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CSPNC Joint Port and Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting Agenda Thursday February 8, 2018, 6.00 pm

Angels Gate Cultural Center, Building G 3601 S. Gaffey Street San Pedro CA 90731

Note the time and location!

Participation is open to all Stakeholders of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council.

Note: Anything on this agenda could result in a motion.

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- 1) Call to Order 6.00 pm
- 2) Community Improvement project discussion
- Presentation from the organization Climate Resolve
- Possible Report by Louis Dominguez from the Mayor's Sustainable Supply Chain Advisory Committee
- 5) Motion to support Bonin-Koretz Proposal to hold oil industry accountable for climate change (motion attached)
- Discuss other topics of concern
- 7) Public Comment-Non Agenda Items
- 8) Adjournment

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Motion to support Bonin-Koretz Proposal to hold oil industry accountable for climate change

Whereas City of Los Angeles Councilman Mike Bonin, 11th District (coastal areas of West Los Angeles) and Paul Koretz, 5th District (West Los Angeles) submitted a proposal to City Attorney Mike Feuer, to discuss potential legal claims against corporations that profit from the production and sale of fossil fuels and calls for the City to file an amicas/friend of the court brief to assist New York City with litigation against Chevron Corp, Concoco Phillips, Royal Dutch Shell and other companies which seeks to shift the costs of protecting from climate change impacts back to the referenced fossil fuel companies.

Whereas the proposal was also signed by Councilman Jose Huizar, 14th District (Northeast Los Angeles) and Councilman Marqueeze Harris-Dawson, 8th District (Western South Los Angeles).

Whereas San Francisco and Oakland have filed climate change lawsuits, saying oil and gas companies should pay for the ongoing cost of protecting Bay Area cities from rising sea levels, which may exceed the \$5 billion required to upgrade the city's seawall.

Whereas Councilman Bonin stated that the City of Los Angeles should seek both financial reimbursement and policy changes from the petroleum industry.

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests Councilman Joe Buscaino join his colleagues in requesting consideration of litigation as filed by New York City, San Francisco, and Oakland; and,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests Mayor Eric Garcetti to lead the City of Los Angeles effort along with City Attorney Mike Feuer to seek both financial reimbursement and policy changes from the petroleum industry due to the continuing costs resulting from climate change.

Background

Whereas the year 2017 was the third-warmest on record for the United States, and featured weather and climate disasters that cost the US a record-breaking \$306 billion, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, including 16 distinct events with losses exceeding \$1 billion each — two inland floods, one freeze event, eight severe storms, three tropical cyclones, as well as drought and wildfire; according to NOAA, the year 2016 holds the record as the hottest with two previous records set in 2015 and 2014.

Whereas both NOAA and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration link the record-breaking temperatures to human-caused climate change (carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases released by cars, factories and power plants trap more heat in the atmosphere, causing temperatures to climb upward). Whereas records document that the oil industry was fully informed of the destructive effects from climate change resulting from fossil fuel use as far back as 1977 and continued increasing production and marketing and campaigns of climate misinformation. *

Whereas the Union of Concerned Scientists issued advice to the City of Los Angeles to prepare for severe effects resulting from rising temperatures, increasing air pollution, water shortages, electricity disruptions, and rising sea level.

*Source: Scientific American October 26, 2015 and Inside Climate News Investigation as confirmed by multiple peer-reviewed agencies such as Harvard University August 23, 2017, Union of Concerned Scientists, August 2015, and others.