

Non-Agenda 9/24/2020 SCC Emailed Public Comment

From: Tom Bowman

Sent: 9/23/2020 at 1:39pm

Greetings,

I submit this comment as a local business owner, co-founder and coordinator of the Long Beach Sustainable Business Network, lead author of an upcoming U.S. Action for Climate Empowerment Strategic Planning Framework (advancing UNFCCC Article 6), author of and author of *What If Solving the Climate Crisis Is Simple?* I am also author of the Aquarium of the Pacific's *A Citizens' Guide to Building a Climate Resilient Long Beach* and *A Personal Guide to Becoming Climate Resilient*.

The "framework" process I mentioned above involves some 200 participants from 150 different organizations and networks who came together to recommend how the next U.S. presidential administration should advance the Action for Climate Empowerment agenda (known as "ACE" and referenced in Article 6 of the UNFCCC treaty and reaffirmed in Article 12 of the Paris Agreement). This diverse community of ACE actors in the U.S. agrees on several points that I urge you to consider.

1. Engaging and empowering the public in finding and implementing solutions to the climate crisis is crucial. Our resources for doing this work are deep, but they are not aligned and, for the most part, the public has not engaged as much as it needs to.
2. The center of climate action is cities. People experience the impact of climate change in the communities where they live, and this is also where people can participate in finding and implementing solutions. Cities also play a leading role in meeting state emissions reduction mandates.
3. Climate solutions are inseparable from climate justice. People of color and members of low-income communities already experience the greatest harm from air pollution, and they face the greatest risks in a warming climate. The ACE community is calling on decision-makers to establish genuinely inclusive decision-making process that do not patronize these segments of the public but genuinely empower them.

Time is of the essence. Effective action to reduce carbon emissions and make neighborhoods and businesses more resilient is a critical need. Therefore, climate action and climate justice should be central to all civic decisions and be a co-top priority in the negotiation and evaluation of every policy and budgetary proposal.

I would be happy to discuss these issues with you.

All the best,

Tom

From: John Kindred

Sent: 9/24/2020 at 5:11AM

City of Long Beach has a growing Housing and Homelessness Problems and looking to loss much beach land over the years do to Sea Level Raise. If Long Beach is going to have a chance to find ways to fix its housing and homeless problems why are we not addressing the growing problems of Climate Gentrification, Climate Migration-Climate Refugees do to Climate Change?

This is a growing Global Problem and something that will affect what Long Beach address its Housing and Homeless Problems. There is nothing in the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) addressing this.

Second question, what will Long Beach City Council do to enforce it litter laws if its wanting to put a stop to its growing pollution and litter problems? It does no-good, if we keep passing laws but don't enforce them. The litter problems in Long Beach and specially in the Downtown Long Beach and Beach Areas has become worse and we are losing the fight?

I look to hear your thoughts and feedback on these questions and they will be fix,

John Kindred.

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From: Padric Gleason Gonzales

Sent: 9/24/2020 at 12:18pm

Climate action MUST be a top priority in 2021. The countdown clock is at "0:00" for transitioning our economy to renewable energy and reduce emissions dramatically across all sources, but the City Council has repeatedly postponed action. The CAAP was first drafted over a year ago but has still not been approved. CCA was delayed by a year. I demand that the City of Long Beach stop squabbling and messing around and take action TODAY.
