

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: November 8, 2024 VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL I am writing with regard to the motion to create a transition plan for the closure of Phillips 66 refinery. While I support the proposal to create a transition plan, it is imperative to create a table that includes workers and communities in just transition planning. First planning with the utmost care for refinery safety for workers and communities is vital, and workers are experts in safety at the facilities. Further, establishing work groups on land use, financing and workers is important. The Los Angeles City and County Just Transition Task Force is one example that brings representatives of workers and communities as well as industry together to discuss impacts of ending drilling in neighborhoods and has made it possible to provide an opportunity for planning discussions grounded in the values of just transition. A key subject of discussion is supporting workers and communities who will lose jobs and local services that will need to expand. In addition, the discussions must consider planning for future that repairs past harm, provides a path for workers and communities to be in the best position to transfer existing skills and reskill when necessary, and for those close to the end of their careers to have a pathway to retirement. At the same time, planning with workers and communities will make it possible to ensure best outcomes such as strong local economies and long term ecological and public health and quality careers. This motion can be the start of a next step to prioritize planning with workers who are impacted by the Phillips 66 closure and communities that live in neighborhoods near the facilities refineries.