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IMPORTANT SURVEY INSIDE!

A COAL EXPORT TERMINAL IN WEST OAKLAND?

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Dear Friends:

Recently, local newspapers have reported on a proposed project at the former Oakland Army Base that would bring up to 9 million tons of coal to West Oakland each year. Coal would come on railroad lines from Utah and be transferred to cargo ships for export to China and other countries.

This project has raised many concerns. **What environmental impact will a coal export terminal have on West Oakland and the surrounding community?** How will the local economy be impacted? Is a coal export terminal the best economic development strategy for Oakland and the East Bay? **How will this new coal export terminal detract from the climate and clean energy policies that California is implementing throughout the state?**

What about health and safety? Many studies have shown that there are environmental and public health problems associated with coal extraction, transportation and transfer. Should public funding be used to subsidize the movement of a commodity that contributes to global warming?

These and other issues need to be closely examined as the City of Oakland decides what to do on this issue.

Your input will be important as elected officials and government agencies grapple with the issue of shipping coal through the East Bay. **Please take a moment to share your opinion by filling out the questionnaire below. If you prefer to submit your response electronically, please visit http://senate.ca.gov/1641/coal**

THANK YOU.

LEGISLATIVE SURVEY ON COAL

1. Do you think the City of Oakland should build a new export terminal that will allow coal to be transported to Oakland from another state and shipped overseas?

   ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

2. Do you think the City of Oakland and the developer of the new export terminal should move ahead with the project, but not allow coal to be shipped through it?

   ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

3. Do you think public funding should be used to assist in exporting coal – a significant contributor to global warming?

   ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

4. Do you think the City of Oakland should pass an ordinance to prevent coal from being imported or exported on to City property?

   ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Creating jobs is more important than the environmental and health concerns associated with shipping coal through the East Bay.

   ☐ **AGREE** ☐ **DISAGREE**

6. What is your biggest concern about allowing a new coal export terminal to be built? (check one)

   ☐ The health and safety of Oakland residents and the surrounding community

   ☐ The health and safety of the workers at the coal export terminal

   ☐ The environment

   ☐ Public financing of a project that will help contribute to global warming

   ☐ I do not have any concerns

Comments _____

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