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PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO USE eCOMMENT TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY ALSO BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL TO CITYCLERK@LONGBEACH.GOV	Elliot Gonzales	oururbanparadise@gmail.com						I see no reason why there is a 3 p.m. deadline. Some of the items on the agenda are presentations and so a person would be expected to comment on the presentation before the presentation is made. I'm also having technical difficulties submitting my comment. I've submitted to comments and I received two error messages. commenting is not a very technically difficult challenge. It is really important that the city maintain public comment and the technology is always working appropriately.	6/25/2020
PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO USE eCOMMENT TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY ALSO BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL TO CITYCLERK@LONGBEACH.GOV	laurie smith	lauriesmith22@me.com						The city is in violation of limiting public discourse to the agenda items that have presentation items. I request that this meeting be open to telephonic comments in order that the community of Long Beach have the traditional public forum as protected in the 1st Amendment of the US Constitution. It is evident that the city has the ability for public telephonic participation, which is currently being utilized for other city meetings: Cultural Heritage commission, Zoning Administration Hearings, and City Council meetings. It is reasonable to assume that the city is limiting public discourse by only providing E-comments made in advance of city department presentations, which the public does not have access to before the meeting, and therefore cannot provide public comments on.	6/23/2020
3. (20-0607) Recommendation to receive a presentation of the Long Beach Office of Equity on Framework for Reconciliation.	Stella Ursua	sursua@gridalternatives.org						In Long Beach, we have a unique opportunity to redesign and distribute clean energy more equally via a Community Choice Aggregation program, with the bulk of revenues going towards disadvantaged communities, whose residents are far more likely to be Black or Latino. Please support the Framework for Reconciliation so that we can begin the process of addressing historic environmental injustices by investing in the clean energy sector and supporting a just transition to a green economy and good green careers. Stella Ursua - District 2 resident Clean Mobility & Partnerships Manager at GRID Alternatives LBCCE workgroup member	6/25/2020

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3. (20-0607) Recommendation to receive a presentation of the Long Beach Office of Equity on Framework for Reconciliation.	Marianne Buchanan	mariannebuchanan330@gmail.com						<p>Thank you for coming together at this crucial moment in time to right so many wrongs. I do not have to tell you what the problems are—racial inequities and environmental threats to the health of so many Long Beach residents. As if that were not enough, you have a pandemic and the ensuing economic fallout to fix. A staggering job.</p> <p>The good news is that all of these problems are finally coalescing in the public mind, and people are seeing firsthand that environmental justice is racial justice is economic justice.</p> <p>With that in mind, it is of great comfort to me that both the Environmental Committee and the Sustainable City Commission are meeting today to address these problems together. I look forward to hearing the report from the Office of Equity on the Framework for Reconciliation.</p>	6/24/2020
3. (20-0607) Recommendation to receive a presentation of the Long Beach Office of Equity on Framework for Reconciliation.	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com						<p>National organizations have called West Long Beach-majority black and brown neighborhoods- “Asthma Alley” and a “Diesel Death Zone.” We’re #1 in the country for high ozone pollution, and we’re top ranked for particle pollution. 30%-that’s 1 in 3 children in West Long Beach- have asthma. That’s double the citywide rate, and it’s 4 times higher than the national rate. It’s unsafe.</p> <p>West Long Beach has a life expectancy that’s 7 YEARS less than the Eastside.</p> <p>We know the causes and we know some of the solutions, but the air is still unsafe. Emissions from vessels, cargo equipment, trucks, and trains at the Port. Passenger vehicles, traffic, and congestion on the 710 and the 405. Long Beach has two active oil FIELDS that’s 2,000 oil wells right here in our neighborhoods. We hear the Port and the City talk about a cleaner FUTURE but the danger is right here and right now. Improve air quality and address unsafe air now!</p> <p>There can be no environmental justice without racial justice.</p>	6/23/2020

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4. (20-0608) Recommendation to receive a presentation of the Long Beach Development Services on Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.	Greggory Moore	whogreggory@yahoo.com						I cannot urge you more strongly to adapt the CAAP. Climate change -- including human contribution to global warming -- is an existential threat. Despite being far more dangerous to humanity over the long-term than COVID-19 and far more of a chronic problem -- and one that won't eventually be eradicated by a vaccine -- yet we still have not given it proper attention. The CAAP is a step in the right direction.	6/25/2020
4. (20-0608) Recommendation to receive a presentation of the Long Beach Development Services on Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.	Elliot Gonzales	oururbanparadise@gmail.com						I'm not sure if my last comment was submitted. I got a server error. I just like to express that I was disappointed when I saw a city staff in charge of developing this plan publicly dismiss the community comments they heard at some of the forums they held. They specifically said it was unfeasible to stop drilling for oil. It is now economically unfeasible to drill for oil and we all accept this reality. It has always been environmentally on feasible to continue drilling for oil and we have ignored the scientific mandate. Real adaptation requires us to stop drilling and trading fossil fuels. So long as the port continues to trade oil and our city continues to drill oil we will be leaving a planet that is unhealthy and uninhabitable for future generations. Any adaptation in action plan which does not fully consider the scientific recommendation to begin an immediate transition from fossil fuels is ignoring the science and ignoring the public. The Arctic hit 100 degrees this past week.	6/25/2020
4. (20-0608) Recommendation to receive a presentation of the Long Beach Development Services on Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.	Whitney Amaya	whitney.amaya@gmail.com						Hello, my name is Whitney Amaya. I am a West Long Beach resident, member and Zero Waste Community Organizer with East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice. We need this commission, committee, and our city council to commit to a zero waste future that does NOT include incineration. We need your commitment to transition away from and decommission SERRF. The waste-to-energy facility is a FALSE solution that is not only contributing to climate change, but also harming the health of my community, your neighbors, and the constituents of the city council. The city spends \$6 million annually to dispose of toxic ash at landfills and will need need to invest \$60 million to continue operating the incinerator an additional 20 years. Our city should instead be using those funds to consult with the community, CBOs, and organizations like Zero Waste USA who have worked with cities in the past to make zero waste attainable. We need you to secure a sustainable, zero waste future for our city.	6/25/2020

