



Thursday, July 23rd 2020

Subject: Second Meeting of the Joint Environmental Committee and Sustainable City Commission

Honorable Councilpersons and Commissioners,

Thank you for scheduling this important meeting as the ongoing novel coronavirus pandemic continues to present and expose fundamental problems in our society.

Many of these problems, locally, originate in how the discovery of oil in California was initially managed in the 1910s and 1920s, including the Long Beach and Signal Hill oil strikes and resultant institutional arrangements with municipal oil and gas operations with the California Resources Corporation, which recently filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. From the quick and easy development fossil fuels provided for what became the nation's model State from the 1920s to 1940s, to the tremendous expansion of extractive operations and economies of dependency created around oil and gas in the 1950s through 1970s, there are a surfeit of examples of how the cyclical expansion and involution the industry here in Long Beach changed the growth trajectory and energy paths for the State and this Country.

As we have recently seen, the pandemic has changed the calculus of all of that.

We thus look forward to the presentations scheduled and subsequent discussion this afternoon.

We respectfully request the following:

1. Long Beach City Council to adopt the most robust and far reaching Climate Action and Adaptation Plan possible, **no later than December 31, 2020.**
2. The Oil Barrel Production Tax be increased above parity with Signal Hill's effective rate of \$0.67 per barrel in the language of the proposed Ballot Measure, to account for the Social Cost of Carbon and the life-cycle of localized pollution impacts from oil and gas extraction that Long Beach is responsible for.
3. Long Beach City Council be given a recommendation to adopt a Community Choice Energy Program and file an implementation plan with the California Public Utilities Commission **no later than December 31, 2020.** The Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy does not take a position on governance options at this time beyond the following:

If Long Beach does not join the Clean Power Alliance, it should only be to build a better program for the residents and workplaces of Long Beach. This City knows it simply cannot achieve its LORS around emissions reductions without massive rapid decarbonization of the electricity sector in this decade.

Statewide, Community Choice Aggregation programs have documented emissions reduction gains and local economic development revenue streams *ahead of schedule, even responding to the current pandemic and economic crisis. Today.*

We will be happy to provide you with examples

Thank you for all of your efforts to make Long Beach a more sustainable place. The Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy.

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