

12) Response to Follow-up to Questions from Residents and Non-Residents

From: jamesevann@aol.com
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: "No Coal in Oakland"
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 3:33:59 PM

No Coal in Oakland !

What are our City Council and City Attorney doing ? Why the special hearing that caused hundreds of Oaklanders to spend needless hours away from jobs and family to tell the Council what it already knows ? Why the long delay in dealing with this illegal issue of coal that so clearly has a straightforward and mandated remedy.

The consultant's agreement specifically forbids materials at the break-bulk facility that have health or environmental impacts. States and nations all over the world are discontinuing mining, storage, and use of coal, primarily due to negative health and environmental consequences. Even China, the world's greatest user of coal, diminished coal imports last year by 22%. Coal contains highly toxic mercury and arsenic, and West Oakland, which already suffers among the highest asthma rates in the state, would be doubly impacted. Owing to its undeniable health and environmental impacts -- which cannot be completely mitigated -- coal is automatically excluded under the Army Base contract

Should the contractor have chosen to protest the prohibition, it was contractor's responsibility to have produced scientifically documented and tested studies conclusively proving that no health or environmental impacts are possible from shipping, handling, storage, long term holding, or re-handling coal for export. Lacking such study and its scrutiny, by and consensus of the scientific and environmental communities, automatically vetoes any consideration of "coal."

Secondarily, the specter of possible litigation appears to frighten council members. This is ludicrous. As revealed by Gene Hazzard's blog – Clean Oakland – the contract clearly states: "contractor shall not assign any part of its contract without approval of the city." How is it possible that the City is afraid to enforce its own contract ? If this is so, why have a contract at all. The city should simply anoint it favorite vendor with the simple instruction to "proceed however you choose" -- ludicrous !

While the September 21 special hearing was totally unwarranted, the community nevertheless responded enthusiastically and loudly proclaiming "No Coal in Oakland." Backing the community's near unanimous call, one of the broadest coalitions in recent memory – consisting of labor unions, businesses, faith organizations, public interest and community groups, and residents from all walks of life – filled City Hall and all its chambers with a boisterous protest against the disastrous possibility of storing and exporting coal from Oakland.

City Attorney -- Do your job ! Report to the City Council that the contractor has violated Sections X & Y of the contract, and that actions to terminate ARE ALREADY PROCEEDING !

City Council -- Get on the ball ! Immediately cease your 'hemming and hawing,' and give full instructions and backing to the City Attorney.

Then, publically announce to the residents of Oakland that you have acted decisively in the interest of the city to halt this illegal threat, and that as the City Council you pledge to be vigilant in protecting the health and safety of the residents and the city, as well as that of the planet.

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From: [Erin Wood](#)
To: [Office of the Mayor](#); [Cole, Doug](#); [Kalb, Dan](#)
Subject: A brighter, cleaner Oakland, please
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 12:18:11 PM

October 5, 2015

Mr. Cole,

Please reconsider any inclination or decision to bring coal trains through Oakland. I was born and raised in Oakland. I work as an acupuncturist in Oakland and hold this city and its citizens, my patients, so near to my heart. My grandfather was born in Oakland too and worked as an Oakland firefighter all of his life. Many of my dear friends own homes in West Oakland and are raising their families there, just as my kin did many years back. I feel deeply protective of our city and want the best for it.

The other weekend, I was thrilled to attend a music event at The Middle Harbor Shoreline Park near the Port of Oakland. The park is a striking contrast of little coves on the bay and towering cranes against a dramatic urban skyline, something so uniquely and beautifully Oakland. The concert was a prosperous and positive happening in an often overlooked and underused park. As we watched the stunning sunset over the bay and listening to reggae melodies, I thought to myself how things were changing for the better.

Just recently, my friends living in West Oakland told me about the proposed plans to allow the use of coal trains to come through the Port of Oakland. This idea turns my stomach, not only would it add more pollutants into the air, causing more asthma and respiratory disorders, but it's not a long-term solution. At this day and age, we have an opportunity to make more sustainable choices in industry. Long gone are the days of soot-covered buildings and people, at least in California. We no longer burn coal in our home hearths, although many of my friend's homes still have the small, shallow coal-burning fireplaces, just decorative at this point. There are other options to create jobs and improve our city. This proposal would be a detriment to the health of many Oakland residents. Our city isn't a dumping ground for a dirty business venture. Please do whatever you can to search for alternatives.

Thank you,
Erin Wood, L.Ac.
North Oakland

From: [dw stegman](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: A Green Oakland Not A Black Oakland!
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:25:56 AM

Dear Mr. Cole,

I am writing you with an earnest request to deny Port of Oakland developers to transport coal through Oakland. This would not be a decision for the future of Oakland, this would be a decision to keep Oakland in the past.

I live in Jack London Square, two blocks from Amtrak and within one mile from the Oakland shipping yards. I would have my air quality severely impacted with coal being loaded into ships, the coal dust would enter into my lungs even with the best intentioned system to keep the dust contained. This proposal is tantamount to having the Keystone Pipeline going through Oakland We cannot afford to have Oakland bow to developer pressure to allow coal, one of the worst sources of energy for our environment, to be included into this agreement. The developer's scare tactic that this development would crumble, result in a loss of jobs for Oakland is not true...other options could be explored that would promote green energy and not put Oaklander's health at risk. Do we really want to put Oakland back into the dark ages?

Oakland is poised to be one of most dynamic cities in the Bay Area...let's not squander this opportunity by being bullied by these developers who are wolves in sheep's clothing. Oakland deserves better.

Best,
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From: [Salvador Oropesa Navarro](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Against Coal in Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 11:17:56 AM

As an Oakland resident and property owner I am against the Coal shipping in oakland port.
It's just going to cause pollution to our area, no matter how much money it brings.

Salvador Oropesa

From: [Aiden Archer](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal In Port of Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:31:39 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am an owner/occupant of a condo in West Oakland, very near the Port of Oakland. I pay property taxes. I support my community in various ways. I am gainfully employed as a paralegal in a San Francisco law firm. I have lived in the Bay Area for nearly twenty-five years and in the County of Alameda for eight years.

I very much support renewable energy, its development and use. I believe this is the only logical way forward given the ongoing effects of climate change. Coal is a dirty source of energy by all accounts. It is also, as substantiated in all of the credible research, a health hazard to the people who work with or near it as well as all others who live near it. Coal dust is linked to various illnesses including respiratory and lung disease. The transport, offloading and movement of mined coal will produce coal dust regardless of the claims of precautions taken to protect against it. West Oakland is encircled by freeways and the air is already contaminated by toxic particulate from motor vehicle tire abrasion. My condo faces the 880 exchange and when I clean the window ledges there is always a fine film of blackish material. I do not want to add coal dust to the mix!

I believe that the introduction of coal to the Port of Oakland will constitute a general health hazard and a more specific one to anyone already suffering from any type of respiratory illness such as asthma or emphysema.

West Oakland has the last viable open land for development of residential and commercial interests in the Emeryville/Jack London corridor and there are current and slated projects. The introduction of coal to the area will thwart these developments and discourage developers.

West Oakland has historically gotten the short end of the stick in local politics. I have no doubt that if a proposal to truck coal through the Rockridge or Piedmont areas ever came up it would be short lived.

I am nearing retirement age and hope to stay in my West Oakland condo. However, if coal is introduced I will consider selling and relocating to a municipality that has a higher regard and health concern for its taxpaying residents.

For all the reasons herein stated, I strongly oppose the introduction of coal to the Port of Oakland under any and all circumstances.

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From: [Aiden Archer](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: NO TO COAL!!!
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 3:53:04 PM

I WROTE AN EARLIER LETTER OUTLINING ALL OF MY OPPOSITIONS TO THE INTRODUCTION OF COAL. THE UNDERLYING BATTLE IS BETWEEN MONIED INTERESTS WHO DO NOT GIVE A DAMN ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH/SAFETY AND THOSE OF US, MOSTLY RESIDENTS, WHO DO CARE. WHERE DOES THE CITY COUNSEL STAND ON THIS ISSUE? DO THEY SUPPORT BIG BUSINESS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF THE TAXPAYING POPULACE?

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING!

DENNIS HANSHEW
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From: [Amy Friebertshauser](#)
Subject: West Oakland has long been dumped on -- don't rain coal dust on West Oakland during this time of revival and economic resuscitation
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 4:01:47 PM

I'm 12 year resident of West Oakland and I have major concerns about what a massive increase in train traffic and coal-dust pollution would mean for our community and collective health. To move forward with this project would be a political and ethical disgrace, not to mention casting the literal carcinogenic black dust pall on our community. The coal industry has no business being a part of a taxpayer-funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air.

We depend on your leadership to steer Oakland into a healthy and verdant future -- don't regress to the dark days of coal. Historically it has been a disaster for EVERY COMMUNITY its interests have entered.

Amy

From: [Andrew Smith](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Oakland Army Base
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:29:18 AM

Douglas,

Go for it. Although I do not live in Oakland, this is needed for the people there who hopefully will get jobs for those that need good paying jobs.

This is all about the white environmentalists who do not care about the lower income blacks and Latinos living in the area. The city of Oakland did not care about moving the Highway 880 from all those apartments until after the earthquake. And the pollution from the cars on the many highways going through East and West Oakland still pollute the air even though further away from where people live. And moving Highway 880 towards the Bay when being rebuilt was a good idea.

So the amount of potential added pollution is minimal especially if the cars are covered. Just another case of political correctness in Oakland out of control. Thanks.

Andrew Smith
Santa Rosa, CA

From: [Ann & Loring Dales](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 4:09:42 PM

Sir: I write to join others in strongly opposing development of a coal export facility at the old Oakland Army Base site, while welcoming development of the bulk export terminal for handling other products. (I live in Berkeley but worked in Oakland at the Kaiser Medical Center for over 6 years.)

- I'm a political moderate who welcomes private sector job creation. But the overwhelming evidence of human-caused global warming and its disastrous consequences make it imperative that we make major changes in our energy economy, at the very least as insurance against this very likely unfolding disaster.

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- Now the same challenge from profit-driven companies has come to Oakland. Will Oakland (and other SF Bay area cities) join Vancouver, Seattle, Portland and other cities in this principled stand? Will we in the SF Bay area also say "No, this is wrong"?

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- The harmful effects of coal mining, transport and burning on people living or working nearby and regionally are a matter of record, whether these activities take place in the U.S. or in other countries, especially in those with weaker or absent environmental protections. And the climate impact of the continued and expanding greenhouse gas release that results from proposals like this will be worldwide.

- As others have pointed out, the need for expanded port facilities on the West Coast is growing. It is very likely that, if the current ones refuse, new private partners will step up to financially participate in development of this bulk export terminal to be used exclusively for products other than coal. Not only would trans-shipment of products other than coal provide for more port jobs; this also looks to be a more long-term financially stable generator of dollars and jobs than coal trans-shipment.

In sum, inclusion of coal export in the Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project is against common sense. It is terribly shortsighted, terribly harmful, and terribly wrong.

From: [Ann & Loring Dales](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Export Terminal Proposal
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 11:15:43 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I have extreme concerns about the introduction of coal exporting business into Oakland. While the possibility of more jobs is always appealing, we should never let it take precedence over the health and well-being of our citizens, and most especially the local children and those who have taken these jobs.

Recent investigation has shown that more jobs are created through environmentally sensitive businesses than by those centering around fossil fuel production, processing and transport. In addition, coal is in decline. Also, more governments, universities and pension funds are disallowing investment in companies dealing with coal. This is not a good time for Oakland to invest in such a market.

Coal is a major contributor to greenhouse gases. Pollution from the coal that is shipped to the FarEast, as is proposed for this terminal, will horribly affect those who live there, but much of it will also return to the West Coast --- a double-whammy for our citizens.

Please nix this terrible proposal.

Ann S. Dales

From: [Robert Levy](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Another Richmond?
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 8:36:33 AM

Tax dollars, jobs, and the benefits of a major project vs the long term health of the environment and people who live in the environment. The time comes when you need to do what is best for the health of the world in which your families live for the health of your residents future. No coal. Do not permit bribery (taxes, development, jobs) to induce you to do, what you know is wrong. Enriching the rich developer who can afford the lawyers and the lobbyists is not the right thing to do. Thank you.

Have a great day and smile
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From: [John Cattarin](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:38:26 PM

To Council member Douglas Cole: Any decision to allow coal to be transported or shipped through any part, or new development of, the Oakland Shipping Port Dockyards is considered abhorrent, toxic, and detrimental to all of human life in this immediate area and indeed all over the planet. Do not sell your soul for individual profit at the expense of the many. Short term gains in a financial prospects, do in no way compensate for the long term harm done to the health of the community, the workers themselves and the planet as a whole. One cannot allow a hypothetical gun to be held to one's head after the original contract was agreed to, and then be threatened with terminating the deal if certain aspects of the agreement, which were specifically considered for omission, are now demanded to be included. I think you should stick to the original contract or fine another builder. We cannot blindly and insolently continue to abet global warming when we absolutely know better than that already. If one desires to create more jobs ---- try the green energy field. There are many opportunities there. It is growing leaps and bounds. Sincerely A
concerned citizen of the Universe and of your community.

From: [Patrick Crogan](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Army Base Gateway Project
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:38:59 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

New Terminal - Yes

Coal - No

Thank you.

Patrick

From: [Edwin Oyarzo](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 1:04:13 PM

5356 Thomas Ave
Oakland, CA 94618
October 3, 2015

Re: Coal exports by Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project

Dear Mr Cole:

I am an Oakland resident. I am writing to support the import and export of any commodity through the Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project, including coal. I urge the City Council not to ban or impose any restriction on such imports.

This project will bring needed jobs and economic activity to Oakland. All environmental concerns will be adequately addressed by applicable state regulations and the project operator. There is no need for additional regulation by the city or county. Limiting coal exports will have no effect on fossil fuel use. The export will move to another port. Oakland will only lose.

Oakland needs this project. Please approve it as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Edwin Oyarzo

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To: [Cole, Doug](#)
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From: [Alice feller](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 11:48:03 AM

Dear Mr. Cole

Tagami is a trickster. Originally he told us there would be no coal moving through the city. Suddenly we're told that coal is a key to the project. Tagami promises 12,000 jobs. Just who is going to hold him to this promise? And who will get these jobs? Construction companies tend to hire day labor under the table because it's such a bargain. Is that going to help the chronically unemployed citizens of Oakland? Vast numbers of these men (mostly men) are barred from working legitimate jobs because of a felony conviction way back in their youth. Is Mr. Tagami going to help them out? I doubt it.

He already told us he wouldn't transport coal. If he needs to break that promise before he even starts let's get someone more honest.

Yours truly,
Alice Feller

From: [Jan Klingelhofer](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [City Councilman Dan Kalb](#)
Subject: Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 9:06:02 PM

Dear Douglas Cole,

I am writing to strongly protest the potential shipment of hazardous wastes, including coal and/or crude oil either to the former Oakland Army Base, or in transit through any part of Oakland. The proposed arrangement for Terminal Logistics Solutions is contrary to the original plans for the former Oakland Army Base, and no amount of alleged jobs can be compensation for the ill effects of this deal.

Any plan for this very important asset must prioritize the health and welfare of all of Oakland's citizens, and the shipment of coal from Utah clearly does not meet this standard.

Sincerely,

Jan Klingelhofer

From: [Mike Voorhies](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Army Base Redevelopment Project
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:35:39 AM

Why is the shipping terminal project dependent on a commodity like coal? Is there a plan for what the terminal will handle when coal plays out? If there is, why not execute it now and skip the coal part? Aside from contributing to the air pollution in West Oakland, how much longer can China go on burning coal without choking themselves locally and contributing to the global pollution problem? I think this terminal's developers need to take a longer term view of its economics.

Mike Voorhies
E-mail: mikevoor@gmail.com

From: [Ed Roach](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Army Base Redevelopment Project
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 12:38:53 PM

My business office and one of my businesses is located in Oakland. I am a real estate developer so I am reluctant to oppose other real estate developers, however, in the case of using the port of Oakland to export millions of tons of coal is unacceptable. I am not going to repeat all the reasons which have already been stated to not export coal from the port, but I will say that all the hard work everyone has contributed to the development of a vibrant, job generating City of Oakland will be restricted and handicapped by this coal exporting terminal.

From: bostro@pacbell.net
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [Cappio, Claudia](#)
Cc: [Kalb, Dan](#); [Guillen, Abel](#); [McElhanev, Lynette](#); [Campbell Washington, Annie](#); [Gallo, Noel](#); [Brooks, Desley](#); [Reid, Larry](#); [At Large](#)
Subject: Comments on the public health consequences of coal in Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:49:24 AM
Attachments: [Ostro comments on HDR Engineering report for the CCIG coal trains.docx](#)

Dear Claudia Cappio and others:

I have attached my comments in response to your request on September 28 for information regarding the health effects of the proposed coal train transport through Oakland. I have focused on your issue #11 the HDR Engineering report on the health assessment of the proposed project. As you will see from my comments, I have demonstrated that there are serious problems and inappropriate conclusions with that report and I have indicated that it is very likely that there will be adverse health effects associated with blowing coal dust in West Oakland and Oakland in general. My conclusions are based on 25 years of experience as Chief of the Air Pollution Epidemiology Section of the California EPA (now retired), with responsibility for helping to set air quality standards for California as well as my work in developing standards for the U.S. EPA and the World Health Organization.

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Dr. Bart Ostro,, Ph.D.
Oakland, CA

Comments of Dr. Bart Ostro. Former Chief of the Air Pollution Epidemiology Section, California Environmental Protection Agency (retired). Dr. Ostro was responsible for helping to develop the air pollution standards for fine particles (PM2.5) for California, the U.S. EPA and the World Health Organization and is the author of over 100 peer reviewed publications on the health effects of air pollution and heat waves.

RE: Comments on: Oakland Bulk and Oversized Terminal Air Quality & Human Health and Safety Assessment of Potential Coal Dust Emissions, prepared for: California Capital and Investment Group, HDR Engineering, September 2015

1. Page 5 the consultants state there will be little erosion of coal. However, their citation refers to field testing of dust from coal piles, **NOT** from moving trains which will likely produce a distinctly different level of emissions. In addition, the erosion potential will be impacted at the West Oakland location due to the winds that are often experienced there. For example, wind analysis from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District shows that 100% of the winds in the summertime, when people spend the greatest amount of time outdoors, are from the West. This means that dust from the rail operations, including the train hauling itself, will blow directly into Oakland residential areas, particularly West Oakland. In the winter time, still about 70% of the time, the wind is from the West. In addition, the data indicate that many days have wind speed above 10 mph. (Eric Fujita and Campbell, West Oakland Monitoring Report, DRI, 2010). Furthermore, actual empirical evidence of fine particle concentrations at the delivery site (NOT at the mines which the contractors state is the only place that will be impacted by erosion) shows **significant increase in concentrations due to coal trains**. This issue is discussed in point 5d below.

