Eric Rock and Alan Tolkoff

2. 20-032CA Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Coalition for Clean Air on their Recommended Priorities for Oil Tax Revenue Allocation and forward these recommendations to City Council.

Commissioner Gaytan joined the meeting.

Christopher Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

Christopher Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gaytan and Christopher Chavez Coalition for Clean Air.

Commissioner Novak spoke.

Christopher Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Novak and Christopher Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Courtney Chatterson, Communications Specialist, spoke.

Christopher Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air, spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Christopher Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air, spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge spoke.

Christopher Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Bergeron-Birge and Christopher Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air.

Commissioner Tolkoff spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Christopher Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Skye and Christopher Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Courtney Chatterson, Communications Specialist, spoke.

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

Christopher Chavez, Coalition for Clean Air, spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Skye, seconded by Commissioner Gaytan, to approve recommendation, as amended, to [1] forward Sustainable City Commission recommendations to City Council; and [2] request Sustainability Staff to consider participation in the Clean Air Day this year. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Carla Dillon, Hilda Gaytan, Rey Gonzales, Jenny Novak, Alan Tolkoff, Coby Skye, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 1 - Eric Rock

3. 20-033CA Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Department of Public Works Environmental Services Bureau on Waste Reduction Programs and Organics Recycling.

Diko Melkonian, Deputy Director of Public Works, spoke.

Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion Officer, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Diko Melkonian, Deputy Director of Public Works, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Coffee and Diko Melkonian, Deputy Director of Public Works.

Ted Smith, Potential Industries, Inc., spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Ted Smith, Potential Industries, Inc., spoke.

Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion Officer, spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

Ted Smith, Potential Industries, Inc., spoke.

Vice Chair Wheeler spoke.

Ted Smith, Potential Industries, Inc., spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Ted Smith, Potential Industries, Inc., spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion Officer, spoke.

Diko Melkonian, Deputy Director of Public Works, spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Skye and Diko Melkonian,  
Deputy Director of Public Works.

Courtney Chatterson, Communications Specialist, spoke.

Commissioner Tolkoff spoke.

Ted Smith, Potential Industries, Inc., spoke.

Commissioner Tolkoff spoke.

Diko Melkonian, Deputy Director of Public Works, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Tolkoff and Diko Melkonian,  
Deputy Director of Public Works.

Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion Officer, spoke.

Diko Melkonian, Deputy Director of Public Works, spoke.

Commissioner Tolkoff spoke.

Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge spoke.

Erin Rowland, Waste Diversion Officer, spoke.

Ted Smith, Potential Industries, Inc., spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge spoke.

Diko Melkonian, Deputy Director of Public Works, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Bergeron-Birge and Diko Melkonian, Deputy Director of Public Works.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Diko Melkonian, Deputy Director of Public Works, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gonzalez and Diko Melkonian, Deputy Director of Public Works.

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

Diko Melkonian, Deputy Director of Public Works, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gaytan and Diko Melkonian, Deputy Director of Public Works.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gaytan, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Hilda Gaytan, Rey Gonzales, Alan Tolkoff, Coby Skye, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 3 - Carla Dillon, Jenny Novak and Eric Rock

4. 20-034CA Recommendation to receive a presentation from Potential on Long Beach's Curbside Recycling Program.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Skye, seconded by Commissioner Gaytan, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Donna Bergeron-Birge, Hilda Gaytan, Rey Gonzales, Alan Toloff, Morgan Wheeler and Sona Coffee

**Absent:** 4 - Carla Dillon, Jenny Novak, Eric Rock and Coby Skye

**PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF**

Chair Coffee spoke.

Courtney Chatterson, Communications Specialist, spoke.

**COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Chair Coffee spoke.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Commissioner Gaytan spoke.

Chair Coffee spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Coffee and Commissioner Gaytan.

Commissioner Skye spoke.

Commissioner Bergeron-Birge spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:08 PM, there being no objection, Chair Coffee adjourned the meeting.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, September 24, 2020 - 4:00 PM**

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