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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for promoting sustainable alternatives in our City's fleet and transportation. I'm proud that Long Beach is a national leader in greening our transportation operations, however...

Natural gas is not a "bridge fuel" but rather it's just a well-marketed old school fossil fuel. It's true that CNG's emissions are less than traditional fuels, but they're not zero.

I call on this Commission to push for ZERO EMISSIONS investments rather than half measures that merely slow our climate adaptation. Fully electric vehicles and renewable electricity are the only options for eliminating carbon emissions from our City fleet.

Further, climate change isn't the only reason to go electric. Ground level emissions from vehicles are toxic. West Long Beach is often ridiculed as "asthma alley" and a "diesel death zone." It's cold comfort to see the City celebrate "biodiesel" or "renewable diesel" as if that's sufficient- it's still diesel and it's still not clean-burning.

Please push the City to accelerate deployment of electric vehicle charging and its transition to fully electric vehicles. Despite the progress, we can't just rest on our laurels. Frankly, there's no excuse for the city to continue to spend money on anything but electric vehicles. Every new purchase of a hybrid or fossil fuel-powered vehicle locks in a decade or more of carbon emissions. We have to stop perpetuating the problem.

Regards,

Padric