



**Date:** May 17, 2016  
**To:** Patrick West, City Manager *T.M.W.*  
**From:** Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator *LR*  
**For:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**Subject:** Communication from the Sustainable City Commission

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At its meeting of March 24, 2016, the Sustainable City Commission (Commission) approved a recommendation to transmit the attached letter to the Mayor and City Council regarding the purpose and resources for the Commission.

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](mailto:larry.rich@longbeach.gov).

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May 16, 2016

Mayor and City Council  
City of Long Beach  
333 West Ocean Boulevard, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**Subject: Purpose and Resources for the Sustainable City Commission**

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council:

As a Commission, we thank you for the opportunity to serve the City of Long Beach and promote sustainability awareness to our community. We are committed to being an active body that is able and willing to share our collective expertise and knowledge.

As we approach the new planning cycle for the Sustainable City Work Plan, we will be looking for opportunities for Commissioners to offer new breadth and support to the essential work already being done by staff.

Comprised of professionals with such diverse expertise as sustainable development, engineering, agriculture, and water quality, we welcome the City Council to make use of this Commission by seeking our input on issues of the environment and sustainability. In this vein, we hope to achieve a new level of dialogue with the City Council, and be able to offer you suggestions and recommendations which will advance the quality of life for Long Beach residents, and improve our city's status as an environmentally progressive community.

To that end, the Commission recognizes that the Office of Sustainability is heavily understaffed, which limits their ability to progress on the copious goals set forth in the Sustainable City Work Plan. The Commissioners will be volunteering their personal time to fulfill these objectives, but we would like to encourage the City Council to consider a renewed commitment to sustainability in Long Beach by providing increased resources and staffing.

We look forward to assisting the City of Long Beach with its sustainability plans, and hope to receive the assistance we need to make progress happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elliot Gonzalez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Elliot Gonzalez  
Chair, Sustainable City Commission