



Date: April 4, 2019
To: Patrick West, City Manager *T.W.*
From: Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator /s/
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: **Sustainable City Commission Support for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan**

At its meeting on December 5, 2018, the Sustainable City Commission (Commission) received a presentation from Development Services Department Planning Bureau on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) vulnerability assessment and strategy development. The Commission voted to receive the presentation and submit a letter of support for the CAAP. The attached letter was drafted by staff based on comments expressed by commissioners at that meeting.

If you would like any further information regarding this communication, please contact Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, at (562) 570-5839 or via email at larry.rich@longbeach.gov.

ATTACHMENT

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February 26, 2019

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Boulevard, 14th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

Subject: Letter of Support for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council,

On December 5, 2018, the Sustainable City Commission received a presentation from the Department of Development Services' Planning Bureau on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) vulnerability assessment and strategy development. The Commission would like to express its full support of the CAAP and the strategies it contains.

Climate change is upon us, and we are seeing devastating impacts from extreme weather and wildfires each year worse than the last. This is a global issue with local solutions. Long Beach must set aggressive goals with the financial backing to achieve them. The final CAAP should be integrated into the decision-making process across all departments.

It is also imperative that we consider our most vulnerable populations and the impacts they face from climate change such as air quality and extreme heat. Public health and sustainability goals should be integrated in future plans and policies.

The Sustainable City Commission further recommends that the CAAP:

- Set a goal for carbon neutrality
- Embrace new technologies to reduce emissions, for example through carbon negative fuel from organics recycling
- Enhance public transit through more comfortable and accessible bus stops with shade canopies
- Incorporate the use of new technologies to tackle climate impacts like sea level rise
- Plant more trees for the co-benefits of shade and cooling, cleaner air, and reduced crime, and properly maintain the existing urban forest
- Take flood risk into consideration for building investments

The Sustainable City Commission is prepared to support the CAAP in any way possible through its adoption and implementation. This document is an essential step to creating a more sustainable and resilient Long Beach.

Sincerely,



Coby Skye
Chair
Sustainable City Commission