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Mr. Siva Gunda
Vice Chair
California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request for a Responsible Transition Plan for Long Beach Oil Operations

Dear Vice Chair Gunda,

Long Beach has produced oil for nearly 100 years, and in 2020, the City approved a plan to transition away from oil production by 2035. State law significantly expedited the transition, but it has not provided a clear, coordinated plan for what comes next.

As members of Long Beach COAST (Coalition of Advocates for a Sustainable Transition), we are calling on the California Energy Commission to develop and support a responsible transition strategy that protects workers, safeguards the environment, and prevents devastating fiscal impacts to the City of Long Beach.

The oil fields in Long Beach, including operations on the THUMS Islands, have generated critical revenues that fund basic services like public safety, infrastructure repair, and environmental mitigation. In fact, local oil production is among the cleanest in the world. Abruptly ending this production without a transition plan risks sending jobs out of state or country, outsourcing emissions to jurisdictions with lower environmental standards, and gutting funding for local priorities which could force deep cuts to police, fire, lifeguards, and community programs.

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A responsible transition must not:

- Leave hundreds of union workers behind.
- Increase global carbon emissions by outsourcing production abroad.
- Create a fiscal cliff that forces Long Beach residents to pay the price for state policy.

We are not asking to reverse the transition entirely. We are asking the State to pause the transition until it can do what it promised: to help cities like Long Beach manage the shift with fairness, accountability, and support.

We urge the California Energy Commission to coordinate with the City of Long Beach and regional partners to deliver a just transition plan. A plan that includes financial assistance, workforce programs, and reinvestment in the communities most impacted.

Respectfully,

Long Beach Coalition of Advocates for a Sustainable Transition

cc:

Governor Gavin Newsom

Long Beach State Legislative Delegation

Mayor Rex Richardson

Lauren Sanchez, Senior Climate Advisor, Office of the Governor

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