2. Page 5. CCIG consultants state: “moving rail cars would emit negligible quantities of coal dust in the Oakland area because of load profiling and topping measures.” To support this statement they refer to the lack of erosion (again suggesting incorrectly that all erosion will occur near the mines), discussed above, and to tests that shows an 85% reduction in coal dust from the control strategies undertaken. Several points here: (1) The 85% reduction is based on field tests and trials conducted by BNSF and Union Pacific in limited circumstances. It is not based on real world practices or data; (2) the surface sprays used to cover the coal tend to degrade over time and for the new marine terminal at the former Oakland Army Base we are talking about an 800

mile trip from Utah. In the Powder River coal transport to the West Coast, the train company needed to add an additional surface spray facility along the route from Montana. It is not clear if an added facility is planned in this case and it is not mentioned in the consultant report; (3) there is no mandate for this control, and compliance, especially over time, is questionable; and (4) even after an 85% reduction, there would still be significant increases in fine particulate air pollution for Oakland residents. Representatives from BNSF indicated that there would be an average erosion of 1.6 lbs of coal dust per car per mile. Using simple assumptions, a daily train of 115 cars for a year, for the 12 miles that the train would pass through Oakland would result in a deposition of

$1.6 \text{ lbs/car-mile} \times 365 \text{ days} \times 115 \text{ cars} \times 12 \text{ miles} \times 2000 \text{ (pounds in a ton)} = 400 \text{ tons a year of coal dust deposited in Oakland annually}$

and 100 tons a year in West Oakland. Even with 85% control, if it actually occurs, this would still leave 60 tons of coal dust a year in Oakland and approximately 15 tons per year in West Oakland. **Hardly a “negligible” amount.**

3. Page 6. The consultants add, almost as an aside, that the trains will also be covered. However, there is no detail on this and to our knowledge no existing practice where this is currently employed, and certainly no regulatory mandate for it. Again, **compliance is an issue** since this would add costs to the train operation and is currently not actively used. We contacted two companies (CoalCap and Rush-Co) that are now developing prototypes of covered cars. They have only been tested on a limited basis and are still engaged in development. It is unclear when, if ever, these would be available commercially.

4. Page 11. The CCIG consultants make a statement in section IV that the transport operations will not harm public health. They state that “Coal and coal dust in itself is not specifically regulated or defined as a hazardous material by USEPA.” While this is true, some of the coal dust will be a fine particulate which is subject to federal and state outdoor air pollution standards that are discussed below.

5a. **WHY are fine particles important?** Airborne fine particles are often called PM2.5; these are particles that are 2.5 microns or less in diameter. By contrast, a human hair is approximately 70 microns. PM2.5 from coal dust are important since it can be inhaled deep in the lungs. Studies from epidemiologists and cardiologists have demonstrated in peer reviewed journals that there is **a clear causal relationship between both very short (a day or multiple days) and longer-term (several months to years) exposure to PM 2.5 and a wide range of adverse health outcomes** (Brook et al 2010). Studies from around the world and from California demonstrate that PM2.5 is associated with respiratory symptoms, school and work loss, asthma exacerbation, emergency room visits, non-fatal heart attacks, adverse birth outcomes (premature births, low birth weight), hospital admissions, and death from cardiovascular disease. The populations at greatest particular risk (though other groups are susceptible) include children, asthmatics and older individuals with pre-existing cardiovascular or respiratory disease. In California, these peer reviewed studies showing some of these health effects include those by Ostro et al. 2006, 2009; Malig and Ostro (2009), Green et al. (2009) and Malig et al. (2013).

5b. PM2.5 has been determined by the World Health Organization (WHO) to have the greatest worldwide impacts of any environmental exposure with an **estimated 3 million deaths per year**. (Lim et al, 2012). The California Air Resources Board estimates for California range from 10 to 30 thousand per year depending on the assumptions in the analysis and the air standard used.

5c. While specific outdoor air standards have been established for PM2.5, institutions including California EPA, USEPA and WHO have specified **there is no clear cut safe level** for these effects. This means that every exposure adds to the likelihood of an adverse health outcome. Thus, even in areas where the standard is being attained, additional exposure to coal dust is likely to impact health, especially in a susceptible population.

5d. In **one of the few actual studies** conducted on this issue, scientists at the University of Washington examined the contribution to PM2.5 from coal versus freight trains, close to the destination site (i.e., **NOT close to the mines**) (Jaffe et al., 2014; 2015). In their peer reviewed publication, they reported that the average peak in near-by concentrations of PM2.5 of coal trains were twice that of freight, specifically 21 versus 11 micrograms per cubic meter. In addition, they reported several events with concentrations greater than 75 micrograms with concentrations

up to 230 micrograms. **Thus, one would logically expect very high peaks of PM2.5 from coal dust, at concentrations that could cause health effects.**

6. Page 11, Section A. The CCIG consultants report the results of a coal dust study conducted by the Surface Transportation Board (STB) regarding a proposed rail line in Montana (also known as the Tongue River Rail Project). Based on a modeling exercise they report that incremental concentrations of airborne coal dust from train cars are expected to be below the standards set in the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and the Montana Ambient Air Quality Standards (Montana AAQS) to protect human health. I believe they wish the reader to infer that therefore, the proposed project in Oakland will also not impact public health. However, there are **major differences** between these two sites. Based on the latest available information, the two major towns in rural Montana, Colstrip and Ashland, that are impacted by the railroad have populations of 2200 and 400, respectively. There is obviously very little urban residential activity to produce pollution in this area such as traffic, restaurant cooking, and biomass burning. In fact, based on a letter from the governor of Montana, the annual average concentrations of fine particles in Rosebud and Powder River Counties, the two counties immediately impacted by the railroad are 5.5 and 6.7 micrograms per cubic meter (the latter is the standard method for measuring fine particles concentrations). (Letter from Steve Bullock, Governor to Shaun McGrath, Regional Administrator, USEPA, "Montana 2012 Revised Annual PM2.5 NAAQS Initial Designation," Dec 2, 2013). This is a very low concentration, but not unexpected for this very rural area. In addition, the STB report says nothing about impacted communities at the final delivery point.

In contrast, obviously Oakland is part of a major metropolitan area with multiple sources of fine particulate pollution. Air pollution measurements have been taken in West Oakland by the Desert Research Institute, a firm known internationally for its work on measuring exposures. Their analysis indicates that, based on sampling conducted at several residential sites in the West Oakland community, the annual averages of PM2.5 were above 11 micrograms per cubic meter (Fujita and Campbell, West Oakland Monitoring Report to the BAAQMD, DRI, 2010). Another monitoring study showed concentrations in West Oakland of 15 to 40 micrograms per cubic meter (Bui et al. Ground Level Monitoring of Particulate Matter in West Oakland). **Thus, the**

current levels of PM2.5 in West Oakland are roughly twice that of the Montana train site used by the consultants. As such, the expected contribution of coal dust would most likely put them in **violation of both the state and federal averages** of 12 micrograms per cubic meter. In addition, as explained earlier, there is a possibility that they would exceed the 24-hour standard for PM2.5. It is also important to note that West Oakland is heavily impacted by diesel particles, which are very small particles. Several studies have shown that these particles (which are similar to the coal dust particles) are up to 10 times more toxic than generic PM2.5 (Ostro et al., 2014).

Conclusion Based on the above information, coupled with the lack of a recognized safe level for exposure to PM2.5, it is naive and reckless to state that the public health will not be impacted by the coal-bearing trains. Further it is inappropriate to use the study in Montana to infer the consequences of coal transport in the Oakland corridor. Finally, comments from the Environmental Impact Statement for the Montana project suggest that only 30 percent of shippers comply with the rule to properly spray and control dust. (Online Public Meeting for the Draft EIS for the Proposed Tongue River Railroad, June 17, 2015). Based on all available information, empirical data from Washington State, and a common sense approach to the issue, it is very likely that the proposed coal trains would significantly impact the health of residents of West Oakland and Oakland, in general.

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To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [Hon. Libby Schaaf](#); [Schaaf, Libby](#); Council@oaklanet.com; [Cappio, Claudia](#); "Mark Wald"; [Monetta, John](#)
Subject: Do not allow Coal Trains to treaverse or offload in Oakland
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 5:06:34 PM
Attachments: [No coal \(to D Cole 15Oct04-BD\).docx](#)

Mr Cole,

Please find attached, and as text below, my letter opposing the shipment of coal through or to Oakland. There are many good reasons to stop this practice, and only one in favor – the greed of the developers who seem to not care that even their own families would be harmed by the coal dust and exhaust gases of burning coal being added to the environment.

I hope you will join me and thousands of your neighbors and constituents in saying, ‘No Coal in Oakland!’

Thank you for your time and attention.

Best regards,
Ben Delaney

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Good morning, Mr. Cole,

I am writing to express my strong OPPOSITION TO COAL TRAINS PASSING THROUGH OAKLAND.

I write as a resident of Oakland, a strong believer in our beautiful city, and concerned citizen of the Earth. I am worried about the short and long-term impacts of global climate change, and care deeply about the health and welfare of my family, my neighbors, and especially the children who live in Oakland. In addition, though I am not writing in an official capacity, I am the President of the Board of the Jack London District Association, and, along with our West Oakland neighbors, have a personal interest in keeping dirty coal trains off our streets and out of our District.

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November 24, 2015

Douglas Cole

Vis email

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Best regards,



Ben Delaney

From: [betsy.wood](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 3:57:58 PM

To Oakland City Council,

I very much oppose allowing open coal cars to go through Oakland for shipment to China. West Oakland especially would have more unhealthy pollution than ever, causing more asthma and other problems. I live in district 3 among 250 seniors and we too would have worse air.

Jobs are important but other bulk products could be shipped, not coal.

Elizabeth Wood
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Oakland 94610
891-8282

From: [Dick Cluster](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal and new bulk port comment
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 7:34:19 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

The technical questions in Doc 092815 appear to me to be pertinent and comprehensive and I applaud the city for pursuing them. My comments here are not technical ones but comments from the point of view of a lay citizen. I had signed up to speak at the hearing but was not able to stay long enough to speak. I will keep the comments brief to avoid repetition:

- 1) We need economic development and jobs, but they must be provided under leadership and administration that is trustworthy and that considers the true needs and welfare of the community.
- 2) Shipping coal through the city, particularly through West Oakland, is dangerous to the residents' health. Jobs that bring death and disease are not the jobs we need.
- 3) For long-term economic development, prosperity, and jobs, we must not rely on dying industries, but on growing ones. Fossil fuel exports will decline, whether in the short term or the medium term, as the country comes to grips with the problem of global warming, whether through regulation or economic incentives/disincentives or international treaties.
- 4) It would be a setback if the current developer were to pull the plug on the project because of being forbidden to ship vast quantities of coal, but it would be a worse setback to have the new port developed under administration that cannot be trusted to be truthful (having previously denied any intent to ship coal or crude oil through the port) and responsive to community needs and health.
- 5) If push were to come to shove -- which may not be the case, because the current partners may be engaging in empty threats -- the lesser of two evils would be to delay the development until it can be done, as soon as possible, under trustworthy leadership and with a business plan that is long-term sustainable in terms both of steady demand for and availability of the products, and of impact on local health and safety.

Sincerely,
Richard Cluster
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From: [Henri Loh](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal and our health
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:31:51 PM

Dear Mr. Cole

Currently 1/3 West Oakland children are diagnosed with asthma due to the air pollution here. We have climate efforts from Obama and even China recognizing our need to change our energy sources due to the damage it causes. I have 2 babies and I am deathly afraid of the poison they are breathing every day. West Oakland is a dense residential area filled with working families and children that cannot afford to leave or have the resources to assure their health.

Would you be making these same choices if you babies lived in West Oakland?

Sincerely,
West Oakland resident and parent
Henri Loh

From: hanovernh66@aol.com
To: Cole, Doug: forestlakeroad@gmail.com
Subject: Coal Cars through OAB Terminal
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 9:24:24 AM

Mr. Cole,

Oakland does not need coal rail cars or oil rail tank cars going through Oakland. I saw a video interview by Mr Phil Tagami in which he denied there were any plans to export coal with this project. Now he is saying exporting coal is essential to the project and will not go forward without it. Either Mr Tagami is dishonest or a poor developer if he did not know that coal exports were essential to the viability of this project. How can we trust people who are devious, dishonest or stupid? Do we want to put the future of Oakland in this man's hands. No.

The Oakland Army Base has valuable long term uses which will be eventually be realized. We do not need to lower our expectations and standards for OAB to accommodate such a project. In addition, the Oakland City Council committed to not having coal go through this project. For once, let us listen to the public and look forward to the future rather than listen to developers solely motivated by money who are looking to the past.

H Clarke Gentry (Oakland resident since 1980)
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From: [Will Scott](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [Susan Stephenson](#)
Subject: coal comments, any questions?
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 1:08:16 PM

Dear Doug,

We at California Interfaith Power & Light wanted to make sure that we are listed in opposition to coal exports in Oakland. We and some of our member congregations have signed on to the coalition letter and our Oakland members have also sent comments, like the one below, to city council members and the Mayor.

Will those comments made directly to City Council members be handed over to you? Or do we need to send those to you as well?

Thanks!
Will

Dear Mayor Libby Schaaf and Oakland City Council,

I am writing to you today as a person of faith to urge that you do all you can to keep coal out of Oakland.

Coal is bad for the climate, public health and the environment. Coal dust and particulate matter pose significant threats to Bay Area air and water quality. Coal breaks apart easily to create dust that contains mercury, arsenic, uranium, and hundreds of other toxins. The transport of coal through marine terminals poses a significant threat to the San Francisco Bay and the species that depend on a healthy aquatic environment. Coal dust would also exacerbate the air pollution problems already plaguing West Oakland, where residents are already twice as likely to visit the emergency room for asthma as the average Alameda County resident, and are also more likely to die of cancer and heart and lung disease.

The religious community around the world is calling on all of us to transition to a carbon neutral future.

Pope Francis in his recent encyclical on environmental and economic justice wrote: "We know that technology based on the use of highly polluting fossil fuels – especially coal...needs to be progressively replaced without delay."

He is joined by religious leaders from other traditions calling on the world to end the burning of fossil fuels:

"Human behavior that overworks the Earth - especially the overburning of fossil fuels --- crests in a systemic planetary response that endangers human communities and many other life-forms as well." –Rabbinical Letter on Climate Crisis (signed by more than 300 Rabbis)

"phase out greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible in order to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere" – Islamic Declaration on Climate Change

“We must 'de-carbonize' our energy systems as quickly as feasible by replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy sources that are limitless, benign and harmonious with nature. We especially need to halt the construction of new coal plants, since coal is by far the most polluting and most dangerous source of atmospheric carbon.” Buddhist Declaration on Climate Change

Please stand with every Oakland resident who cares about global climate and public health, oppose this proposal and any other that would export of coal from Oakland's ports.

Thank you!

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From: [Victor Rauch](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal depot
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:21:11 AM

Dear Mr. Cole,

This is a terrible idea. Does Oakland really want to be on the leading edge of the wrong side of Climate Change.

We should spend our dollars encouraging renewables, not poisoning the planet. If your tenant needs coal to make their deal pencil out. Find a new tenant.

Victor Rauch
Long time Oakland and East Bay business person

From: [Betsy Sowa](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal export terminal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 6:19:36 PM

The coal export terminal would be a bad thing which would increase train traffic and coal dust pollution which is a bad thing for human health! We do not need things that destroy the climate!

Elizabeth Sowa MD

From: [Judith Schumacher-Jennings](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Coal Export Terminal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 3:57:06 PM

Please do not include the proposed Coal Export Terminal in the Oakland Global redevelopment project.

As the international climate meeting in Paris approaches, scientists have stated that even with all of the proposals from countries, the planet will see an excess of 2.0 degree increase by 2100. If civilization is to survive, the time for profit from fossil fuels has passed.

Judith Schumacher-Jennings
former Oakland resident now living in Rossmoor

From: [Agustina C](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Cc: jess.dervin-ackerman@sierraclub.org
Subject: Coal Exports Contradict ECAP Goals
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 5:03:57 PM

how can the city of Oakland seriously consider exporting coal when the city has a direct goal of reducing green house gas emissions by 36% by 2020?

Simply moving where the coal is consumed will do nothing to combat climate change, burning elsewhere does not mean we are not at fault. When that coal burns, it means that the city of Oakland has failed in its goal to reduce GHG emissions.

If you need more reasons why exporting coal is a bad idea, refer to this:

1. Coal is bad for community health.

- Open-top rail cars that transport coal lose up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car; this translates to 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water for every trip made by a coal train. Coal dust, plus more diesel emissions from increased freight traffic, would intensify the air pollution already plaguing West Oakland.
- Coal dust can cause build up on the tracks, causing derailments and spontaneous explosions. West Oakland residents are already overburdened by industrial pollution. [We're/They're] already twice as likely to visit the emergency room for asthma as the average Alameda County resident, and are also more likely to die of cancer and heart and lung disease.
- Coal dust causes decreased lung capacity, childhood bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, emphysema, and heart disease.
- *[Share your family's story about health impacts of pollution!]*

2. Coal is bad for the local economy and workers.

- Coal is an increasingly anti-union industry. Oakland should support projects that create good union jobs.
- Oakland is becoming known worldwide as a green and innovative city. Let's not throw that reputation away by making a deal with the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet.
- Longshoremen who work at coal-export facilities are exposed to serious health risks. Prolonged, direct exposure to coal dust has been linked to health issues such as chronic bronchitis, decreased lung function, emphysema, and cancer. Coal dust has also been shown to increase the risk of mortality from heart disease.

3. Coal is bad for climate.

- California has worked hard to be a coal-free state. We do not burn coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening families in our community and throughout the world.
- The mining, transport, and burning of this coal would result in over 12.5 million tons of greenhouse emissions each year. That's like adding more than two million passenger cars to the road each year.
- There is no such thing as clean coal. Utah coal contains mercury, carbon, and other hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, increase respiratory illness rates, and accelerate climate change. These pollution impacts are global and local -- many of these pollutants blow over the ocean and increase pollution rates in California.
- Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone.

Enjoy your weekend!

~Agustina Cartagena

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From: [Narayan Gopinathan](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Coal exports
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 3:40:02 PM

Dear City of Oakland,

Please refuse permits for the proposed coal export terminal at the Port of Oakland. Coal is the dirtiest of fossil fuels and if we want to maintain a stable climate we have to do our part to maintain as much of the world's coal in the ground as possible. California has worked hard to be a coal-free state; our electric grid thankfully does not rely on this dirty commodity. We should not allow this coal to be brought to market in China either.

The mining, transport and burning of this coal would result in 12.5 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions each year. When coal goes into the atmosphere, it does not matter where it was burned. Every ton of coal burned increases the likelihood of devastating wildfires like the ones that are currently ravaging our state.

