The City of Long Beach’s Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) was approved by the Long Beach City Council on January 5, 2021. The CAAP outlines the City’s approach both to reducing future carbon emissions and lessening the disruptive impacts of climate change on the city, such as power outages due to worsening heat waves and flooding due to more extreme storms and sea level rise. Long Beach businesses, business association leaders, the Chamber of Commerce and over 10,000 residents participated in developing the CAAP over the past 5 years. Ongoing resident and business participation will be critical to implementing the CAAP and ensuring a more resilient future Long Beach.

Long Beach’s CAAP is intended to help the City comply with state requirements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions without sacrificing economic growth. After these regulations were put in place in 2006, California experienced a decade of historic economic growth while reaching its goal of reducing emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, four years earlier than planned. The State of California continues to make considerable investments to drive technological innovation and the decarbonization of the economy. The City’s CAAP helps Long Beach to capitalize on this enormous opportunity to promote sustainable economic development through infrastructure projects, innovation and deployment of new technologies, and the creation of green jobs for various backgrounds and education levels. Building efficiency retrofits, decarbonization of energy generation, construction of high-performance buildings, rooftop and community solar deployment, and transit infrastructure are all examples of market responses to climate change that are taking advantage of current technologies to create jobs today. Addressing climate change not only creates job opportunities, it helps residents and businesses save money on utilities and transportation— savings that can be redirected to other areas of the economy. More fuel-efficient vehicles and public transportation will also help Long Beach residents reduce their transportation costs.

Get Involved!

There are a range of ways Long Beach residents and businesses can get involved, from purchasing more locally, to switching to clean electricity. Anyone who lives, works or plays in Long Beach should sign up for AlertLB for emergency alerts including for extreme weather events. Businesses and residents in flood-prone areas can protect themselves by securing with sand bags, and businesses in extreme heat vulnerable areas should have a power outage continuity plan. Businesses who own their space can consider energy and water efficiency upgrades or installing solar panels. Businesses and entrepreneurs will be critical to the creation of green job opportunities to meet the increased demand for climate-smart initiatives like solar deployment and energy efficiency audits. As the City continues to develop an implementation plan for the CAAP, we hope you will join us in the conversation!
Local Business Representatives provide feedback on the CAAP at a January 2019 Business Working Group meeting

**About the CAAP**

The [City of Long Beach’s Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)](https://www.longbeach.gov/environment/Climate-Action-Adaptation-Plan) outlines the City’s approach both to address climate impacts on the city and to reduce the city’s impact on the climate by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Climate change is already affecting Long Beach residents, businesses, and neighborhoods through extreme weather events like heat waves and flooding, and climate change impacts, such as poor air quality, are projected to worsen in the coming years. Adapting Long Beach to climate change and reducing the City’s contribution to its causes are necessary. Planning for climate change is also an opportunity to address structural and systemic inequities that have led to disproportionate environmental burdens on low-income communities and communities of color in the city. Through a coordinated response to climate change that includes addressing public and environmental health disparities, investing in youth, and fostering jobs and economic opportunity, Long Beach can move to a more equitable, low-carbon, climate-resilient future where everyone can live in thriving communities that are built on sustainability and resilience.

For more information, please click [HERE](https://www.longbeach.gov/environment/Climate-Action-Adaptation-Plan).
Governor Newsom signs SB-91 to extend the state’s eviction moratorium for renters.

On Friday, January 29, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 91 to extend the state’s eviction moratorium through June 30, 2021, to bring relief to residential renters brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. This legislation extend the eviction moratorium established last year under AB 3088, which was set to expire at the end of January 2021.

The legislation pauses evictions for residential tenants who declare under penalty of perjury an inability to pay all or part of the rent due to a COVID-related reason. Residential tenants are still responsible for paying unpaid amounts to property owners, but those unpaid amounts cannot be the basis for an eviction, even after the moratorium ends.

SB 91 also establishes the State Rental Assistance Program to allocate the $2.6 billion in federal rental assistance California will receive. The program will target aid to income-qualified tenants most at-risk with unpaid back rent. Assistance will also be extended to property owners who agree to waive 20 percent of unpaid rent. By agreeing to this waiver, property owners will become eligible for 80 percent in rent reimbursements for amounts owed between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

Approximately $150 million of the federal funds will be reserved for residential tenants in counties with populations of 200,000 or less and the additional funds will be available to counties with populations larger than 200,000. The state will directly administer $1.5 billion through contracted entities, and local governments can either join forces with the state or administer their own programs. The State Rental Assistance Program will begin accepting applications from property owners and residential tenants in March 2021.

SB 91 prohibits the selling or assigning of rental debt that was accrued from March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 until the end of the moratorium. However, the prohibition is permanent with respect to the rental debt of people at or below 80 percent of Area Median Income who meet the eligibility requirements of the Rental Assistance Program. Property owners or other housing providers are also prohibited from using COVID-19 related debt as a negative factor for evaluating a housing application, or as the basis for refusing to rent to an otherwise qualified tenant.

For more information, please click HERE.
In January 2021, the Economic Development Commission welcomed a new commissioner, Vivian Shimoyama. Ms. Shimoyama is a business owner and small business advocate. She built and directed the team for the Southern California Region Initiative for Goldman Sachs’ 10,000 Small Businesses (10KSB). She has also advised a range of organizations and Fortune 100 companies on total quality and business process improvement programs, small business outreach, and small business programs.

Honored by the U.S. Congress and U.S. Small Business Administration with the National Women in Business Advocate award, Vivian served as an elected delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business. She was also a Federal appointee to the National Women’s Business Council, an independent federal government advisory council that advises the President and U.S. Congress on issues important to women owned businesses.

Ms. Shimoyama looks forward to contributing her expertise and passion for moving small businesses forward.

**Industry Links**

*Why Long Beach is a model for vaccine rollout*

*Long Beach City Council approves 10-year project labor agreement*

*Aeroplex/Aerolease Group Launches New Solar Energy Project at Long Beach Airport*

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