

Mayor O'Neill and Council Members:

The question is not should we create an Environment Commission. The question is, how can that Commission be the most help to the people of Long Beach and our surrounding neighbors?

If you want to save the millions spent on environment impact reports, created for projects that have little or no chance of being safe for humans or in any way energy efficient, create an Environment Commission with power to provide input on planning any new development at its initial, beginning stages, so plans presented are realistic for our city's long term needs..

If you want development of clean, sustainable energy resources in connection with ALL new projects being developed in Long Beach, create an Environment Commission that is mandated to review the work of the RDA, Long Beach Housing and any multiple unit dwellings or retail spaces, public buildings or other development of private, public and industrial space.

If you want stable economic development and affordable energy costs for all Long Beach businesses and residents, create an Environment Commission that can work actively with the California Energy Commission on projects to develop and fund clean, renewable energy.

If you want cleaner water supplies hitting our beaches and options for neighborhood water catchments to replenish the local water tables, create an Environment Commission that can work with planning and building to save and conserve water in all new developments and as part of the remaking of our neighborhoods.

If you want a source of steady and growing revenue for Long Beach, establish an Environment Commission that will negotiate the sale of energy credits, from ANY clean energy produced for our Ports and public buildings. These funds should go into a city fund dedicated to the production of clean energy, locally, to help developers, as well as private citizens, create more clean power and clean water for our future.

For specific information on any of these points or their implementation, feel free to contact me.

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