To maintain a stable climate, we must keep coal in the ground where it belongs. We must not enable those who want to burn it, because that would mean burning our own climate.

Thank you.

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Narayan Gopinathan
B.S. Environmental Economics and Policy, 2016
UC Berkeley College of Natural Resources

From: [Linda Morgan](#)
To: [DL - City Council](#); [Cole, Doug](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Coal Exports
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 7:08:14 PM

I am an East Bay resident with serious concerns about the plan to export coal through the Bay Area. I realize how important the jobs this port expansion represents are to the city of Oakland and its residents, but don't let yourselves be blackmailed by Terminal Logistics Solutions. Coal is shipped in open top rail cars that shed up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car each trip. That means 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering the air and water in communities along the way (like mine) and in West Oakland and belching diesel fumes into the air where the poor and people of color are disproportionately effected. Longshoremen who work at coal-export facilities are exposed to serious health risks. Prolonged, direct exposure to coal dust has been linked to health issues such as chronic bronchitis, decreased lung function, emphysema, and cancer. Coal dust has also been shown to increase the risk of mortality from heart disease.

Here in California we have worked hard to cut carbon emissions. We not only don't burn coal in any of our power plants, we don't allow our state's utilities to buy energy from out-of-state facilities that burn coal, because it doesn't matter where in the world carbon enters the atmosphere-- it still causes the same amount of global warming. If you allow this coal to be exported to be burned in another country, it causes the same climate damage as it would if it were burned in the United States.

Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of our Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water. We have an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

Thank you for considering my opinion,

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From: jfong52414@aol.com
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal exports
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 9:55:40 PM

Shipment of coal is bad for the health of our citizens and bad for the environment. The risks, despite all claims of safety measures, are too great. It only takes 1 mishap just like oil spills, to create irreparable harm to the region. We need to say no to those who have money to hire high priced attorneys, lobbyists, and other mouth pieces spreading their poison of how this will help the community. I am ashamed of these people who got rich working for the Port spreading trying to spread this filth to our community.

From: [Andrea Simms](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal exports
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 9:24:24 PM

I am writing to express my opposition to the plan to export coal from Oakland. I am concerned about the neighborhoods that would have the trains running through - it is impossible to predict if closed cars will actually be used and if they are in fact safer.

And Oakland needs to set an example: coal is, and should be a dying industry. We can provide cleaner jobs exporting something else.

Please find a way to prevent this plan from happening!

Thanks for your attention,

Andrea Simms
Redwood Heights

From: [Barbara Rhine](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal in Oakland (or anywhere, for that matter)
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:53:02 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

As you probably know, coal is THE DIRTIEST fossil fuel used to produce the energy needed throughout the world. And because our world has begun, finally, to take climate change seriously—hopefully in time to keep it from being catastrophic for the human species—the utility of coal is declining, especially in light of renewable energy technologies becoming viable, job-creating industries.

Coal is on its way out at last. No more huge emissions into the atmosphere, black lung disease for its miners, mountaintop removal for its states, asthma and other related lung disorders for those who happen to be close to its transport. Even China, with its new cap and trade policy, is going to phase out coal.

Now why, given this, would Oakland choose to have coal running on trains through its streets, and being transported out of its port? Because the dying industry offers big bucks to grind its last profits out of the rest of us, that's why.

There is plenty else to be shipped in and out of Oakland ports that is less damaging, both to Oakland's residents and the world's environment.

Please, do what you know is right. Oppose coal in Oakland!

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Oakland, CA 94612

From: [Margaret Phillips](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal in Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:32:18 PM

Hello,

I would really like to see this terminal go into full action and employ a lot of people as promised. Oakland needs this economic boost BUT.....

It is not clear to me how dangerous this coal dust is if in *covered* cars. Have objective studies been done to show it would create a hazard or is it just somebody's assumption that dust would escape and endanger people's health? **What are the facts?** I don't want to see West Oaklanders' health jeopardized, but also would hate to see a golden opportunity for Oakland go down the drain based on hysteria.

Margaret Phillips

From: [Victoria Hurd](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal in Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 6:40:27 PM

My husband and I are long-time Oakland residents. We think that allowing the transport of coal through Oakland would be a dirty way of looking out for people's health, as well as that of the environment. Coal is power, granted, but we have to forego this kind of power. It's no progress if you turn the skies yellow, send children to the ER, & double cross environmental concerns. Please do not allow coal to be transported through Oakland.

Thank you.

Victoria & Peter Hurd

From: [Robert Loebel](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal in Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:35:08 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to the proposal to use the Port of Oakland as an export center for coal.

Oakland has a bright future as a city filled with a highly educated workforce, a diverse and healthy population, and a reputation as a center for green technology and biotech.

Bringing coal through Oakland will be a setback for the city and will leave Oakland stuck in the past. These are not the jobs Oakland needs, and this is not an industry the city should align itself with.

If Oakland becomes a coal export center, I will be less excited to live here, and that will be true for many like me.

Best,
Robert

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Robert Loebel
(510) 220-5516

From: lizbeck.arttherapy@gmail.com on behalf of [Liz Beck](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal in Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:48:05 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

It has come to my attention that the Oakland City Council has been put in a difficult position: agree to allow coal to be transported through Oakland or risk loosing up to 12,000 jobs (<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Coal-shipping-plan-divides-Oakland-over-health-6541635.php>)

As a Jack London Square resident, owner, taxpayer, voter, another mother of two young children, I **strongly disagree** with the idea of putting the health and wellbeing of Oakland citizens in order to secure more jobs in our city.

Like many Oakland residents, I don't oppose the Oakland Army Base project with Mr. Tagami's original proposal, where he promised that coal would not pass through the terminal. But, this clearly is no longer the case. Do not let Oakland be bullied and threatened! There are some things that money cannot buy, and health is one of them.

Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration.

Warm regards,
Liz Beck

From: [Frank Bergamaschi](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal in Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:35:19 PM

Mr. Cole:

As a long time Oakland resident, I have long been interested in environmental issues, and usually disappointed by our response to them, very often prizing economic interests over the environment. It's death by a thousand cuts, each poor environmental decision rationalized as tolerable for the economic gain, but the resultant overall damage is catastrophic.

I strongly urge you and the other decision makers in Oakland to say no to shipping coal or other fossil fuels through our city. Someone has to have the courage to stand up to economic interests in the interest of our future. Please let that someone be us.

Respectfully,

Frank Bergamaschi

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From: [Jacqueline levin](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal in Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 6:31:37 AM

The priority should be the health and safety of people first. Seems to me those involved in this project see that as less important than more jobs. I believe the project, without coal, would develop plenty of jobs. People with health problems would have to leave Oakland and try to find a healthier place to live. Do we want Oakland, which seems to be benefiting from the clean tech culture in SF, want to reverse this improving city by becoming known as a polluted city that would keep people and businesses away?

I have lived in Oakland for 49 years and loved the idea that it is blessed with mostly clean air because of the Bay Area weather. I would hate to see that change by inviting coal into the city. Please stop this dangerous part of the plan.

Oakland resident

From: [Tom Jones](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal in Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 9:46:53 PM

I was born and raised in Oakland and still reside in the Bay Area. I want to express my opposition to the proposal to ship coal to and through Oakland. The harm to humans and to the environment from the mining, shipping, and burning of coal has been well documented. I think it would be a huge mistake to trade the prospect of (relatively) short-term jobs for the long-term harm that the shipping of coal through Oakland would have on the residents, the air, the water, and the land of the greater East Bay Area.

Sincerely,
Tom Jones

From: [Bp Sounds](#)
To: [DL - City Council](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal in oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 3:40:51 PM

What about water impacts from the coal facility? This project would likely not be considered a "beneficial use" of water. East Bay mud and other water agencies need to be involved.

In addition to all of problems with this project, the developers need to be reminded that this is oakland, and there will be massive protests and occupation of the site if coal ever makes its way thete. I think the mayor and city council would be well served to make sure the public costs that could come from these activities need to be born by the developer. They should be required to pay for all the trouble they're going to cause, and we're not talking about a few broken windows.

From: [Rosemary Heil](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [Bob](#); RosemaryHeil@yahoo.com Heil
Subject: coal in Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:34:58 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

I am outraged that Oakland is considering shipping coal through Oakland. That was not part of the deal when the development of the former army base was approved. Shipping coal will be very harmful to the communities surrounding the port and to the air quality of the bay area in general, not to mention the very greatly increased train traffic. I have seen what the shipping of coal has done to port cities in Alaska...it is not pretty. I know Oakland needs the jobs, but when this project was approved, it was envisioned without the shipping of coal and the developer thought it was a financially doable project. It is not worth the health risks and the environmental degradation that coal causes to approve this project. I urge you to say no to coal.

Rosemary Heil
Oakland resident.

From: [Arleen Whitmore](#)
To: [Office of the Mayor](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal in Oakland?
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 8:16:03 PM

I'm an Oakland resident and I don't want the coal industry to be a part of a taxpayer-funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air.

This project was intended to clean up pollution and provide benefits to the local economy — not threaten our health, economy, and climate.

1. Coal is bad for community health.

- Open-top rail cars that transport coal lose up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car; this translates to 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water for every trip made by a coal train. Coal dust, plus more diesel emissions from increased freight traffic, would intensify the air pollution already plaguing West Oakland.
- Coal dust can cause build up on the tracks, causing derailments and spontaneously explosions. West Oakland residents are already overburdened by industrial pollution. [We're/They're] already twice as likely to visit the emergency room for asthma as the average Alameda County resident, and are also more likely to die of cancer and heart and lung disease.
- Coal dust causes decreased lung capacity, childhood bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, emphysema, and heart disease.
- *[Share your family's story about health impacts of pollution!]*

2. Coal is bad for the local economy and workers.

- Coal is an increasingly anti-union industry. Oakland should support projects that create good union jobs.
- Oakland is becoming known worldwide as a green and innovative city. Let's not throw that reputation away by making a deal with the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet.
- Longshoremen who work at coal-export facilities are exposed to serious health risks. Prolonged, direct exposure to coal dust has been linked to health issues such as chronic bronchitis, decreased lung function, emphysema, and cancer. Coal dust has also been shown to increase the risk of mortality from heart disease.

3. Coal is bad for climate.

- California has worked hard to be a coal-free state. We do not burn

coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening families in our community and throughout the world.

- The mining, transport, and burning of this coal would result in over 12.5 million tons of greenhouse emissions each year. That's like adding more than two million passenger cars to the road each year.
- There is no such thing as clean coal. Utah coal contains mercury, carbon, and other hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, increase respiratory illness rates, and accelerate climate change. These pollution impacts are global and local -- many of these pollutants blow over the ocean and increase pollution rates in California.
- Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone.

From: [Aiden Archer](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal In Port of Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:31:39 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am an owner/occupant of a condo in West Oakland, very near the Port of Oakland. I pay property taxes. I support my community in various ways. I am gainfully employed as a paralegal in a San Francisco law firm. I have lived in the Bay Area for nearly twenty-five years and in the County of Alameda for eight years.

I very much support renewable energy, its development and use. I believe this is the only logical way forward given the ongoing effects of climate change. Coal is a dirty source of energy by all accounts. It is also, as substantiated in all of the credible research, a health hazard to the people who work with or near it as well as all others who live near it. Coal dust is linked to various illnesses including respiratory and lung disease. The transport, offloading and movement of mined coal will produce coal dust regardless of the claims of precautions taken to protect against it. West Oakland is encircled by freeways and the air is already contaminated by toxic particulate from motor vehicle tire abrasion. My condo faces the 880 exchange and when I clean the window ledges there is always a fine film of blackish material. I do not want to add coal dust to the mix!

I believe that the introduction of coal to the Port of Oakland will constitute a general health hazard and a more specific one to anyone already suffering from any type of respiratory illness such as asthma or emphysema.

West Oakland has the last viable open land for development of residential and commercial interests in the Emeryville/Jack London corridor and there are current and slated projects. The introduction of coal to the area will thwart these developments and discourage developers.

West Oakland has historically gotten the short end of the stick in local politics. I have no doubt that if a proposal to truck coal through the Rockridge or Piedmont areas ever came up it would be short lived.

I am nearing retirement age and hope to stay in my West Oakland condo. However, if coal is introduced I will consider selling and relocating to a municipality that has a higher regard and health concern for its taxpaying residents.

For all the reasons herein stated, I strongly oppose the introduction of coal to the Port of Oakland under any and all circumstances.

Dennis Hanshew
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Oakland, CA 94607
510-893-0753

From: [Joel Eisenberg](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal is BAD
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 12:06:23 PM

I'm an East Bay resident and have significant concerns about what a massive increase in train traffic and coal-dust pollution would mean for my family's health; I am a Bay Area resident and I care about supporting good local jobs, not out-of-state fossil fuel companies that are destroying the climate.]

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Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of our Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water. We have an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

From: [Michael Cannon](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#)
Subject: Coal jobs imperial humanities future...your kids and grandkids!
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 1:08:28 PM

I am a Bay Area resident and I care about supporting good local jobs, not out-of-state fossil fuel companies that are destroying the climate.

Any jobs that contribute to destroying humanity are...do I really need to say it...not worth it. Please protect our community and our earth.

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Regards,

Michael Cannon

Marketing and Sales Effectiveness Expert

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From: [Madeline Ritchie](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal shipment
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 11:02:47 AM

I wish to express my opposition to having coal shipped through the OAKLAND PORT

MR. TAGAMI CLAIMS HE HAD NO INTENTION TO SHIP COAL BUT NOW THAT MUCH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED ON THE OLD ARMY BASE, HE HAS CHANGED HIS MIND/.

tHIS IS AN OLD TACTIC AND THE CLAIM FOR JOBS AND MILLIONS TO OAKLAND IS NOW HELD UP.

tHERE WILL BE OTHER PRODUCTS FOR SHIPPING. WHY DID HE GO INTO THIS IN HE FIRST PLACE.

KEEP SAFETY, HEALTH CONCERNSTHE TOP PRIOIRITIES.

oAKLAND NEEDS GOOD FAIR LEADERSHIP AND NOT BE POLACED IN JEOPARDY.

NO cOAL THROUGH OAKLAND.

THANK YOU, MADELINE RITCHIE

From: Hbersie@aol.com
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal shipments
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 4:16:45 PM

I urge the City Council to ban coal and all hazardous fuel shipments through Oakland.

Our prime location will continue - on a long-range basis - to be an ideal one for shipping California products, including agricultural commodities, through the new port facility.

The secretive negotiations and threats to stop construction of the facility expose the false nature of the current proposal.

Helen Bersie
4275 39th Avenue
Oakland, Ca 94619

From: [Michael Berg](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Coal Shipments Through Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 12:45:04 PM

Mr. Cole, I am writing to you to share my thoughts concerning the prospect of coal being shipped through Oakland. My home is on 2nd street adjacent to the Amtrak parking structure in Jack London Square. I am a few steps away from the trains. Obviously the value of my home will take a huge hit if there are problems. My place and everyone in this immediate area will be affected. Many of us may have to choose between our health and our home.

I understand that this is an active railway and there are freight as well as passenger trains. Coal is another matter. It really can't be shipped in covered containers, even if it could it wouldn't be a perfect seal and we would still be faced with the dust. Thousand of people in the West Oakland area will be exposed to it. As this area grows with projects like Brooklyn Basin more people will be affected.

The ultimate cost of moving coal through our city won't be fully known for decades. Increased numbers of bronchial infections and lung cancer deaths will take time to develop. If the lawsuits around asbestos related health problems are any example this could expose the city and the port financially for years.

The city has worked very hard to change its image and to attract sustainable growth. While crime is one area that is already a concern; does Oakland really need to also have this affecting its image? Under the right situation those eating dinner outside in JLS could go home with soiled clothes and stories of coal clouds settling on their food.

Lastly, I would say that if we really want to attract tech companies and their workers, and position ourselves as an area that is up and coming, we won't serve that goal by embracing a dying technology like fossil fuels, especially coal that is being produced out of state and being shipped out of the country.

This decision will impact this city for a long time and it needs to be considered seriously. Please do not allow coal in our city.

Thank you for the opportunity for providing feedback.

Michael Berg
311 2nd Street
Unit 810
Oakland, CA 94607

From: ksgoetsch@comcast.net
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal shipments
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 9:41:08 AM

my husband and I strongly oppose shipping of coal through our city. The health of our citizens and the environment must be safeguarded. Keep Oakland GREEN.

Bob Giannini and Kathy Goetsch
Kenmore Ave. Oakland 94610

From: [NANCY DOLPHIN](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal shipments
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 2:53:41 PM

I wish to express my dismay and disapproval regarding plans to facilitate coal and crude oil shipments through the Port of Oakland. Our city need not be an enabler for the continued use of these harmful energy sources, regardless of their final destination. The jobs that are purported to be offered should not be in service of these dirty industries. The hazards of transporting (and using) these materials have clearly and repeatedly been shown to be destructive and deadly. Let the worthy port redevelopment projects reflect the vision of our community to grow in ways that will enhance the livability and environmental integrity of our neighborhoods, as well as the earth as a whole. Please do not succumb to the siren's song of the developers who want only to profit from their investments by whatever product they can contract to move. Oakland can do better.

sincerely,
Larry deGrassi
MonteCresta ave.
Oakland, Ca.

From: [Paul McGee](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal Shipments
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 1:13:23 PM

I am an Oakland resident and oppose shipping coal through the Port of Oakland. This would be an unacceptable risk to public health, safety, and the environment. Oakland should be a leader in protecting public health, safety, and environmental quality.

Paul McGee
1350 Grand View Drive

From: carolesl@jps.net
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [McElhaney, Lynette](#)
Subject: Coal shipping from port of Oakland
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 2:00:00 PM

Dear All,
I am adamantly opposed to shipping coal through the Port of Oakland.
Coal and other fossil fuels need to stay in the ground.

Carole Levenson
492 Staten Avenue #1103
Oakland CA94610

From: [Brian Treusch](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal Shipping Plan
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:27:25 PM

To: Douglas Cole, mgr. Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project
From: Brian Treusch, 488 44th Street, Oakland, CA 94609 - also briantrs@gmail.com

I have done considerable research and have given considerable thought to my feelings about the proposed Oakland Coal Shipping plan now before city administrators. I am strongly opposed to it.

I have worked in several unions over the years - NABET 51, and Sprinkler Fitters 483 (fire sprinklers). My experiences tell me that few of the proposed jobs will ever go to Oakland residents. The few Oakland residents who do obtain employment at this coal terminal will certainly move out and away from Oakland due to their enhanced earnings. Oakland's poverty problems will receive no improvement from it.

America needs to come to grips with ACC. We need to take this issue very seriously before it is too late. Carbon resources have to be left in the ground and forgotten. Big money doesn't care about Anthropogenic Climate Change. It can only consider the next quarters financial statements. What happens to our children and grandchildren - especially those who live in or near coastal areas will wonder what kind of fools we all were if we do not immediately begin to develop non-carbon sources of energy. I would much favor building a nuclear power plant at the site than what is now being proposed. Once built, it will certainly remain in operation for many decades.

