

Date: August 29, 2023

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager *T.M.*

From: Brent Dennis, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine *BD*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Letter from Marine Advisory Commission regarding SB1137 and its impacts on Tidelands and related projects**

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On August 10, 2023, the Marine Advisory Commission authorized their Ad Hoc SB1137 and Climate Action Committee to submit a memorandum to the Mayor and City Council regarding Senate Bill 1137 and its impacts on Tidelands and related projects.

The attached letter expresses the Marine Advisory Commission's requests and recommendations for consideration.

For more information, please contact Todd Leland, Marine Bureau Manager, at [Todd.Leland@longbeach.gov](mailto:Todd.Leland@longbeach.gov) or at (562) 570-3241.

ATTACHMENT – MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION LETTER

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# Marine Advisory Commission

CITY OF LONG BEACH  
205 N. Marina Drive, Long Beach, CA 90803

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August 10, 2023

Mayor Rex Richardson  
411 West Ocean Blvd., 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**RE: Marine Advisory Commission Recommendations to City of Long Beach Regarding SB 1137 and its impacts on Tidelands and related projects**

Dear Honorable Mayor Richardson,

The Marine Advisory Commission (MAC) assists the Marine Bureau of the City of Long Beach's Park, Recreation, and Marine (PRM) Department in formulating special requests for projects and programs and advocating on behalf of stakeholders. The MAC assists in advising the City Council, as well as conducting hearings of appeals for slip rentals, and studying priority issues involving City beaches, marinas, and waterways. We are sending this letter to support the Mayor and City Council's March 7 vote for the Grow Long Beach Initiative as reported in the March 16 edition of the Grunion Gazette. The *Grow Long Beach Initiative* includes a component that instructs the Office of the City Manager and various City Departments to explore alternative revenue streams to help wean the City away from its long-standing reliance on oil revenue for critical City services.

At the February 9, 2023, meeting of the MAC, commissioners and the attendees from the public heard a presentation by Charlene Angsucu, Project Manager from Public Works about SB 1137 and its impacts on Tidelands and related projects. It was a nighttime meeting and there was much public interest and good attendance. At the meeting, we learned of the Senate Bill's requirements to restrict new gas and oil drilling and the phase-out of old wells within 3200 feet of health and safety zones.

While the City has projected the phase-out and shutting down of many wells and a resulting 12% decline in oil revenues by 2035, SB1137 accelerates this decline to 25% thus forcing the City to more quickly develop alternative funding streams.

The MAC is in support of the Mayor's March 7, 2023, Memo to the City Council about the Grow Long Beach Initiative - A Strategy to Increase Local Revenues and Catalyze Economic Growth to Prepare for the Transition from Fossil Fuel Production. This memo directed the City Manager to work with the Economic Development Department and the Financial Management Department "to identify and develop alternative funding strategies and to propel the growth of key growth sectors... and identify opportunities to offset projected reductions in oil revenues..." The MAC advocates for this Initiative as it relates to and aligns with SB 1137 and urges the City to look for alternative funding for Tidelands projects, especially those within the Marine Bureau jurisdiction for recreational waterways, beaches, boating areas, and marinas since they rely heavily on Tidelands-derived funding. Those projects include berms to protect Peninsula residents from heavy surf and

storms, the Belmont Pool project, the Naples sea walls, and the possible continuation of the AES pumps for Alamos Bay water circulation, to name a few.


We have formed a subcommittee of the MAC in order to ensure the MAC commissioners, community members, and stakeholders are informed regarding the status of SB 1137 and the Mayor's *Grow Long Beach Initiative* for alternative funding to replace the City's \$12 Million Tidelands budget. The committee will provide education and advocacy through committee meetings and work with other City Commissions such as the Sustainability Commission (which also supports the goals of SB 1137). We strive to align advocacy, education, and support of the City's Plan for the phase-out of oil revenues and the use of alternative funding streams to replace Tidelands funds. The Marine Bureau is reliant on those funds for critical services such as beach maintenance and sand replenishment to protect residents and property. This letter is an outcome of the MAC's February 9 public meeting and subcommittee's work.


We ask that the City ensure that the public will have a voice in the planning for the phase-out of oil drilling and revenue. We also support a more climate-sustainable economy that replaces fossil fuels as a local revenue source to support core City services. As you wrote Mayor Richardson in the March 7 City Council memo, "It is clear that relying on fossil fuels as a local revenue source to support core City services in perpetuity is not feasible not only from a community health perspective but also from a financial perspective."


Thank you for this opportunity to express our support. If there is any way we can support the Mayor, City Council, and City staff in this effort, please let us know. Kindly contact us at the Marine Advisory Commission of the Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine Department Marine Bureau.

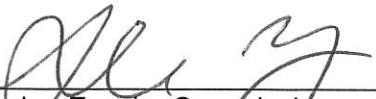
Thank you for your consideration,


  
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Colin Kelly, Chair


  
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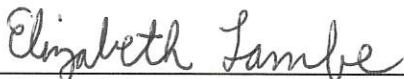
  
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