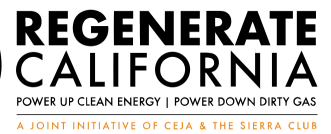




LONG BEACH ALLIANCE FOR CLEAN ENERGY



March 1, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Glendale City Council
613 East Broadway, Suite 200
Glendale, CA 91206

**RE: Environmental organizations call on Glendale City Council to oppose
repowering of Grayson Power Plant**

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

We are writing to you on behalf of 32 environmental, environmental justice, and community-based organizations to express our strong opposition to the proposal to add new gas equipment at the Grayson Power Plant in Glendale for the sake of our local communities, climate and economy. Cities across the country are ditching fossil fuel power and Glendale should not become the last city in California to put in new gas-fired power equipment.

Alternative 7, which was approved by the council on February 15th in a 3-2 vote, would add 93 MW of gas capacity from 5 new internal combustion engine fossil fuel units. We understand the council is reviewing and reconsidering this vote at the upcoming March 1st meeting and are calling you to change course as this stance is unacceptable for our climate and communities. Please ensure you have exhausted all options including collaboration with City of Los Angeles officials and Department of Water and Power, renewable energy alternatives, demand response and energy efficiency. The city of Glendale does not need this gas equipment to meet its energy needs.

Thousands of people live, work, learn, and play directly within the Grayson project's impact zone and would be negatively impacted by this fossil fuel project. There are four childcare centers and five schools within a mile as well as numerous other sensitive sites including parks, residences, homes for the elderly, and work offices. Glendale already suffers from poor air quality and this fossil fuel project will only exacerbate those negative impacts.

Investing in new fossil-fuel infrastructure is the wrong decision given the current actions needed to avoid catastrophic climate impacts. Quite simply, adding new gas-burning equipment is incompatible with climate and sustainability goals. Glendale has the means to power the city with renewable energy and must pursue clean energy

alternatives which have not adequately been evaluated. There is no need to double down on fossil fuel infrastructure that will harm local families and our climate for decades to come.

Furthermore, Glendale does not need the power from this project and it would be a significant waste of ratepayer funds. The City has enough energy capacity to meet its daily needs nearly every day of the year without the new gas infrastructure. When the city does require more power to keep up with summertime spikes, it can meet that demand by making further investments in solar, batteries, energy efficiency measures, and demand response. Clean energy is a much better investment than hundreds of millions of dollars for polluting fossil fuel infrastructure that will likely be illegal to operate in the future because of statewide climate laws.

There are much cleaner, safer and more affordable ways to meet the city's energy needs than new gas units. Please reject plans to rebuild the Grayson gas power plant and instead direct Glendale Water and Power to invest in clean energy infrastructure.

Sincerely,

1. Alan Weiner, Chapter Lead, **350 Conejo / San Fernando Valley**
2. Jack Eidt, Co-Founder, **SoCal 350 Climate Action**
3. Sherry Lear, Organizer, **350 South Bay Los Angeles**
4. Jan Dietrick, Policy Team Leader, **350 Ventura County Climate Hub**
5. Susan Penner, Liaison, Legislative Working Group, **1000 Grandmothers for Future Generations**
6. David Diaz, Executive Director, **Active San Gabriel Valley**
7. Cheryl Auger, President, **Ban SUP**
8. Igor Tregub, Chair, **CADEM Environmental Caucus**
9. Micah Perlin, Director, **California Climate Voters**
10. Alexis Sutterman, Energy Equity Program Manager, **California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA)**
11. Faraz Rizvi, Special Projects Coordinator, **Center on Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ)**
12. Sofia Magallon, Policy Advocate, **Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)**
13. Becky Hartman Edwards, Co-Founder, **Civic Sundays**
14. Ellie Cohen, Chief Executive Officer, **The Climate Center**
15. Laura Deehan, State Director, **Environment California**
16. Jessica Craven, Steering Committee Co-Chair, **Feminists in Action Los Angeles**

17. Alexandra Nagy, California Director, **Food & Water Watch**
18. Shannon Smith, Executive Director, **FracTracker Alliance**
19. Elise Kalfayan, Steering Member, **Glendale Environmental Coalition**
20. Caroline Henderson, Senior Climate Campaigner, **Greenpeace USA**
21. Anita Ghazarian, Environmental Lead, **Indivisible Alta Pasadena**
22. Jennifer Tanner, Leader, **Indivisible California Green Team**
23. **Indivisible Ventura**
24. Michelle Fowle, Founder/Chair, **Indivisible Northridge**
25. David Levitus, Executive Director, **LA Forward**
26. Dave Shukla, Operations, **Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy**
27. Teresa Bui, State Climate Policy Director, **Pacific Environment**
28. Danett M Abbott-Wicker, Field Organizer, **Progressive Democrats of America**
29. Ari Eisenstadt, Campaign Manager, **Regenerate California**
30. Ken Hough, Executive Director, **Santa Barbara County Action Network**
31. Morgan Goodwin, Senior Director of Angeles Chapter and Monica Embrey,
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32. Martha Camacho Rodriguez, Director, **Social Eco Education (SEE)**

CC: Mark Young, Glendale Water and Power