Please don't allow this project to go forward.

Sincerely,

Brian Treusch, age 72 and Oakland resident/voter since 1978

From: [Nick Burke](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal shipping through new terminal
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 6:24:20 AM

You can find another developer for the terminal. We can't find another planet to live on.

Nick

From: [Tom Allnutt](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal terminal comments
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 10:08:54 PM

As an Oakland resident and parent in a Union household, I am strongly opposed to the transport of coal and other hydrocarbons through Oakland to the new terminal at the Oakland Army Base.

The proponents of this project, though lies and deceit, have portrayed this as a choice between jobs and the environment. This is a red herring. The future of Oakland is in clean energy, not coal.

Coal companies are going bankrupt for good reason - lets not prop up a dying industry in Oakland so that a few local developers and non-union mine owners can cash in.

From: [Naomi Hatkin](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal through Oakland port
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 5:17:33 PM

I am totally opposed to coal coming through Oakland in any way shape or form. Coal is totally old-school, 20th century energy. It creates toxic dust wherever it goes and burning it is especially dangerous for creatures living in the area of the burning. Forget the jobs that can be created by the shipping terminal. Clean energy sources can also create jobs. Bring a clean energy project to the Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project.

Naomi Hatkin
5530 Carlton St
Oakland 94618
510 654 0803

From: [Gerry Keenan](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal through Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:39:41 PM

Dear Mr. Cole...the shipping of coal through Oakland is not one of jobs Vs.environment, it's one of preserving the health of Oakland's residents and the environment of this fragile blue marble of land we call home vs. big money. I had the greatest admiration for Phil Tagami until he changed his mind, and most likely his bank account, about coal being shipped through the Oakland terminal. A terminal that Mr. Tagami has worked for eight years to bring to fruition.

The terminal will be a success, and a boon to Oakland without coal shipments. It would be a shame if Mr. Tagami's legacy is not one of 'beacon of light for Oakland', rather one of 'bearer of disease and misery.'

Thank you, Gerry Keenan

From: [Armin Wright](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Coal through Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 11:14:55 PM

As an Oakland-born native and resident for most of my 79 years (less 3 years army, summer job in Seattle, and 3 years employed as an engineer by IBM in San Jose), I strongly object to the bait-and-switch by Tagami and his cohorts to sneak massive coal shipments through the proposed terminal at the Oakland Army Base. The fact that Tagami lied to the City about his intentions should make denial of permission to ship coal through Oakland a no-brainer AND a strong defense in court. You lie about your intentions, you lose any permits obtained on the basis of those lies.

The strategy by the terminal operator of concealing a main customer and funder of the terminal, the coal operators in Idaho, and their specious claim that the whole financial justification for the terminal relies on coal is a stupid ploy that MUST be thwarted by Oakland. The claim that the entire terminal project is financially infeasible unless coal can be shipped through Oakland is so transparently false that it should be laughed out of consideration.

Oakland is a major port by dint of its geography and its location in the middle of the west coast, not because Idaho has some coal deposits. To claim that the only way a major terminal at the port can be financially feasible and that thousands of jobs rely on the ability to trans-ship coal from Idaho is so idiotic as to be beyond belief that any serious person could make the claim. The City must not be suckered into accepting the claim that thousands of jobs for Oakland residents are reliant on coal shipments and that the only entity willing to fund a terminal will pull out if coal shipment is blocked. The actual fact is that billions of dollars in profits to a select few are dependent upon coal shipments through Oakland and the City of Oakland, Oakland residents, and world population be damned.

In addition to the stupidity of the claim about the necessity of coal shipments to support a major terminal in Oakland and the documented deception during the planning and permitting phases, the impact on the environment of facilitating burning of massive amounts of coal anywhere in the world should be a determining factor in the decision by Oakland to block shipment of coal through Oakland. Human civilization simply cannot survive continued burning of coal, the most environmentally damaging fossil fuel, and the City must do all it can to inhibit further burning of coal including blocking of shipments of coal from Idaho. Don't forget, much of Oakland flatlands will be submerged by raising sea levels and the coal companies and the terminal operators WILL NOT step in to compensate Oakland for the cost of dealing with the environmental disaster that will be a direct result of continued burning of the most carbon-intensive fossil fuel on the planet.

In addition to the deception of the City by the project promoters and the environmental disaster that will result from coal burning, the health of the citizens of West Oakland and the rail corridor to the port must not be sacrificed to the greed of the terminal developers and the

coal operators in Idaho. They can promise the moon and guarantee that they will control fugitive coal dust, but when push comes to shove, there will, in fact, be no effective control and the City will have no practical way of limiting coal dust emissions. The City would be gullible suckers to accept verbal assurances that coal dust would be controlled.

The City must stand by its stated principle that damaging fossil fuels will not be shipped through Oakland.

Very truly yours,
Armin Wright
6152 Harwood Ave
Oakland, CA 94618

From: [Marla Schmale](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal through our city and port
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:46:47 PM

Mr Cole,

We can talk and argue until we are blue in the face in meetings and in court ... whatever the outcome, in no way will transporting coal be a good choice for creating a healthy community and a healthy planet.

Marla Schmale

a thoughtful and concerned Oakland citizen
24 Coolidge Terr Oakland, 94602
daughter and grand children live at 1318 Wood in West Oakland

From: [Linda Pratt](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal through Port
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 8:16:22 PM

Hello,

I'm writing to state my opposition to allowing coal to be processed through the Port of Oakland.

The developer promised originally to NOT process the commodity coal through the Port, however it seems that he is trying an end run around now.

I support the City standing up for the health of Oakland residents, particularly those near the Port. We have to make these tough decision to make differences in the health inequities that exist in Oakland

In addition, coal is a dying energy source because of the damage it does to the Earth. The U.S. is involved in creating new CLEAN energy sources, and I believe Oakland should take a stand in supporting CLEAN energy and discouraging the dirtiest form, which is coal.

Thank you for your consideration,

Linda Pratt
24 Woodside Glen Court
Oakland, CA. 94602

From: [Violet Henderson](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal train
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:31:45 PM

I have lived here in West Oakland for 5 years now. My view is the Port of Oakland. There is not doubt that I enjoy the view at all times of the day.

Before I moved here to West Oakland, I lived in the East Lake area of the city. The air quality was a bit better because of the old growth trees and my apartment window faced the North. I was one of the few women who worked on the eastern span of the bay bridge from 2004 to 2007. During that time I have more than one occasion to smell the odor of the ships idling in the bay.

Now, since my window faces the West I have to be mindful of keeping my windows closed at certain times of the day because of the ships. So now, with the threat of the coal being shipped into the Oakland Port, I am extremely concerned; for my 4 month old grand daughter and 12 year old grand son. You see the air quality is not as good as it use to be and there are children and adults starting to show upper respiratory problems. Please do not allow the coal to be shipped into Oakland.

I am in support of jobs and affordable housing but not at the expense of the current residents of this community and our health.

Violet Henderson-Green

From: [Greg Ratkovsky](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Coal Train
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 3:44:48 PM

This project was intended to clean up pollution and provide benefits to the local economy — not threaten our health, economy, and climate.

1. Coal is bad for community health
2. Coal is bad for the local economy and workers
3. Coal is bad for climate
4. Coal is the past, not the future - over 100 years ago we burned trees for heat and power; can you imagine if we had never moved beyond that paradigm?

Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of our Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water. We have an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry of the past.

From: [John Kysela](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal Trains Through Oakland
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 8:25:23 AM

As a resident of Berkeley living just one mile from the train tracks through the East Bay all the senior residents living at Senior Resident Community have identified and demanded that both Bakken crude or other toxic oil as well as coal not to be run through the east Bay rail lines to the coast for sale to China.

This is only happening because of the inability of cities to have very little say or protect from toxicity. Federal law inhibits anyone but the Federal Government but interfering in interstate commerce. So the corruption occurs within our state from local agencies designed to protect us (The Bay Area Quality Management) to secretly without the knowledge of their own board, to issue certificates to allow local refineries to build new refineries on the coast to process the Crude for shipment abroad. Why is this happening and being overlooked?

Corruption exists within our counties and cities when this happens. What local agencies are charged with watching for such corruption?

John Kysela
Berkeley, CA

From: [Marilyn Chilcote](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal trains
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 11:42:45 AM

These trains should NOT be allowed to pass through Oakland....
and I can confidently speak for 100% of Oakland's 25-year old BEACON
PRESBYTERINA FELLOWSHIP.

Please
Marilyn Chilcote

of

Marilyn Chilcote

*[I use voice recognition software and it frequently makes strange misrecognitions;
perhaps it will add some humor to your life.]*

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*Parish Associate, St. John's Presbyterian Church Berkeley, and
one of the pastors, Beacon Presbyterian Fellowship Oakland*

510-763-1936.

"As riches increase and accumulate in few hands . . . the tendency of things will be to depart from the republican standard."

Alexander Hamilton

"I hope we shall crush ... in its birth the aristocracy of our moneyed corporations, which dare already to challenge our government to a trial of strength and bid defiance to the laws of our country".

Thomas Jefferson

From: [Janine Godfrey](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal tranport in West Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 9:51:09 AM

Hi Doug,

I am a member of the 1552 Beach Street condo association in Oakland. We are across the street from Target and very close to the proposed project. We are already battling with a huge homeless problem while also being surrounded by cell towers. Please do not add to this by endangering us and our workers with the toxic dust created from the transportation of coal. Please consider the health of our city first. What good is a bunch of jobs, if quality of life is affected by new health issues. We have enough health problems as it is in this area.

Thank you for listening,

Janine Godfrey, Mediterraneo Catering

From: [shawna.peterson](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal transport and jobs
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 12:49:06 PM

Dear Mr. Cole- I have read about the jobs/redevelopment at the old Army base as well as the possibility that coal might be train transported through Oakland.

I am very supportive of the development plans that might create more jobs for Oakland. However, these improvements should not be at the cost of health and breathing concerns of Oakland residents. It is said that even in enclosed cars, coal dust will escape during transport. Is there not a way to make this transport less hazardous? Let's not create a health hazard. I am also concerned about the impact such dust will have on my business which resides less than 100 feet from the railroad tracks.

Please vote in such a way to minimize the coal dust and keep the development plans moving forward.

Thank You,
Shawna Peterson
94608

From: [Beverly Olsen](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal Transport and Storage in West Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 7:16:23 PM

I add my voice to the movement to not allow coal to be transported or stored in West Oakland.

I am a 30 year resident of Oakland and do not want dirty coal in my town.

Coal is a dirty, polluting substance that would put the people of Oakland at respiratory risk as the dust would inevitably blow through our city.

As a person that believes we all take responsibility for the health of our environment I oppose dirty coal coming into our city and shipping dirty coal through our port to other parts of the world where it will pollute our world neighbors.

Oakland must follow the previous vote of the Board of Supervisors to keep dirty coal out of Oakland.

Oakland must follow the lead of our regional neighbors, Seattle and Portland, and keep dirty coal out of our Oakland.

Thank you,
Beverly Olsen
3246 Knowland Ave
Oakland, CA 94619
(510) 708-8593

From: [Esther Lang](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal transport in Oakland
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:23:19 AM

Dear Mr. Cole,

I am adamantly opposed to using the former Oakland army base for the transport of crude oil and coal. 12,000 jobs are not an adequate offset to the the cost and suffering of the rest of Oakland's population for generations of lung disorders, and more, that can result from that transport. In addition, and not unimportant, Mr. Tagami and the company he represent were dishonest and withholding for years about their intent for the base. For these reasons, the city must reject this proposal. Other projects and jobs will be developed.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Yours truly,

Esther Lang

From: [Joel Gmail](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal transport through oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 8:00:58 AM

I am a resident of The city of Richmond where coal is currently shipped by rail. There have been many complaints by neighbors that live close to the rail line of coal dust and breathing problems. This has been documented in a number of articles. Trading health for jobs is never a good choice. As we can all see, West Oakland has massive potential for development and there is no need to make such a poor compromise.

Sincerely from your neighbor,

Joel

From: [Lester Rosso](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal transport through west oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:47:10 PM

Please do not let this pass. Those tracks run directly past hundreds of businesses. Another valid health concern is the last thing we need in West Oakland. I will keep this short and just say please keep coal transport out of town.

Thank you.

Lester

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From: [Bill Whelan](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal transport
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 7:37:05 AM

This is ridiculous Richmond has all kinds of problems from the dirty coal transported through town. Dust from open rail cars, coal dust from conveyors to the ships and on and on.

Why does Phil Tagami gets what ever he wants from Oakland\$? What, if they can't pollute our city they take their toys and go home? Why don't you look at the history behind the disgrace of Jerry Bridges need to leave his post as port director and I notice you don't even include Omar Benjamin's disgraced name. All of these characters are in question!

This project will be fought from beginning to end.

Bill Whelan
40 year logistics professional in Oakland.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Bill Delucchi](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal transportation in Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:09:44 PM

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to object to any coal transportation through Oakland. I have been a resident of Oakland since 1980 and do not want to sully our city with potential health hazards. The city of Oakland should not be "blackmailed" into an agreement that harms our citizens. I am joining with other citizens to state that "jobs at any cost" is unacceptable.

Sincerely,

Bill Delucchi
4804 Congress Avenue
Oakland

From: [Richard Bailey](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal would ruin Oakland's reputation
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:31:12 PM

Why on Earth would Oakland even consider allowing coal to be shipped from the Port? Such an action would:

- Subject Oakland to ridicule nationally, and even around the world,
- Ruin our reputation as a progressive, green city,
- Inspire local demonstrations and protests on a massive scale.

Coal is poison to the Earth's climate. How could this project ever hope to avoid being branded with significant negative environmental effects in any EIR? and therefore pass legal muster?

Don't be bullied by Terminal Logistics' tactic of threatening to back out. They will not find any other port that wants to ship coal. Even the new prime minister of Alberta is moving that province away from fossil fuels.

Yes, we need jobs. But how about using Port funding to create a world class Museum of the Climate? (www.theclimatemuseum.org) One which would create jobs and provide a destination for school field trips and tourists alike.

For an alternative project, see that attached .pdf (Climate Museum Power Point Show).

For a better Oakland,

Dr. Richard L. Bailey

From: [GOF, Aol](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 1:15:35 PM

When opposing sides seem to have legitimate arguments, perhaps the best solution is a compromise.

The Bay Area is home to some of the most fertile minds in the world. Why not challenge the community to come up with "clean" ways to transport the coal? These methods could have application not just for Oakland, but elsewhere. In fact, this technology itself could become the source of more jobs in Oakland, as other governments tighten regs on coal transport.

If we treat this as an opportunity and not a problem, it becomes a win-win with California once again pioneering for the world.

George Fowler

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michael Tilles](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 7:34:48 AM

My wife and I are residents of Oakland. We oppose the shipment of coal through the city and port of Oakland out of concern for local and international public health.

Michael TILLES
6787 Armour Dr, Oakland, Ca

Michael
Sent from my iPhone

From: roseholmes2016@gmail.com
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 8:00:16 AM

No to transporting coal through Oakland. Stick to the pledge to cleaning our environment, take a stand, other opportunities will appear once the city holds to the principle of what we do today makes our world tomorrow
Rose Holmes
4145 emerald street
Oakland 94609

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Judd Williams](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal, a bad investment of Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 5:07:15 PM

I respectfully recommend investing in clean power instead of dirty and unhealthy power.

President Teddy Roosevelt sent American power around the horn because the Panama Canal wasn't finished. When they steamed into San Francisco Bay in 1908 there was no Bay Bridge.

Coal, commonly referred as "black diamonds," was the ship's sole source of power. Ships would normally go into port and take on coal every two weeks. "Coaling ship" was an all hands evolution and a dirty job. It would take several days to coal a ship. Afterward, the crew would spend several more days cleaning the ship, inside and out, fore and aft, since coal dust settled everywhere.

Clean coal is a slogan. The realities are that fossil fuel is a legacy, like wood fired locomotives.

If Oakland wants to go backward invest in coal. It's dirty, unhealthy, and environmental disaster in all aspects.

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Judd Williams
102 Locust Avenue
Mill Valley, CA 94941

From: [Aksel Olsen](#)
To: [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal, Oakland and the environment
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 6:02:28 PM

I don't say this merely as an Oakland resident--yes, there are negative effects of transporting coal--but as much as a resident of the planet.

Absent a new national consensus on renewable energy, the only thing we have left is piecemeal opposition at the site of every expansion project of old energy. And there are plenty of good health related reasons to raising eyebrows and opposition.

It is high time that all the negative effects of the current energy regime be priced rather than just offloaded on workers and local communities, and the planet in the longer term. If coal were priced according to these hidden costs, it would be prohibitively expensive, and greener sources would become competitive.

Please oppose the trafficking of coal through coal, and continue the work for more long term viable alternatives. For that we need political leadership at all levels of government, and industry.

Aksel Olsen
4052 Canon Ave
Oakland, CA 94602

From: [Steve McLin](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal, rail, etc..
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:38:05 PM

As a non-Öakland resident, I can only say I don't know whether to laugh or cry if the Dumbest City in California squanders a golden opportunity due to stupid, ill-informed idiocy regarding supposed "coal dust" pollution and anti-carbon hysteria. Trust me, morons, Jokeland NOT building this facility will do NOTHING to "save the planet" other than give some other city the jobs and tax revenue.

Unbelievable.

Jesse McGee

Antioch, CA



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From: [Margaret Trawick](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 10:52:03 AM

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I live in the East Bay. I do not want coal to be anywhere near here, Coal is a terrible pollutant. In addition, coal mines in the United States are not kept safe for the miners. A mine in West Virginia or Kentucky collapses and miners die. I am one of many people working to keep coal in the ground. Wherever you get it from, whatever you do with it, coal is one of the worst parts of the fossil fuel industry. A few people profit from it and many people suffer. This is how the fossil fuel industry works. Oakland does not need coal and should have no part in the mining, transportation, or burning of it. Please do not let coal be in or move through Oakland.

Sincerely,
Margaret Trawick

From: [Lynda Leigh](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal-free Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 7:29:14 PM

We have an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry. sincerely, lynda leigh

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." Dalai Lama

From: [nancycrakow](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal-free Oakland
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 11:59:46 AM

The City Council should block coal from being part of the Oakland Global Trade. Oakland Global is supposed to make the process of moving goods more efficient, reduce pollution, keep polluting facilities away from neighborhoods and diversify the waterfront. Using this development for coal exports was not the original intent of the project to clean up pollution and provide benefits to the local community.

Oakland's City Council has the power to keep coal out of Oakland Global through a clause in the original development agreement that states that the City can further regulate the development if they "determine based on substantial evidence and after a public hearing that a failure to do so would place existing or future occupants or users of the Project, adjacent neighbors, or any portion thereof, or all of them, in a condition substantially dangerous to their health or safety."