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4. (20-0608) Recommendation to receive a presentation of the Long Beach Development Services on Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.	Sarah Bedy	sarahbedy@gmail.com						My name is Sarah Bedy and I live in the Second District. I urge this group to adopt the CAAP with the addition of a Resilient Jobs program. I love my community and consider poor air quality to be single biggest negative aspect of life in Long Beach. We know that the 710 corridor and activities at the Port are the main contributors to Long Beach's emissions and poor air quality. Yet, policymakers often suggest that we should trade some people's health and wellness--those who live on the West side, plus all of us who suffer the negative impacts of climate change--in favor of immediate economic benefits. Rather, what we should do is work with industry and labor unions to implement greener practices and critically, create jobs in clean energy and climate-friendly sectors. We must take this chance to grow Long Beach's future green and inclusive economy. We are too far into the 21st century to make 20th century excuses to the detriment of our neighbors, our lives, and our kids' lungs.	6/25/2020
4. (20-0608) Recommendation to receive a presentation of the Long Beach Development Services on Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.	John Kindred	nightembraced@aol.com						I would like to know what plans do the City of Long Beach and its many departments and committees have plan when addressing Climate Gentrification Climate Migration, and Environmental Racism which is already going on in the world and in the United States for some years now. The City of Long Beach, California, United State and other parts of the world is facing Growing Homelessness and Affordable Housing problems with no end to be seen how can we find ways to find answers if we don't address everything that affect them and other problems we are facing? There's a lot more in the e-mail that I sent to sustainability@longbeach.gov,district2@longbeach.gov	6/24/2020
4. (20-0608) Recommendation to receive a presentation of the Long Beach Development Services on Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com						The CAAP is long overdue and must be fast-tracked swiftly to begin implementing its recommendations as swiftly as possible. Climate change is real, it's a global crisis, and Long Beach should be a leader in climate mitigation and emissions reduction. There's simply no excuse for inaction.	6/23/2020
COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS	Robin jack	robinjack529@gmail.com						Blog Commenting: Making worthwhile and interesting comments on blogs that allow you to leave a link back to your site in your comment. www.marketing1on1.com/link-building-services	6/23/2020

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NEXT REGULAR SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday, July 23, 2020 - 4:00 PM	Karla Perez	karlap.eycej@gmail.com						My name is Karla Perez and I'm an organizer and member with East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice who works and builds with communities in West, North, and Central Long Beach when it comes to social and environmental justice. We work together in these communities because they are the ones who carry the burden of being next to many polluting facilities and therefore are subject to the many consequences of living next to them. They live next to freeways, oil refineries, rail yards, auto body shops, etc., and so in turn they are the ones advocating for zero emissions from all the pollution coming from the freeways, regulations on the refineries and rail yards to be able to breathe, for more green spaces to be able to go outside and play and exercise, for healthier food options. We are fighting for a healthy environment to live in. I ask that you look at these particular areas and also advocate for the many asks of our communities in order to have a breathable environment.	6/25/2020
NEXT REGULAR SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday, July 23, 2020 - 4:00 PM	Jan Victor Andasan	janvictor.eycej@gmail.com						(1) Divest from energy extraction (ie. refineries, pump jacks, etc.) because Black & brown communities bear the burden of this pollution. (2) Commit to decommissioning the SERRF because it is a false solution to energy. (3) No longer rely on the oil barrels to continue to fund the city budget because that means our city relies on extractive fossil fuel to literally fuel our city. (4) Prioritize & support community led solutions for projects that have significant environmental impacts ie. the I-710 project. (5) Push for Zero Emissions technology and commit to an expedited process into researching & deploying ZE technology across the city's infrastructure from port complex to the buses we use. (6) Divest from any investments into natural gas. It needs to be explicitly stated. (7) Create more support for businesses to transition into "greening their businesses". (8) Investment in better active transportation (walking, biking, & other modalities) to curb pollution that comes from cars	6/25/2020