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Dear Councilmembers:

Consideration of the CAAP is LONG OVERDUE and urgently needed. Please approve this recommendation and accelerate work on reducing emissions and protecting our air and water.

- **Sources-** regulate and draw down Long Beach's top emitters: transportation (we desperately need faster construction of alternatives to cars, even as simple as bike lanes), electricity generation (there's no nearly enough solar generation across Long Beach), the Port (we desperately need to accelerate the Port of Long Beach's Clean Air Action Plan), and waste (implement a citywide compost system and reduce waste entering landfills)
- **Sinks-** expand the urban canopy, restore coastal wetlands in the Lower LA River and San Gabriel River, and expand public parks
- **Society-** we desperately need to create a walkable city with public transit and zero-emission vehicles, an educated and informed populous. When consumers are fully informed and self-aware, they usually choose cleaner goods and behaviors. We need to ensure they have that opportunity.

Investing in these priorities locally and statewide right now will ensure that we're well-positioned from a Federal Government focus on climate in the next 4 years. California must continue to be a national leader, and Long Beach should claim our rightful seat at the table. **Please prioritize a clean, green economic transition in 2021.**

Regards,
Padric