Coal exports would be a disaster for the local economy, public health and safety and the climate. Do you have the political will to put the health and safety of our kids and the future of humanity before corporate profits? Please ban all exports of coal and petroleum through the Oakland Global project and use this opportunity to further regulate the development.

Sincerely,
Nancy Crakow



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From: [Matthew Hart](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal-shipping at Army Base
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 12:22:41 PM

Mr Cole,

As an invested community member and homeowner in West Oakland (Prescott neighborhood, across I880 from the Army Base), the potential for coal to be shipped through our City and West Oakland neighborhoods is a frightening prospect that I believe will be detrimental to a community that has experienced substantial struggles.

I'd first like to begin with a more superficial aspect (albeit selfish), yet relevant nonetheless. Property values can be substantially altered by the addition of coal transport to our City and neighborhoods. Despite a recent uptrend in home and property prices, allowing coal through could have a drastic effect on property values which in turn could lead towards decreased revenue for the City. This may also make a lasting impact on the attractiveness of neighborhoods and deter further investment and rehabilitation of currently blighted communities, creating the potential for dangerous and "ghettoized" parts of our City. The end result is a state in which the benefits of economic stimulus at the Army Base come at the expense of widespread decline of our neighborhoods.

Public health and environmental impact are perhaps of the utmost concern when allowing such a drastic change happen when it comes to train shipments. The West Oakland neighborhoods, in particular, are beleaguered by substantial public health threats and environmental dangers already, and we cannot afford to allow them to increase. The neighborhood already houses a massive post office distribution center with incredible amounts of truck traffic, several garbage and recycling facilities with considerable truck traffic, the Port of Oakland which has semi truck traffic seemingly 24 hours a day, a water treatment plant, an incredible amount of industrial and manufacturing spaces, and is encompassed by the region's major highways. Yes, Oakland was built, and still is, a majorly industrial and manufacturing center. However, much of these uses are concentrated in one area, and any development in the future should aim to improve the area, not create more problems. Asthma rates in children in West Oakland are at levels never seen before, and it is our charge as a community to look out for one another, particularly those in lower-income areas, and make a place in which we would all can be proud of. I highly doubt that coal dust will add any benefit to the neighborhood, similar to what is happening to our neighbors in Richmond (<http://ww2.kqed.org/science/2015/06/22/coal-train-dust-worries-richmond-residents/>).

In addition, Oakland prides itself on being a progressive, sustainable community that makes efforts to be green and reduce impact on the Earth. It is counter intuitive to allow a dirty fossil fuel (that has drastically diminished in use in the last decade) to be shipped through our City.

It is very troubling that Army Base developer Phil Tagami made statements that there would be no coal in the project when looking for approvals. Now, magically, he has done an about-face -- after construction is already underway. This should be enough to prompt caution and raise some red flags on the integrity of the project. As such, I believe at an absolute minimum, further environmental study should be required of the coal transport effects on all aspects of life in West Oakland, though I believe that it should not be allowed, regardless.

It is time Oakland stands up for its principles, and I urge not only you to take these issues to heart for our community's well-being. I urge and plead Mayor Libby Schaaf and the City Council to stay strong on their previous stance to refuse to allow coal through Oakland. In the end, our City will be stronger and healthier.

Best regards,

Matthew Hart
1197 Pine Street
Oakland, CA 94607
720.281.5921

From: [Tim McGraw](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal-Shipping Plan divides Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:38:10 PM

Coal Shipping Plan Divides Oakland

“San Francisco Chronicle” Oct. 1, 2015

by Rachel Swan

“Oakland’s City Council has until early December to make a costly choice: agree to move millions of tons of potentially lung-damaging coal through the city each year for export, or ban the coal and risk losing a major development that promises 12,000 jobs.

...The public has until 4 P.M. Monday to e-mail comments to Douglas Cole who manages (blah blah blah)... for the city at dcole@oaklandnet.com.”

(I shall now write my e-mail to Mr. Cole.)

Dear Mr. Cole,

I read the above article in today’s “SF Chronicle” and found it very timely. There is all this talk of Man-Made Global Warming going on and how we all must reduce our carbon footprints, pay more money for fuel and power etc. to save the planet from the evils of human civilization and cheap energy.

Scientists say that 20% of the air pollution in California comes from Asia. So we reduce our emissions and the pollution from all the coal plants in China and India comes our way anyway.

But at the same time, there were four murders in fourteen hours the other day in Oakland. One of them the tragic death of the 22 year old kid painting a peace mural under the freeway. He got into an argument with a local gang banger who pulled a gun and killed him.

Oakland PD only solves 23% of the murders in Oakland. It’s like, if someone wants to kill humans.... come to Oakland and get away with it.

12,000 jobs would be 12,000 households who don’t need gangs and guns and drugs and welfare to survive. Those folks with jobs would thrive.

It’s a tough choice. I know asthma kills, but so do drugs and guns.

I’d go for the jobs and try and ameliorate the air pollution. Your choice.

Tim McGraw Healdsburg, CA

From: [Nancy Delaney](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coaltrains thru oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 1:51:45 PM

Dear Mr Cole, I am very concerned about the past history of coal trains in recent years and the terrible accidents that have happened with them blowing up near where people are living. The coal dust resembles gun powder and is highly flammable. The proximity of large populations is a disaster waiting to happen. The accidents in Canada and North Dakota and West Virginia were things that shouldn't be happening but did and do. I ask that you do what ever is possible to make sure that those coal trains do not get any acceptance to pass through our town threatening our homes. It must not happen here!

Those who are selling the idea with the promise of jobs are ingenuous. They know the jobs arent dependent on the coal so that other products much less flammable or dangerous passing through on our trains would have the same number of jobs. Furthermore, I have seen there is usually a promise of jobs to sell a project and then the inhabitants mostly do not get included when the jobs are given. PLEASE STOP THOSE COAL TRAINS FROM COMING ANY WHERE AROUND HERE! thank you, nancy delaney, resident of Oakland

Nancy Delaney
nancy22delaney@aol.com

From: [Reardon / Helferd](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Cole / Coal ...
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 4:43:23 PM

The irony of your name is not lost on me.
Good morning sir.

Construction jobs are only and always temporary, so of course the proponents of the plan are exaggerating.
So to with most jobs at the complex. The complex will be highly automated with relatively few jobs.
Railroad work/operation is currently structured also with relatively few jobs.

I am a rail fan sir, and coal cars are ALWAYS open topped. That is how all facilities at the mine are designed to load them.
Check it out for yourself.

There is no dispute that burning coal is a significant contributor to global warming and local asthma.

Jerry Brown is a charlatan and political chameleon who, while professing his green environmental qualifications to the pope,
is a friend, confidant and possible co-investor with Phil Tagami

Coal is dirty and so has this process become as corporate America and it's profit making allies attempt to do so at the expense, literally and figuratively, of the citizens of West Oakland as well as the greater SF Bay Area.

I urge you to protest and prevent this archaic element coal to continue shaping and damaging our modern lives.

David Reardon
SF CA.

From: [Francesca](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Cole / no cole?
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 8:23:03 AM

Mr. Cole,

Please put me on the list for NO COLE.

I am a local home owner. A tax payer & business owner. I believe Oakland will attract more new business if we are seen as a clean environment.

Thank you.

Lisa Francesca Ricci.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Justin Lee](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Comment against the proposed Coal Export Terminal in Oakland
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 10:18:24 AM

I am a Bay Area resident who is against the proposed shipment of coal through Oakland, but is supportive of the export terminal project overall as long as there is not coal.

My reasons for opposing the project are related to both environmental issues and concerns about local jobs. Climate change and local air quality are major issues that CA is leading in - *because we are already suffering the effects of these issues!* Why would we encourage new development that will exacerbate these two issues?

Concerns about Jobs:

1. Exporting Coal through the terminal would provide fewer jobs than nearly any other bulk commodity.
2. Coal is a dying industry, and we need long-term jobs. Why would we pick a commodity that will abandon us within ten years and cause the loss of these jobs and social disruption all over again?
3. It is the worst kind of self-absorbed manipulation to say that you are improving a community by providing jobs, when those jobs require that very community to sacrifice their health in order to work. TLC presents its plan to export cola as the best option for the local community, when *they could provide jobs that don't require the community to sacrifice its health!*

Build the Terminal! Provide the Jobs! Don't Export Coal!

Justin Lee
707-326-0498
justinjeffreylee@gmail.com

From: [elaine.miller](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Comment on plan to ship coal through Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:32:53 PM

Hello,

I am adamantly opposed to this plan as I think it will have extremely negative health and environmental effects on our community. I have lived in Oakland for 15 years and now in West Oakland during this exciting but difficult time of change in our city. I strongly think we need to stand up to big business and "capitalism at all costs" as a city and a community.

I am slightly disgusted by the whole process as well. The promises that coal would not be involved in the plan but as soon as enough money is laid on the table, the promises go out the window.

I would like my comment to go on the record as very opposed to bringing coal through the port.

Thank you,
Elaine Miller

From: GLDKARMA@aol.com
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Comments on Oakland coal exports!
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 7:08:43 PM

Please register my opposition to the coal export terminal being built as part of the Oakland Global development project for the following reasons:

1. Coal is bad for community health.

- Open-top rail cars that transport coal lose up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car; this translates to 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water for every trip made by a coal train. Coal dust, plus more diesel emissions from increased freight traffic, would intensify the air pollution already plaguing West Oakland.
- Coal dust can cause build up on the tracks, causing derailments and spontaneously explosions. West Oakland residents are already overburdened by industrial pollution. [We're/They're] already twice as likely to visit the emergency room for asthma as the average Alameda County resident, and are also more likely to die of cancer and heart and lung disease.
- Coal dust causes decreased lung capacity, childhood bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, emphysema, and heart disease.

2. Coal is bad for the local economy and workers.

- Coal is an increasingly anti-union industry. Oakland should support projects that create good union jobs.
- Oakland is becoming known worldwide as a green and innovative city. Let's not throw that reputation away by making a deal with the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet.
- Longshoremen who work at coal-export facilities are exposed to serious health risks. Prolonged, direct exposure to coal dust has been linked to health issues such as chronic bronchitis, decreased lung function, emphysema, and cancer. Coal dust has also been shown to increase the risk of mortality from heart disease.

3. Coal is bad for climate.

- California has worked hard to be a coal-free state. We do not burn coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening families in our community and throughout the world.
- The mining, transport, and burning of this coal would result in over 12.5

million tons of greenhouse emissions each year. That's like adding more than two million passenger cars to the road each year.

- There is no such thing as clean coal. Utah coal contains mercury, carbon, and other hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, increase respiratory illness rates, and accelerate climate change. These pollution impacts are global and local -- many of these pollutants blow over the ocean and increase pollution rates in California.
- Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone.

Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water. We have an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

Jeannie Clements
35646 Dee Place
Fremont, CA 94536-3316

From: [Ethan Buckner](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Comments on Oakland Coal Exports
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 11:28:44 AM

Dear Mayor Schaff & the Oakland City Council,

I am writing to express my utmost opposition to the proposal to ship coal through Oakland. This proposal is, among many other things, downright stupid. NO ONE in Oakland wants this, except Phil Tagami and his investors. It's beyond time for the City of Oakland to act in the best interest of residents - especially in West Oakland which has been so disproportionately impacted by industrial pollution - instead of catering to the interest of developers.

There is much, much more I could say about the devastating health impacts of coal dust, about the dangers this poses to children, families, and workers, about the impact of coal exports on the global climate. But I trust many others submitting comments will touch on these points in more detail. The point is that coal in Oakland is a very bad idea, and well, if your council doesn't stop it, residents here will.

Sincerely,
Ethan Buckner

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Ethan Buckner
Campaigner, ForestEthics

From: [Darlene Ceremello](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Coal Terminal: more than Oakland, USA, talkin' Global!
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 4:04:17 PM

Dear officials (elected, appointed) and their staffpersons.

Ball is in your court: do you stand for and with the people, with present/future life on our planet~or are you about Oakland's fallback position, "Business, as usual, regardless of the dire consequences to Oakland, and to the larger world community." Saying "Yes" to the coal industry by giving them a way to haul their deadly cargo, and then giving them the way to export said cargo to be burnt as "energy" in places where environmental regulations are zilcho, Oakland participates, supports, has indeed, dirtied its hands for a few pieces of silver a ton, exacerbating global warming.

When I was a nun teaching in inner city schools in Oakland, Sf and San Jose, and then later a teacher/administrator at Madison Middle, and Bret Harte, oftentimes my middle school students would come and ask my counsel about personal decisions that they had to make. Guiding force for me when I was a member of a religious community and which I carried forth afterwards, were the words from Scripture: Choose Life!

I would ask my students and myself, when making a serious life decision, looking at the options which gives life, which brings harm, and possibly physical, psychological death. Coal needs to stay in the ground. Follow the coal: excavation, transportation, burning for energy: not life-giving for the miners, their families and the trail of dust, and finally their burning for fuel. It is a dying industry~we keep its last, bad breath alive by giving it a way to be profitable for those who profit from such industries. Please don't talk about jobs~don't see any of the coal execs sending their children down into the mines so they get a feel where their wealth is extruded.

Basta! No mas!

What an incredible opportunity Oakland has to stand tall in the eyes of the global community: Say Yes to Life, No to dialing for dollars. Stand with Pope Francis, those who cherish and respect the earth and its creatures, who believe each of us can effect the global by acting local, what a milestone for the world, for doing our part to put a halt to global warming, to saying to those who profit on those resources that hasten the death of our planet and its living creatures.

Any Profiles in Courage in our city administration offices, our mayor, our councilmembers, any in their staff, or will Oakland leaders again, succumb to the political dollar.....

Hoping for a sane, humane outcome to this matter in a world where every action in regards to unsustainable energy moves us closer to or away from the precipice of man-made, fuel global disaster.

Thank you for listening, I hope,

Best,

Darlene Ceremello (four generation flat-lander, born and raised 61st and San Pablo, in 92, my partner and I moved to 62nd and Shattuck). Proud Oaklander, have always defended and put Oakland first~Oakland, has never in my life-time been the best that I know it can be; am looking forward to your action in the Coal Export debacle to change that around!

Peace, with Justice!

Activism is my rent for living on the planet. ~ Alice Walker

From: [David](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Yes to coal export terminal
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 2:40:56 PM

Let me voice support for the proposed coal export terminal. The promised mitigation efforts should minimize any potential harm, while the expected jobs will bring benefits that will spread through our local economy.

Perhaps one day, solar or fusion power will solve our energy needs. Or perhaps one day, humans will get by on bicycles and moonlight. But until those days come, coal is our best bet.

Sincerely,
David Goldweber
Dimond District, Oakland

From: [David Jaber](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Comments on Proposal to Export Coal through Oakland
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 4:49:12 PM

Greetings,

I am a business owner working out of downtown Oakland during the week.

I am told that there is a proposal to transport coal through the Bay Area by train to be exported out of the Port of Oakland. As someone who makes his living from, and has committed his life to, the integrity and quality of our environment, I am strongly against this proposal. It is not the type of economic activity and job creation that we want or need. And the potential to jeopardize quality of life for those already living here is too high.

Included below are more detailed concerns, and thank you for listening.

1. Coal is bad for community health.

- Open-top rail cars that transport coal lose up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car; this translates to 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water for every trip made by a coal train. Coal dust, plus more diesel emissions from increased freight traffic, would intensify the air pollution already plaguing West Oakland.
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- Coal dust causes decreased lung capacity, childhood bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, emphysema, and heart disease.

2. Coal is bad for the local economy and workers.

- Coal is a dead-end industry. No one should be seeking jobs in a field that inherently pollutes both local and global.
- Oakland is becoming known worldwide as a green and innovative city. Let's not throw that reputation away by making a deal with the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet.
- Longshoremen who work at coal-export facilities are exposed to serious health risks. Prolonged, direct exposure to coal dust has been linked to health issues such as chronic bronchitis, decreased lung function, emphysema, and cancer.

3. Coal is bad for climate.

- California has worked hard to be a coal-free state. We do not burn coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening families in our community and throughout the world.
- The mining, transport, and burning of this coal would result in over 12.5 million tons of greenhouse emissions each year. That's like adding more than two million passenger cars to the road each year.
- There is no such thing as clean coal. Utah coal contains mercury, carbon, and other hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, increase respiratory illness rates, and accelerate climate change. These pollution impacts are global and local -- many of these

pollutants blow over the ocean and increase pollution rates in California.

- Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone.

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From: donnacarrmd@aol.com
To: [Cole, Doug; coucil@oaklandnet.com](mailto:coucil@oaklandnet.com); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: No Coal in Oakland
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 3:35:43 PM

I would like to comment in regard to the coal options being considered for Oakland. Although I am not a resident of Oakland, I travel frequently to your city and the entire state of California should be concerned about these issues.

1. Coal is bad for community health.

- Open-top rail cars that transport coal lose up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car; this translates to 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water for every trip made by a coal train. Coal dust, plus more diesel emissions from increased freight traffic, would intensify the air pollution already plaguing West Oakland.
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- *[Share your family's story about health impacts of pollution!]*

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Please keep coal out of the Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of the air and water. We have an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

Dr. Donna Carr
1202 Sidonia Street
Encinitas, CA 92024

From: [Judi Burle](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Don't let dirty coal come to Oakland!
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 6:14:00 PM

I am a 30 year resident of Oakland and do not want dirty coal in my town. I do not want any coal to be transported through or stored in West Oakland.

Coal is a dirty, polluting substance that would put the people of Oakland at respiratory risk, as the dust would inevitably blow through our city.

We all must take responsibility for the health of our environment. I oppose dirty coal coming into our city and shipping dirty coal through our port to other parts of the world where it will pollute our world neighbors.

Oakland must follow the previous vote of the City Council to keep dirty coal out of Oakland.

Oakland must follow the lead of our regional neighbors, Seattle and Portland, and keep dirty coal out of our Oakland.

Thank you,
Judi Burle
3246 Knowland Ave.
Oakland CA 94619
510-697-5586

From: [Ed H](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: NO TO COAL!!!!!!
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 10:01:58 AM

We are all insulted with the thought of coal being transported through our city and nearby communities. For ages, we have seen how coal has destroyed the health of families for generations. We do not want that for our children. What good is a job if you will die at 40. Please keep this coal out of Oakland and our communities.

Ed

From: [Elizabeth Pimentel-Gopal](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Stop Construction of Coal Terminal in Oakland/
Date: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:11:16 AM

Dear Oakland City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the serious public health and safety impacts of coal export through the Oakland port.

Enabling the export and burning of US coal, and the resulting greenhouse gas pollution, is a health and safety issue in and beyond California. US coal accounts for around eight percent of global CO2 emissions since 1990. A coal export terminal will undermine efforts to lower greenhouse gas emissions in Oakland, California and nationally. Efforts to lower greenhouse gas emissions in Oakland and California, and lower coal use throughout the US through the Clean Power Plan, will be negated to the extent that the coal we avoid using here is exported to be used elsewhere and just to continue to fan California fires, stress our water system, and cause asthma in our children, etc.

The construction of this terminal will enable more US coal to be exported and used. A new export terminal will enable a larger flow of US coal out of the country. Increased flows of coal exports can breath new life into coal mines that would otherwise close due to low coal prices and demand in the US. New export terminals will justify the continued operation of existing terminals, in the same way that the existence of other west coast coal terminals are being used to justify the construction of this terminal in Oakland. In this way, what happens in Oakland will affect coal terminal operation decisions elsewhere along the west coast. The trend must be towards closing down US coal export terminals, not opening new ones, allowing more US coal to remain in the ground.

I stress that I and other Oakland residents are in strong opposition to the building of a coal terminal at the Oakland port. As an Oakland resident I will do everything I can to make sure the terminal is not built, and coal trains do not run. Not in Oakland.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth Pimentel-Gopal

From: [Anthony Somkin](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: EXPORT TERMINAL
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 8:41:00 PM

Douglas Cole
Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project

Dear. Mr. Cole:

In my opinion, Oakland should not consider that it will realize any money from coal transportation. The environmental and health issues from the use of coal as an energy source notwithstanding, fossil fuels are on the way out. It doesn't make sense to plan for future coal transport revenues when the present thinking is to utilize renewable energy and leave fossil fuels in the ground.

Thank you for your attention.

Anthony Somkin, M.D.
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C-510-816-8884

From: [Ann & Loring Dales](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Fwd: Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project - Error Corrected
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 7:15:16 PM

Re-submitting this with typo near the end corrected. - Loring Dales

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ann & Loring Dales <annlordales@earthlink.net>
Date: October 4, 2015 4:04:23 PM PDT
To: dcole@oaklandnet.com
Subject: **Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project**

Sir: I write to join others in strongly opposing development of a coal export facility at the old Oakland Army Base site, while welcoming development of the bulk export terminal for handling other products. (I live in Berkeley but worked in Oakland at the Kaiser Medical Center for over 6 years.)

- I'm a political moderate who welcomes private sector job creation. But the overwhelming evidence of human-caused global warming and its disastrous consequences make it imperative that we make major changes in our energy economy, at the very least as insurance against this very likely unfolding disaster.

- Realistically, we cannot go off all fossil fuel use immediately, but we must reduce it as quickly as practically possible. To start we must VERY quickly stop use of the most greenhouse gas-inducing and otherwise most toxic fossil fuels: coal and tar sands-derived oil.

- Movement away from coal is accelerating rapidly in the U.S. and developed countries, with developing countries also moving in that direction.

- Yet recently, in a big step backwards environmentally, companies have been trying to expand strip mining of coal in the Western states, increase transport of it to the West Coast for export abroad, mainly to Asia. With coal in decline, why are they doing this? Probably because of the lion's share of profits therefrom that would go to the owners and stockholders in these companies for several years before the shortening "window" for large-scale worldwide coal use closes.

- In the Pacific Northwest cities like Vancouver, Seattle and Portland have stood up to these companies, saying "no" to the proposed major coal export terminals in their areas. I believe this reflects more than "NIMBY"-ism. People there are also saying this idea is simply harmful and wrong.

- Now the same challenge from profit-driven companies has come to Oakland. Will Oakland (and other SF Bay area cities) join Vancouver, Seattle, Portland and other cities in this principled stand? Will we in the SF Bay area also say "No, this is wrong"?

- The developers of the Oakland port proposal silently went back on their word that coal would not be exported here, paid lawyers to come and make (sometimes indirectly stated) threats to Oakland's City Council, (a) of federal preemption action on interstate commerce matters and (b) of direct litigation should the Council now oppose inclusion of coal shipment via the proposed bulk export terminal. These actions only strengthen the need that these companies be stopped.

- The harmful effects of coal mining, transport and burning on people living or working nearby and regionally are a matter of record, whether these activities take place in the U.S. or in other countries, especially in those with weaker or absent environmental protections. And the climate impact of the continued and expanding greenhouse gas release that results from proposals like this will be worldwide.

- As others have pointed out, the needed for expanded port facilities on the West Coast is growing. It is very likely that, if the current ones refuse, new private partners will step up to financially participate in development of this bulk export terminal to be used exclusively for products other than coal. Not only would trans-shipment of products other than coal provide for more port jobs; this also looks to be a more long-term financially stable generator of dollars and jobs than coal trans-shipment.

In sum, inclusion of coal export in the Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project is against common sense. It is terribly shortsighted, terribly harmful, and terribly wrong.

-- Thank you for your time. - Loring Dales, M.D.

From: [Ralph Hipps](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Fwd: Monday deadline for comments on Oakland coal exports!
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 4:25:59 PM

No coal in Oakland!!

I don't want the coal industry to be a part of a taxpayer-funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air. I am a Bay Area resident and I care about supporting good local jobs, not out-of-state fossil fuel companies that are destroying the climate.

This project was intended to clean up pollution and provide benefits to the local economy — not threaten our health, economy, and climate.

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Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of our Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water. We have an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

From: [George Lerma](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Keep The Coal, keep the jobs!!!
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 8:25:39 AM

Stop the fear, keep the jobs near. Why complaint about coal and crud oil, when millions of gas guzzling cars wiz by a few feet away. Lets not discriminate, don't single out coal and crude.

We don't live in a perfect world. In time the technology will improve and reduce the Pollution.
Stop the gentrification of jobs.

Those against this project, are elitist, They have apps and options

OAKLAND IS A PORT. THATS WHAT WE DO. WE MOVE THINGS.
WE AREN'T PIEDMONT, OR WALNUT CREEK.
Keep Oakland Blue Collar.

From: [Greg Lassonde](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Please, No Coal Through Oakland
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 3:10:21 PM

Hi,

I'm sure you're getting swamped with messages opposing the shipping of coal through Oakland. There are many environmental and business reasons for this. Please add my concerns to the chorus.

Best,
Greg Lassonde

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From: [Harlan Penn](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Port of Oakland transshipment of coal
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:00:54 PM

Mr. Cole,

I am writing to encourage the City Council to refrain from interfering with the shipment of coal through the Port. I assume that most, if not all, coal that passes through Oakland would be bound for Asian markets to generate power. Following are my concerns:

1. Oakland Councilmembers and city staff are highly unlikely to have the expertise needed to make reasoned decisions regarding the lives of persons in other countries. The economic and scientific issues are complex and beyond the abilities of the City of Oakland. Instead, the Council and city staff should concentrate on their areas of expertise and responsibility such as providing a safe environment here with employment, recreational, cultural, educational and health care adequate for our citizens.
2. Issues regarding how the United States interacts with other nations on economic and environmental matters is the business of the Federal government. The city should respect that and give President Obama unfettered support in carrying out his responsibility. We should not undermine the President.
3. The Council has a fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of all Oaklanders. In this instance that means maximizing operations at the Port of Oakland to increase economic benefits to the city. Pursuing personal prejudices about global issues is a violation of that fiduciary duty.
4. The traditions of Oakland are to foster economic action, even with products that some find objectionable. This is best illustrated with our support of medical marijuana a few years ago. To now attempt to impose our moral judgment on the products of other parts of the United States that are legally entitled to export would be hypocritical.
5. Refusal to allow export of coal will discourage other shippers from using the Port of Oakland since their products may in the future be subject to parochial restrictions. Either we are a world class export/import gateway or not. With the likely loss of sport franchises, the Port of Oakland is increasingly a symbol of the important role Oakland has in the Bay Area and the State of California. Any restriction on legal products will tarnish that role.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter. I have not written the Council before but this is a critical issue for our future.

Harlan Penn
Oakland

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Robert Levy](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Hold him to his word.
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 8:43:50 AM

One might perceive that Tagami's 2013 representation (no coal) was a fraudulent inducement got soak land to contract with him. Hold him to his word. You owe it to the residents whom having money from a prosperous city does not and cannot override those same citizens health and that if their families, visitors and those who take their place.m

Have a great day and smile
Robert M. Levy
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From: [Huening-Clark, Rose A](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal Transport in Oakland
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 10:14:23 AM

Mr. Cole –

As a longtime resident of Oakland, I am writing to register my strong objection to the transport of coal commodities of any kind through Oakland. I also feel that the parties involved in the building of the transport hub and those who wish to use it are now attempting a classic ‘bait and switch’; stating that coal would not be transported to have the project approved, then reversing and contracting with those who insist on transporting coal. It is unconscionable and lacks moral and ethical grounds.

The city of Oakland is thriving – and though this transport center will create a large number of jobs for the residents, the cost is too high in the health of those who will work there and live nearby. The city council needs to call their bluff – and reject the transport of coal through Oakland.

Many thanks for your consideration –

Rose Huening-Clark
Resident of Crocker Highlands in Oakland

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From: [Carla Duke](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [""officeofthemayor@oaklandnet.com.""@ppmail1.oaklandnet.com](#)
Subject: I am STRONGLY opposed to the proposed coal-export terminal at the Oakland Global development.
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 3:37:38 PM

Date:: Friday, Oct 2nd 2015

To: the Oakland City Council, the Mayor and other parties involved in this project

I am STRONGLY opposed to the proposed coal-export terminal at the Oakland Global development. The burning of coal around the world is worsening global warming everyday and speeding up climate change. Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone. The whole idea is an OUTRAGE. I stand with the Sierra Club and my fellow Oaklanders!

I'm an Oakland resident and have lived here for 31 years. I am proud to tell everyone that I live in Oakland. In general, Oaklanders are diverse and forward thinking as well as practical. Oakland is becoming known worldwide as a green and innovative city. Let's not throw that reputation away by making a deal with the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet.

For Oakland to be a conduit to get coal abroad is unacceptable! The whole process is like dumping snakes in our neighbors' yards and expecting to have no consequences on us - turning a blind eye to climate change & pollution!

California has worked hard to be a coal-free state and reduce emissions. We do not burn coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening families in our community and throughout the world.

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It is UNACCEPTABLE for the coal industry to be a part of a taxpayer-funded project on public land in Oakland!

Sincerely,

Carla Duke
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dukecr@outlook.com

From: [Janet Noble](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Time for Oakland to set a good example
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 5:18:34 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

As a resident of Oakland since 1977, I have felt increasingly concerned about climate change. I feel it is time for Oakland to set a good example in not allowing coal to be shipped from the port.

Thank you and good luck in helping with this controversial issue.

Sincerely,

Janet Noble
4125 Howe Street
Oakland, CA 94611

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jelly4bean](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal at the Port
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 5:43:02 PM

Dear Douglas Cole,

I am a concerned neighbor that lives in West Oakland. I am here with my husband and 3 year old daughter. We live here because we have been priced out of most of the Bay Area. My husband and I are both artists and living in this area is important to our lives.

We are very concerned with the proposal to bring coal into the Port of Oakland. I understand and appreciate the need to bring revenue into Oakland via new business opportunities, but feel strongly that this is not the right place. This area is already so polluted by industry and highways, and there are so many families living here. I do not want my most loved and valued family members exposed to this additional pollution. We already live in an area where my 3 year old daughter is at risk of having asthma and other issues because of pollution. Adding coal transportation on top of it is something that just seems unreasonable. I know that most families in the area, if given the proper information, would agree.

I hope that you can read all the emails from concerned residents and take them into consideration when you make the call.

Thanks.

Best regards,
Samantha

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susan](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Keep coal trains out of the Bay Area
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 3:53:09 PM

I'm an East Bay resident and have the following concerns about what a massive increase in train traffic and coal-dust pollution would mean for my and everyone's health. I care about supporting local jobs, not out-of-state fossil fuel companies that are contributing to harming the climate.

Health concerns regarding coal

- Open-top rail cars that transport coal lose up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car which means 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water for every trip made by a coal train. Coal dust, plus more diesel emissions from increased freight traffic, would intensify the air pollution already plaguing West Oakland.
- Coal dust can build up on the tracks, causing derailments and spontaneous explosions. West Oakland residents are already being affected by industrial pollution and already twice as likely to visit the emergency room for asthma as the average Alameda County resident, and are also more likely to die of cancer and heart and lung disease.
- Coal dust causes decreased lung capacity, childhood bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, emphysema, and heart disease.
- Longshoremen who work at coal-export facilities are exposed to serious health risks. Prolonged, direct exposure to coal dust has been linked to health issues such as chronic bronchitis, decreased lung function, emphysema, and cancer. Coal dust has also been shown to increase the risk of mortality from heart disease.

Coal is bad for climate

- California has worked hard to be a green and coal-free state. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that threatens the health of families in our community and throughout the world.
- The mining, transport, and burning of this coal would result in over 12.5 million tons of greenhouse emissions each year which would be the equivalent of adding more than two million passenger cars to the road each year.
- Clean coal does not exist. Utah coal contains mercury, carbon, and other hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, increase respiratory illness rates, and accelerate climate change. These pollution impacts are global as well as local -- many of these pollutants blow over the ocean and increase pollution rates in California.
- Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone.

Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water.

Sincerely,

Susan Quan

From: [Doug Baker](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Keep Oakland Coal-Free
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 12:49:09 PM

As a long time Oakland resident, I am adamantly opposed to the plan to ship coal from Utah through Oakland to the proposed Oakland Global shipping terminal. This is not about jobs vs the environment, it is about jobs of the past vs jobs of the future. The science behind climate change is undeniable. Coal is a stranded asset that we can no longer afford to burn. Coal is bad both for the residents of West Oakland and for the planet. Coal was never part of the original plan for Oakland Global; do not let them railroad us into accepting it now.

Doug Baker

From: [George Lerma](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Keep The Coal, keep the jobs!!!
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 8:25:39 AM

Stop the fear, keep the jobs near. Why complaint about coal and crud oil, when millions of gas guzzling cars wiz by a few feet away. Lets not discriminate, don't single out coal and crude.

We don't live in a perfect world. In time the technology will improve and reduce the Pollution.
Stop the gentrification of jobs.

Those against this project, are elitist, They have apps and options

OAKLAND IS A PORT. THATS WHAT WE DO. WE MOVE THINGS.
WE AREN'T PIEDMONT, OR WALNUT CREEK.
Keep Oakland Blue Collar.

From: [Kelly Brainard](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [Kalb, Dan](#); [McElhane, Lynette](#); [At Large](#)
Subject: Please stop coal from coming to Oakland!
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 3:59:30 PM

To all concerned,

I am a resident of West Oakland. I know you have heard all sorts of testimony and pleas to stop this project from bringing coal into our community and spreading it out into the world. I know that there is plenty of evidence to support this and that you have been sent report after report that prove that coal transportation will be harmful to our community. The misinformation and outright lies that these developers have used goes even further to show how terrible this part of the development is. I feel certain that the project can go forward without coal. It would utilize just half of the bulk terminal (OBOT) which itself is only a small part of the whole redevelopment scheme. I just want to add my voice to object to coal coming to Oakland.

Thank you all for your hard work!

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Kelly Brainard

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To: [Cole, Doug](#)
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Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 4:57:06 PM

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From: [Kevin Mulvey](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: oakland-fossil-fuel-resistance-list@sierraclub.org
Subject: Coal is a Problem
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 12:42:29 PM
Attachments: [Coal is Problem for Glencore, Other Miners - WSJ.pdf](#)

Mr. Cole -

Please enter the attached article into evidence as to why coal is a bad investment idea for the City of Oakland.

The City Council should ask itself why in the world would we even consider, much less allow, our prized real estate to be utilized for such an obviously dying industry? China does not want it, and neither does Oakland.

Regards.

Kevin CW Mulvey
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Coal is Problem for Glencore, Other Miners

Prices are at eight-year low and global markets are oversupplied



Deckmen look into a cargo hold filled with coal aboard the Ultrabulk Shipping A/S Ultra Lion vessel in Baltimore, Md, on Sept. 22. The slide in coal prices is causing problems for mining companies. *PHOTO: ANDREW HARRER/BLOOMBERG NEWS*

By **TIMOTHY PUKO**

Sept. 30, 2015 8:49 p.m. ET

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A global benchmark for coal used in power plants fell 1.9% on Wednesday to \$52.95 a metric ton, according to Platts, a pricing service of McGraw Hill Financial Inc.

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Glencore's share price plummeted to an all-time low on Monday—before rebounding on Tuesday and Wednesday—amid worries that persistently low commodity prices threaten its credit rating. Shares bounced back after Glencore reiterated that it was on track to cut its debt and faced no threat of insolvency.

Glencore is the world's biggest exporter of the thermal coal, which is burned in power plants, and also produces metallurgical coal, which is used to make steel.

The price of metallurgical coal fell to an 11-year low earlier in September. Since hitting an all-time high in 2011, “met” coal has plunged 73%, according to IHS Inc., a consulting firm. That is worse than any of the 22 commodities tracked by the Bloomberg Commodity Index, with the exception of U.S. natural gas. Coal, which has a limited futures market, isn't generally included in commodity indexes.

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When Glencore purchased mining titan Xstrata in 2012, Glencore Chief Executive Ivan Glasenberg called it “a big play” on coal. The coal price is the second-most influential driver of earnings after copper, according to Glencore's financial assessment for the second half of 2015.

Glencore wasn't the only miner to fork over billions for assets near the top of the market. From 2010 to 2012, Alpha Natural Resources Inc., Arch Coal Inc., Peabody Energy Corp. and Walter Energy Inc. bought mines in part to try to

profit from China's strong demand. The increase in production that followed led to a supply glut. The swoon in coal prices forced Alpha Natural and Walter Energy to file for bankruptcy protection this year.

"What you (have is) the hangover from the boom times from 2010 and 2011," said Anthony Young, a senior analyst at Macquarie Group.

The head of BHP Billiton Ltd.'s coal business said in September that restrictions China introduced this year on certain types of highly polluting coal have added to the global glut. The country has also placed tight trade policies on imports to protect its own domestic production in the last 18 months, helping to shrink imports for the first eight months of this year by 38% compared with the same period a year ago, according to Macquarie.

Citing changes in China among other factors, analysts at Goldman Sachs recently cut their forecast for coal prices across the board by as much 23%. They expect thermal prices to keep falling through 2018 and metallurgical coal prices to stay flat until 2017. Coal, along with other bulk commodities like iron ore and manganese, appears to have sufficient supply "for years, if not decades" ahead, Macquarie said in a Sept. 23 note.

The shift to cleaner fuels has happened more quickly than expected and is likely to continue, Goldman analysts wrote. But at the same time, China and India, another big coal consumer, show signs of increasing their own production, the analysts said.

A lower oil price has also hurt, analysts said. It has reduced fuel costs, allowing miners to produce more at a cheaper price, but also emboldening their customers to ask that miners pass the savings on to them. Oil prices are down more than 15% year to date.

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U.S. Reaches Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Deal With 11 Pacific Nations

Trans-Pacific Partnership created after bitter fights over automobile industry, intellectual property rights and dairy products

By **WILLIAM MAULDIN**

Updated Oct. 5, 2015 5:12 p.m. ET

ATLANTA—The U.S., Japan and 10 other countries around the Pacific reached a historic accord Monday to lower trade barriers to goods and services and set commercial rules of the road for two-fifths of the global economy.

For the U.S., the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement opens agricultural markets in Japan and Canada, tightens intellectual property rules to benefit drug and technology companies, and establishes a tightknit economic bloc to challenge China's influence in the region.

President Barack Obama lauded the accord on Monday, saying it would open new markets to American products and set high standards for protecting workers and the environment.

“This partnership levels the playing field for our farmers, ranchers, and manufacturers by eliminating more than 18,000 taxes that various countries put on our products,” the president said in a statement. “It includes the strongest commitments on labor and the environment of any trade agreement in history, and those commitments are enforceable, unlike in past agreements.”

Mr. Obama, who faces a steep challenge in winning support for TPP on Capitol Hill, said he would work with lawmakers as they consider the agreement, adding

that Congress would have months to read every word of the deal.

The president said the Trans-Pacific Partnership would strengthen U.S. relationships with partners and allies in a key region.

“It’s an agreement that puts American workers first and will help middle-class families get ahead,” he said.

The deal is a victory for Mr. Obama, who sees it as boosting economic growth, enhancing competitive industries and binding like-minded Pacific countries at a time when China—not a part of the bloc—is adopting a more assertive economic and military posture in the region.

In Congress, only a handful of Democrats support Mr. Obama’s trade policy, and Republican support is unpredictable in the 2016 election year, depending on the stance of presidential candidates and new leadership in the House. As it is, the deal can’t go to a vote before Congress until early next year.



After dozens of rounds of negotiations and five days of haggling in Atlanta, trade ministers and other top officials said they resolved bitter fights over intellectual property protection for biologic drugs, automotive-assembly rules and dairy products.

The deal, if approved by Congress, will mark an effective expansion of the North American Free Trade Agreement launched two decades ago to include Japan, Australia, Chile, Peru and several southeast Asian nations.

The trade deal has been in the works since 2008 but has been stymied by politically sensitive disputes, including a fight between the U.S. and Japan over the automobile industry.

One of the last disputes to be resolved pitted Australia against the U.S., which was seeking up to 12 years of protection for biologic drugs against generic imitators. The two countries reached a complicated compromise that provides at least five and potentially up to eight years of exclusivity for biologics. Chile, Peru and other countries remained concerned about adding to the price of drugs through long exclusivity periods, according to people following the talks.

In another last-minute deal, Canada and Japan agreed to increase access to their tightly controlled dairy markets, allowing some American dairy products in, but New Zealand also persuaded the U.S. to accept more of its milk products. The sour milk fight caught the attention of Congress, where Sen. Ron Wyden (D., Ore.) and Rep. Paul Ryan (R., Wis.), two lawmakers overseeing trade policy, demanded that dairy producers in their states gain more access to Canadian consumers, a sensitive concession for Canada during its own election season.

The Pacific agreement is expected to face a tough battle in Congress that could carry on to the next administration. Mr. Obama will have to allay unease over the deal within both parties in the midst of a heated presidential campaign.

Legislation designed to expedite passage of the agreement through Congress passed narrowly last summer, and a variety of factors, including the pressures of the presidential campaign, could make the final deal a harder sell. Lawmakers from both parties have expressed reservations over provisions in the deal in recent days, including a number who voted in favor of earlier legislation to move ahead on the pact.

The odds of passage in Congress will hinge in large part on the final language in a number of provisions, ranging from the strengthening of rights for labor unions to whether U.S. cigarette companies will face special limitations within TPP countries.

“I will carefully scrutinize it to see whether my concerns about rushing into a deal before meeting all U.S. objectives are justified,” Sen. Orrin Hatch (R., Utah), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said in a statement Sunday before the deal was completed.

Mr. Hatch has long backed 12 years of exclusivity for biologic drugs, and congressional staffers attending the talks Sunday said they were still digesting what the U.S.-Australia compromise could mean for drug companies. PhRMA, representing some of the biggest U.S. pharmaceutical companies, said it was

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“disappointed” with the agreement but would evaluate the details.

In pharmaceuticals and other industries, U.S. officials sought a deal that would be acceptable to other countries and as many members of Congress as possible, without triggering the outright opposition of a major business group.

Many Democratic lawmakers and groups backing generic drugs and less expensive medicine didn't want any more than five years of exclusivity for biologic drugs, and it wasn't immediately clear if the compromise in the TPP would satisfy their concerns.

U.S. labor unions and their allies among consumer and environmental groups are among the biggest critics of the TPP. The left-wing opposition has prevented Mr. Obama from getting many fellow Democrats—already skeptical of the deal's benefits to U.S. workers—to support his trade policy.

An array of Republican lawmakers object to provisions that would strengthen

the influence of labor groups, impinge on the ability of tobacco companies to fight against packaging rules and other laws overseas, and possibly harm local industries, from dairy farmers to sugar.

With key provisions on the environment and labor rights, Mr. Obama may pick up some Democratic votes in Congress that opposed the “fast track” legislation earlier this year.

The TPP includes stepped-up powers for the U.S. to put pressure on developing nations to improve labor practices -- such as requiring Vietnam to allow independent trade unions and Malaysia to cut down on human trafficking.

Under the internationally enforceable framework, the governments in the 12-nation bloc will be able to challenge fellow countries if they don't follow through with labor-action plans established in the negotiations.

Many U.S. lawmakers have also sought binding rules that would punish trading partners for alleged currency manipulation.

While such currency rules are absent in the TPP, the U.S. and TPP partners are putting the finishing touches on a side deal to the trade agreement in which nations would pledge not to devalue their currencies in such a way as to gain an edge on their competitors, according to a person familiar with the negotiations.

The currency framework, worked out among finance ministries and central banks, won't have any enforcement provisions, the person said. Instead, representatives of the countries would meet at least once a year to discuss the commitments and to try to coordinate macroeconomic policies.

—Bob Davis and Colleen McCain Nelson contributed to this article.

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Subject: Response to Question #8 - coal trains are coming through Oakland?
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:49:39 PM
Attachments: [Post-Hearing #8 Coal Trains Already in Oakland.docx](#)

Dear Ms. Cappio,

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I am copying Andy Perez of Union Pacific whom I spoke to and mention in the attached response so he can confirm my statements if he wishes to do so.

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RESPONSE TO QUESTION # 8

From Lora Jo Foo, Oakland, CA
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COAL TRAINS DO NOT COME THROUGH OAKLAND

I have previously spoken to Ms. Cappio who has for months claimed that coal trains are already going through the Port of Oakland. In her Agenda Report to the City Council dated September 10, 2015 for the September 21, 2015 Public Hearing on coal, she states:

Since the Resolution [opposing transport of fossil fuels] was adopted in June 2014, among other things, the City has conducted outreach to the railroads and the Port of Oakland to address the existing transport of coal through Oakland. Further, in light of existing coal shipments which are transported through Oakland, and existing constraints related to the development at the Oakland Army Base, City staff continues to seek ways to understand and address health and/or safety concerns from the transport of coal through Oakland. [Emphasis added]

On September 17, I spoke by phone with Ms. Cappio and asked her the basis for her claim about “existing coal shipments” through Oakland. She responded that since July or earlier there has been two sightings of coal trains on Union Pacific right of way through the Port of Oakland. In addition to the July or earlier sighting, she said the second sighting she learned about from people who sent her photos in the first week of September of a 100 car long open top coal train going through the Port. She didn't know how frequently this occurs. Other than the two sightings, she didn't know of any other trains coming through Oakland on UP tracks. I told her that I've communicated with two Port staff (Daria Edgerly and Michael Zampa) who in the last 12 months have never seen coal trains coming through on UP lines. Yet despite only two sightings over several months, Ms. Cappio implies in her Agenda Report that coal trains are already coming through Oakland on a regular basis.

On September 15, I spoke by phone to Daria Edgerly, an employee of the Port of Oakland (510-627-1337,) who stated that over the past 12 months, she has never seen coal trains coming through the Port. Ms. Edgerly works at the Port and also lives in Jack London Square.

In response to my email message to the Port of Oakland, on September 15, Michael Zampa responded as follows:

Hi. I am the communications director for the Port of Oakland. Chris Peterson asked me to contact you. Saw your questions about coal on the rails in Oakland. Afraid we don't have answers for you. The Union Pacific controls the tracks you talked about. While no coal at all is shipped from or to the Port of Oakland, can't be sure about coal trains passing on the UP tracks. As I understand it, coal is shipped from the port of Richmond. But as you know, there are absolutely no coal shipments from the Port of Oakland. [Emphasis added].

In response to my follow-up question whether in the past 12 months he's seen coal trains coming through UP tracks, Mr. Zampa who works at the Port replied, "Never saw a coal train."

On September 16, I sent an email message to Andy Perez, Director of Port Affairs for Union Pacific, asking him these questions: 1) Are coal trains coming through Oakland on UP lines at the Port of Oakland? 2) If yes, what are their points of origin and destination? 3) If yes, how often will these trains be coming through this route?

On September 17, Mr. Perez responded by phone and told me that historically, coal has been transported through Oakland but not for at least a decade. He stated that there is no coal coming through Oakland now. Regarding the early September sighting, he said the 100 car coal train was mistakenly sent to Oakland and once Union Pacific learned of it, it was immediately moved to Richmond. He said this coal train going through Oakland was an anomaly. He has not heard of a coal train going through Oakland in July or earlier. Mr. Perez can be reached at 562-235-5859 or aperez4@up.com.

My email correspondence with the Port and Union Pacific are below.

It is unfortunate that based on two sightings of coal trains on Union Pacific tracks in the Port and without further investigation, Ms. Cappio not only states in her September 10, 2015 Agenda Report "in light of existing coal shipments" but also continues to keep this misinformation alive by asking in her September 28 Follow-up Questions memo the question: "How much coal currently goes through the Port of Oakland on its way to the Richmond Port (or elsewhere)?"

I am troubled by a phone conversation on September 16 that I had with John Monetta, who I am told is the City's Real Estate Manager for Oakland Global. In response to my question about alleged coal trains already coming through Oakland, Mr. Monetta stated he thought coal trains come 3 - 4 times a month through Oakland on the Union Pacific line and that coal from one of those trains was loaded on containers and shipped to Asia through the Port of Oakland. I found his statements astounding. Because I was concerned over the spread of false information, I decided to call Ms. Cappio myself and had the above conversation on September 17 with her where I learn the basis of her allegations are just two incidents this year.

Clearly, no coal trains are going through Oakland on a regular basis and the two sighted this year are an anomaly.

Regarding Question #9, since no coal trains come through Oakland except twice by mistake, there is no reason to take business away from the Richmond facility and give it to the proposed "state-of-the-art" Oakland facility.

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE ON ALLEGED COAL TRANSPORT THROUGH OAKLAND

From: **Michael Zampa** <mzampa@portoakland.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 15, 2015 at 6:31 PM
Subject: Re: Coal
To: lora jo foo ljfoo70@gmail.com

Never saw a coal train. Will try to find a contact tomorrow

Sent from my iPhone

From: **lora jo foo** <ljfoo70@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 15, 2015 at 5:52 PM
Subject: Re: Coal
To: Michael Zampa <mzampa@portoakland.com>

Michael,

Thanks for the quick response. I'm assuming you work at the Port. Have you seen coal trains on UP tracks in the past 12 months? How many times? And do you have any idea why they are there? Even a guess might help us with this mystery. Finally, who would I speak to at UP? Do you have a name and contact info?

lora jo

lora jo foo
[510-282-9454](tel:510-282-9454)

From: **Michael Zampa** <mzampa@portoakland.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 15, 2015 at 5:43 PM
Subject: Coal
To: "ljfoo70@gmail.com" <ljfoo70@gmail.com>

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Sent from my iPhone

From: **lora jo foo** <ljfoo70@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Sep 15, 2015 at 4:59 PM

Subject: Coal trains at Port of Oakland

To: cpeterson@portoakland.com

Dear Chris,

I left a voice message and thought I'd email also. I am with the No Coal in Oakland coalition. As you may know, the Oakland City Council is holding a public hearing about coal exports on Sept 21. One persistent rumor has been circulating that coal already is transported through Oakland because a coal train car was seen at the Port a few months back. It has since been clarified that the coal train was sitting on Union Pacific property within the Port and coal trains do not regularly come on UP lines to Oakland. However the rumor persists. Even Mayor Schaaf has repeated this rumor. Do you know how often in the past 12 months coal trains have come through UP property? Do you know why there was one sitting on UP tracks in July? Can you speak on what you know at the Sept. 21 hearing. I can be reached at [510-282-9454](tel:510-282-9454). And I'll try calling you again tomorrow.

Sincerely,

lora jo

From: [Manny Granillo](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [McElhane, Lynette](#); [Brooks, Desley](#); [Reid, Larry](#); [Gallo, Noel](#); [Kalb, Dan](#)
Subject: Letter from a concerned Oakland Native regarding the Coal Crisis and the need for Jobs
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M. Granillo

From: [Paul Sanford](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [Kalb, Dan](#); [At Large](#); [Brooks, Desley](#)
Subject: Liebsch and Musso report flaws
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 7:27:49 AM

In the hearing on September 21, 2015, Councilmember Brook asked for "real evidence." The supporters of the terminal are using doubletalk to make their conjectures and plans seem like "real evidence." Asking the opponents of the coal shipment to be precise and proven while accepting this kind of vague assurance is inconsistent.

According to the report, prepared by CCIG and submitted in support of the project in "September 2015"

I: RISK OF FIRE AND EXPLOSION

QUOTE FROM THE REPORT:

"It is important to control dust emissions not only to the outdoor air, but also within enclosed spaces, as dust buildup in enclosed spaces can present a fire and explosion hazard under certain circumstances. As explained more fully in Attachment 1, the risk of fire/explosion in the coal handling and storage context is readily manageable, and the following additional best design practices would be employed for indoor dust control to minimize any potential for such....."

UNQUOTE

RISK OF FIRE AND EXPLOSION ARGUMENT

This paragraph, rather than being assuring, is of great concern. It does not say that the design of the terminal DOES address this issue but that it COULD be designed to be, not SAFE but LESS DANGEROUS. Until the specific designs have been submitted, according to this report, the shipping of coal must be considered a potential fire and explosion hazard. Any design needs to be demonstrated as safe, not just in theory, but from practical experience.

Now that CGIG is on record admitting the potential hazard, The Council must demand this issue has been addressed, not in vague generalities, but with specific and detailed designs and practical models which have been proven effective.

II. COAL DUST "NEGLIGIBLE" UNDEFINED

The report also describes models which show the ANTICIPATED dust pollution SHOULD BE (not would be) "NEGLIGIBLE"

1. The assertion is not proven by physical tests in Oakland, it is a theoretical projection.
2. "Negligible" is not defined. The use of the term is scientific doubletalk.
 - a. How many parts per million is considered "negligible"
 - b. Can it be PROVEN that this "negligible" amount is not a health risk.
 - i. some people may have unusual sensitivities
 - ii negligible may be an industrial standard and not a medical one.
3. Again, the report is a recommendation for design that implies the need for actual plans.

These two flaws show how asymmetrical the demand for "real facts" is.

Until there are two Oaklands, one with coal trains for over 20 years and another without, there

is not real "evidence" of the health effects of the coal shipments. Usually there are unanticipated consequences.

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Paul Sanford

EXIT TO OAKLAND

752 18TH ST. Oakland, Ca 94612

cell: 805-268-1332

From: [Paul Sanford](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [Paul Sanford](#)
Subject: Listing topics
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 2:45:28 PM

I am a private individual with limited resources. I do not have time to explore every argument against the coal shipping and provide scientific evidence on each issue, but I would like to list some that I think should be researched and explored eventually.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

It is impossible to prove that a given lump of coal contributes to climate change in way that directly affects a particular person in Oakland BUT

1. CLIMATE CHANGE AS A WHOLE IS DANGEROUS

- a. The rise in seawater in the next 100 years is projected at 3 feet. The effect on low lying parts of Oakland would be disastrous.
- b. Climate change contributes to weather problems\
 - i. storm
 - ii. drought
- c. Climate change contributes to wildfire problems
 - i. the economy of California i impacted
 - ii. local resources are needed to help fight fires elsewhere
 - iii. The Oakland hills are a classic example of the most serious problem, the margin of housing on wilderness

2. There should not be a need to prove a direct co-relation between adding to climate change and negative effects. The science is far enough advanced that the burden of proof should be on the coal shippers to show they are NOT contributing to the problem

3. The shippers are asking us to believe i some future technological fix of the dangers of shipping but asking to disregard the hard science on the effects of climate change.

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From: lrpope@aol.com
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Shipping coal to Oakland
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 2:15:37 PM

Dear Mr. Cole, I just missed the deadline? I hope my concern gets considered. I am greatly concerned that the coal trains will be quite long and I recall that there will be many of them. This will be a great inconvenience in at least Berkeley and Richmond which contain many grade level crossings. Some of these such as at Gillman Street by the I-80 on and off ramps and by the access to Aquatic Park in Berkeley will be hard to access. John Pope, Berkeley, CA

From: [pclares](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 8:15:02 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

I'm a resident of Santa Cruz who loves Oakland. My daughter and granddaughter live near Oakland. Other loved ones either live in or near Oakland.

We do not want to see coal pass through the Port of Oakland. Coal is on its way out. It is the dirtiest of the polluting fossil fuels. Coal mines have ruined mountains, waterways, and entire rural communities.

Coal is the first fossil fuel from which major investors are divesting. Do not be fooled by Utah's \$53 million. If this project was once viable without coal, it can be so again!

It is not a choice between coal and jobs. Think of all the wicked projects that have been licenced based on promises of jobs. We must liberate ourselves from that kind of false-choice thinking which has led to the inaction that's gotten us into the Climate Crisis.

Oakland must model right thinking by refusing coal in its shipping terminal.

Pam Stearns

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

From: [Robert Brixner](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: dratted@aol.com
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:08:26 AM

Thursdasy, October 1, 2015

Mr. Douglas Cole:

OAKLAND has enough existing problems to deal with - problems that draw NATIONAL attention to our struggling city.

PLEASE! - DO NOT ADD THE TRANSPORT OF COAL AND ITS ACCOMPANYING POLLUTION TO OUR ALREADY DEEPLY TROUBLED CITY.

California Capital & Investment Group declared they were " Publicly on record as having NO INTEREST OR INVOLVEMENT IN THE PURSUIT OF COAL-RELATED OPERATIONS AT THE FORMER OAKLAND ARMY BASE."

NOW they propose this film-flam flop --- and threaten to jeopardize the entire project if Oakland does not accede to their illegal and immoral inclusion of coal exports.

YOU owe it to the trusting Oakland residents whose health depends on YOU: Say "NO!" to the transport and export of this highly toxic substance.

PLEASE - underscore: OAKLAND means what it says - when it said "NO" to putting Oakland residents at a heightened health risk that CAN and SHOULD BE avoided.

Thank you for doing what is RIGHT!!

Sincerely,

bob brixner

From: [Marylou Beban](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 3:53:23 PM

I am highly opposed to coal trains in Oakland!!

Marylou Beban

From: [malcolm mcafee](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: no
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 4:03:49 PM

From: [Manny Granillo](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [McElhane, Lynette](#); [Brooks, Desley](#); [Reid, Larry](#); [Gallo, Noel](#); [Kalb, Dan](#)
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From: [Michael Kaufman](#)
To: oakland-fossil-fuel-resistance-list@sierraclub.org; [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Why Another Big Bank Is Jumping On The Anti-Coal Bandwagon
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 11:46:28 PM

Mr Cole,

Please enter this article into the evidence as to why coal is a bad idea for Oakland.

Thank you,
Michael Kaufman
4016 Kansas St Apt D
Oakland, CA 94619

Why Another Big Bank Is Jumping On The Anti-Coal Bandwagon - <http://huff.to/1LeoWMA>

From: [Martha Naomi Alt](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Objection to coal shipping in/through Oakland
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 4:30:48 PM

Dear Mr. Cole:

I want to express my strong objection to allowing coal to be transported through the city or any surrounding cities or shipped from the Port of Oakland. Whatever precautions may be taken, such activity poses a serious threat to health and safety of area residents and workers, especially those handling the coal.

In addition, transferring coal to Asia and then burning it would greatly add to the greenhouse gases that are rapidly destroying the ecosystems of the planet--and it's completely unnecessary given the clean alternatives of renewable energy, which at this point are often cheaper than coal.

The only purpose this activity would serve is adding to profits of private businesses and their owners. The costs to the local public and the broad public of the Earth (and all non-human life) far exceed the private gains. Please consider how the city of Oakland can prohibit this activity. Oakland should be leading environmental progress, not remaining stuck in last century's destructive modes of supplying energy.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue. I don't know whether you are collecting technical information only at this stage but please feel free to forward my comments to the appropriate staff person seeking opinions from area residents.

Martha Naomi Alt
Albany, CA

From: [Jane Reid](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No Coal-- Don't Destroy the Future
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 9:24:08 AM

Mr. Cole -

I concur with my husband's statement. The jeopardy to Oakland is real - and would be a tragedy. Oakland is just starting to get back on its feet after decades of decline. Please do not contribute to its downfall.

I will do all that I can to strenuously oppose the transfer facility for coal in Oakland.

Thank you for listening.

Jane Reid
5551 Lawton Ave.
Oakland, CA 94618

Begin forwarded message:

From: Max Reid <max@4r.net>
Subject: No Coal-- Don't Destroy the Future
Date: October 1, 2015 at 9:10:19 AM PDT
To: dcole@oaklandnet.com

Mr. Douglas Cole—

I strenuously oppose a transfer facility that handles coal or crude oil at the Port of Oakland.

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Why pollute our air with coal dust? Coal is a 19th century technology. We have to embrace a CLEAN future.

Thank you,

Max Reid
5551 Lawton Ave.
Oakland CA 94619

From: [Max Reid](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No Coal-- Don't Destroy the Future
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:28:00 AM

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From: [Karolo Aparicio](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: No coal export terminal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 3:24:35 PM

Dear Mme Mayor and Oakland City Council,

Please say no to the proposed coal export terminal. It's bad for the health of your constituents, it won't deliver on the promised jobs, and coal is a 19th Century source of power and its time has come. With climate chaos happening right now, we simply cannot afford to invest in more coal infrastructure.

Please for the sake of people, jobs, and the environment reject the proposed coal export terminal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karolo Aparicio
Voter, Oakland Resident since 2001

From: [David M.](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No Coal Export
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:03:03 AM

Greetings Mr. Cole,

When is the right time to do the right thing?

Someone needs to take a leadership position and stop the madness destroying life on the planet.

You can help by not allowing coal to be exported to China, only to come back in the form of air pollution and increased CO2.

Thank you.

David Michalek
Petaluma
707-548-3968

- We are the asteroid.

From: [bryan.newman](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: No Coal Exports for Oakland!
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 4:19:34 PM

Dear Council members and Mayor Schaff,

Please count my voice as one of many who says "NO!" to coal exports from the Port of Oakland. The rest of our great state and in fact the rest of the country looks to the Bay Area to be the leader in progressive climate policy. Exporting coal is not in anyway in harmony with building this kind of policy going forward.

Thank you,
Bryan Newman
Berkeley, CA

From: [Carole Howard](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: No coal exports through Oakland!
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 10:24:28 AM

I am an Oakland resident and I want to add my voice to the scores of other people who are against allowing coal transportation through or export from Oakland.

These activities may create jobs, but they will not create GOOD jobs. Good jobs do not sacrifice the health of our community or the health of our planet or of our future.

To continue to encourage and pursue the development of fossil fuels, especially coal--one of its worst, dirtiest, and most damaging forms--is absolutely insane in light of our increasing knowledge about climate change and about coal dust's effects on health.

Yes, we need more jobs. But there are far better ways to create jobs, jobs that actually are good jobs. Please don't be shortsighted.

Carole Howard
Regent St, Oakland 94618

From: [Dawn Danby](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [Dawn Danby](#)
Subject: No Coal for West Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:35:37 PM

City of Oakland, Attn. Douglas Cole
Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project

Mr. Cole,

We live in West Oakland. Every night I hold a tiny, two-year-old girl as she gets ready to sleep. With the windows open, we can hear the rush of the trains and can smell the sea air off the Bay. With tiny lungs, her breath slows down. In the morning, she runs at full tilt down the street of her hometown, taking in huge gulps of air.

She's one of so many children who depend on the grownups to deliver them into a better future.

There have always been little people growing up here in West Oakland. Their parents have always sought and fought to make a better life for their children, but they've met many, many barriers. Environmental justice means that we do not poison the people who lack the ability to buy influence. This community is not a dumping ground. Our children's bodies are not dumping grounds. Our skies and oceans are not dumping grounds. As my neighbor pointed out to me, we live in Victorians that were once heated with coal, and our cities were once black with soot. We gave that up decades ago, when we found better solutions - and there are even better solutions to come.

I've worked in environmental sustainability for 15 years. I've lectured in schools and communities all over the world about making a transition to a low-carbon economy. I could provide you with a dozen well-reasoned economic and technical arguments about why enabling the coal industry is suicidal. But I'm not going to, because it's already been expertly done: the City of Oakland has heard brilliant, credentialed people articulate this position at city meetings, fully backed up by mountains of data.

Tonight, as my daughter sleeps, I think it's even more important to remember that our neighborhood is filled with human beings, who may not have had the opportunity to stand up before city council but who all have lungs, and lives, and families, and futures. No one, but no one, wants coal coming through the Port of Oakland. If you're not benefiting financially, there's no rational reason to defend it. The fact that we're even debating this is an expression of the selfish, short-term interests of a few, not of long-term business strategy with an interest in our city. Strategically growing Oakland into the future means divesting from the things that are losing value - like fossil fuels - and using those resources to invest in all of the clean, green industries that would otherwise choose to come here. It's time for us to be the grownups.

Yours faithfully

Dawn Danby
West Oakland CA

From: [Nancy Young](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No Coal in Oakland Please
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 3:22:14 PM

No Coal in Oakland

[Please share your own personal interest in stopping coal exports through the Bay Area, e.g.: I'm an Oakland resident and I don't want the coal industry to be a part of a taxpayer-funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air; OR: I'm an East Bay resident and have significant concerns about what a massive increase in train traffic and coal-dust pollution would mean for my family's health; OR: I am a Bay Area resident and I care about supporting good local jobs, not out-of-state fossil fuel companies that are destroying the climate.]

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2. Coal is bad for the local economy and workers.

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- California has worked hard to be a coal-free state. We do not burn coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening

families in our community and throughout the world.

- The mining, transport, and burning of this coal would result in over 12.5 million tons of greenhouse emissions each year. That's like adding more than two million passenger cars to the road each year.
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Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of our Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water. We have an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

From: [Sonja Trauss](#)
To: [Office of the Mayor](#); [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#)
Cc: [Ethan Ashley](#); [Max Gasner](#)
Subject: No Coal In Oakland Please
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 4:28:37 PM

Hi,

I live at 12th and Peralta, in West Oakland. I'm 34 years old. I'm going to get pregnant this year. No coal in Oakland please. It will poison us. Libby I voted for you.

Thanks,
Sonja
1618 12th Street
Oakland, CA 94607

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Join the Sierra Club: <https://vault.sierraclub.org/ways-to-give/> by October 6th. Vote for the Executive Committee. Put yourself in [this form](#) so I can follow up with you.

From: [Barbara Stebbins](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: No Coal in Oakland! Please!
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 4:51:15 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council of Oakland,

I am writing to urge you to take decisive action to stop the coal-export terminal plans for the Oakland Global development. Coal is a killer, of people who mine it, live near where it's mined or transported, and all living things when it is burned as fuel and contributes to climate change. You have ample evidence to ban the export of coal as a health hazard to residents of Oakland as well as everywhere else.

I live in Berkeley, not far from the train tracks that will carry the coal to Oakland. If this project goes through, the people who live near the train tracks can add coal dust to the environmental hazards they are already exposed to from the freeway and industrial concerns in West Berkeley.

I spend much of my time working as a volunteer with Clean Energy & Jobs Oakland working to bring clean energy alternatives, and green jobs to Oakland. It is very discouraging to know there is the possibility that the progress toward a more sustainable future, a healthier future for the people of Oakland, could be undone if the coal export terminal becomes a reality.

I am also on the Alameda County steering committee working on establishing a Community Choice energy program for the county and the city of Oakland. If this program becomes a reality, the development of local renewable resources would provide jobs contributing to a sustainable future in place of those contributing to certain ecological disaster.

Please take action to ban coal exports from Oakland, help protect the future!

Thank you,
Barbara Stebbins
1505 Keoncrest Dr.
Berkeley, CA 94702

From: [John Neal](#)
To: [Office of the Mayor](#); [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#)
Subject: NO Coal in Oakland!
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 7:09:00 PM

I am a voting Oakland resident who owns a home in Dan Kalb's district. Please stand with Dan to block the plan to ship Coal through Oakland.

Coal:

- *Is bad for the environment, both in Oakland, in the Bay Area, and globally
- *Provides sub par blue collar jobs - the council and mayor need to work together to attract good blue collar jobs that don't endanger workers and which are environmentally productive!

And from what I've read, Phil Tagami promised not to bring Coal through Oakland. Hold his feet to the coal fire in addition to blocking this deal.

Thank you,

John Neal
415.559.4180

From: [janet.esteves](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: NO COAL IN OAKLAND!
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 5:16:17 PM

I am a 40+ year resident and property owner in Oakland. I strongly object to the use of my taxes to pay for shipments through Oakland of the dirtiest fossil fuel on the planet! COAL IS A HEALTH HAZARD - COAL IS BAD FOR OUR ECONOMY AND OUR WORKFORCE - COAL IS BAD FOR THE CLIMATE.

Janet Esteves

From: [Jason Smith](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: No Coal In Oakland
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 12:34:25 PM

Dear Mayor Schaaf, Mr. Cole, and Members of the Oakland City Council,

My name is Jason Smith, I'm an Oakland resident since 2012 and a homeowner in West Oakland since November 2014. I write to let you know that I do not want the coal industry to be a part of a taxpayer-funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air. West Oakland is a neighborhood already highly impacted by and struggling with issues of air pollution that effect the health and wellbeing of my family and my neighbors daily.

My understanding is that this project was intended to clean up pollution and provide benefits to the local economy — not further compromise our health and climate. It is clear to me that coal is bad for community health.

Open-top rail cars that transport coal lose up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car; this translates to 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water for every trip made by a coal train. Coal dust, plus more diesel emissions from increased freight traffic, would intensify the air pollution already plaguing West Oakland.

We are already overburdened by industrial pollution in West Oakland. My neighbors are already twice as likely to visit the emergency room for asthma as the average Alameda County resident, and are also more likely to die of cancer and heart and lung disease. Coal dust causes decreased lung capacity, childhood bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, emphysema, and heart disease--so you are exacerbating my neighborhoods' health issues if you support this.

Oakland is becoming known worldwide as a green and innovative city. Let's not throw that reputation away by making a deal with the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet. It is clear that coal is really bad for the climate.

California has worked hard to be a coal-free state. We do not burn coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would enable the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening families in our community and throughout the world. The mining, transport, and burning of this coal would result in over 12.5 million tons of greenhouse emissions each year. That's like adding more than two million passenger cars to the road each year!

There is no such thing as clean coal. Utah coal contains mercury, carbon, and other hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, increase respiratory illness rates, and accelerate climate change. These pollution impacts are global and local -- many of these pollutants blow over the ocean and increase pollution rates in California.

Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone.

Homeowners, voters, and residents in Oakland are watching this decision closely.

Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water. We have an opportunity to work toward a healthier and sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

Jason A. Smith
West Oakland, California

www.jasonasmith.net

From: [Chris Lish](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [DL - City Council](#)
Subject: No Coal in Oakland
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 7:41:35 PM

Dear Mayor of Oakland Libby Schaaf and the Oakland City Council,

I am a Bay Area resident and I strongly urge the Oakland City Council to help keep coal out of Oakland and the Bay Area, and to protect our air, water, and public health. I have significant concerns about what a massive increase in train traffic and coal-dust pollution would mean for the health of Bay Area residents. I don't want the coal industry to be a part of a taxpayer-funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air. I care about supporting good local jobs, not out-of-state fossil fuel companies that are destroying the climate. The project under consideration was intended to clean up pollution and provide benefits to the local economy—not threaten our health, economy, and climate.

There are many reasons to reject this project, including the fact that coal is bad for community health. Open-top rail cars that transport coal lose up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car; this translates to 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water for every trip made by a coal train. Coal dust, plus more diesel emissions from increased freight traffic, would intensify the air pollution already plaguing West Oakland. Coal dust can also cause buildup on the tracks, causing derailments and spontaneously explosions.

Coal dust causes decreased lung capacity, childhood bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, emphysema, and heart disease. West Oakland residents are already overburdened by industrial pollution. They're already twice as likely to visit the emergency room for asthma as the average Alameda County resident, and are also more likely to die of cancer and heart and lung disease.

Another reason is that coal is bad for the local economy and workers. Longshoremen who work at coal-export facilities are exposed to serious health risks. Prolonged, direct exposure to coal dust has been linked to health issues such as chronic bronchitis, decreased lung function, emphysema, and cancer. Coal dust has also been shown to increase the risk of mortality from heart disease.

Coal is an increasingly anti-union industry. Oakland should support projects that create good union jobs. Oakland is becoming known worldwide as a green and innovative city. Please don't throw that reputation away by making a deal with the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet.

Third, coal is bad for climate. California has worked hard to be a coal-free state. We do not burn coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening families in our community and throughout the world.

The mining, transport, and burning of this coal would result in over 12.5 million tons of greenhouse emissions each year. That's like adding more than two million passenger cars to the road each year.

There is no such thing as clean coal. Utah coal contains mercury, carbon, and other hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, increase respiratory illness rates, and accelerate climate change. These pollution impacts are global and local—many of these pollutants blow over the ocean and increase pollution rates in California. Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone.

Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of our Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water. You have an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland. Please do not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do NOT add my name to your mailing list. I will learn about future developments on this issue from other sources.

Sincerely,
Christopher Lish
Olema, CA

From: [patricia.tomlin](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No coal in Oakland
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 11:20:40 AM

- *I'm an Oakland resident and I don't want the coal industry to be a part of a taxpayer-funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air.*
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- Oakland is becoming known worldwide as a green and innovative city. Let's not throw that reputation away by making a deal with the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet.

Sincerely,

Patricia Tomlin
4035 Aspen Pl.
Oakland 94602

From: [Kristin Dwelley](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No Coal in Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 8:11:23 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

Oakland should be growing green jobs, not propping up industries that are bad for our health, safety and environment. Please ensure that there will not be coal exports from Oakland.

Sincerely,

Kristin Dwelley
4200 Whittle Ave
Oakland, CA 94602

From: [Dan Leaverton](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: No coal in Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 6:54:00 PM

Dear Oakland Representatives,

I'm a long term Berkeley resident with two daughters, ages 10 and 12. I fear a coal terminal in Oakland will worsen the air quality for our family and all others. Increased dust and exhaust to move coal is not worth any potential fees for the Port or other local agencies. In a time of crisis such as climate change, allowing expanded use of coal is a bad decision.

Please don't let it happen.

Thank you,

Dan Leaverton & Family
1910 Sacramento St
Berkeley, CA
510-847-6490

From: [Teresa A. McFarland](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No Coal in Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 6:15:03 PM

Dear Sirs:

I am a Bay Area resident who is very concerned about the effects of coal and petroleum by-products on the health of our community, and on global warming. Therefore I urge you to block coal, the dirtiest fossil fuel, from being exported through Oakland.

Besides the effects on our health and the planet's health, coal will not bring good union jobs to the area. The trains bringing all that coal to California are also a big concern.

Fossil fuels are part of our past. Wise investors are moving away from them. Oakland has made some good steps toward being a green city, and should continue moving toward the future.

Sincerely,

Teresa McFarland

From: [Gina Telcocci](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No coal in Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:38:12 PM

We live in West Oakland and are adamantly opposed to allowing coal to be shipped through here. There is no way we are going to be convinced that this wont jeopardize our health & safety. We are aware of the sleazy tactics that the developer & transport company have used to manipulate and buy the support of local individuals and institutions. We have heard promises of thousands of jobs for needy locals before, and have watched those promises shrink away. We have witnessed years of efforts to clean up the toxic messes that have been left behind here for decades.

Please help Oakland do the right thing for it's citizens - ALL of them.

Thank you,

Gina Telcocci & Jeffrey Falick
www.ginatelcocci.com

From: [Albert Brown](#)
To: [Office of the Mayor](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No Coal in Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 3:24:39 PM

Hi,

I am a San Francisco Bay Area resident and am voicing my opposition to the proposed coal-export terminal in Oakland. I work for a solar manufacturing and services firm, which is one of the fastest growing industries in the country, the state, and the Bay Area. Coal is a 19th/20th century industry that is dirty, unsustainable and no longer economically tenable and should be phased out as quickly as possible. This can be done rapidly. No new investments should ever be made by public or private institutions in coal, because sustainable and economic alternatives exist, including solar and other renewable investments, which in the next 10-20 years will provide nearly free electricity to the United States by today's standards. Any new investment in coal will be a stranded asset and a poor use of taxpayer dollars. Additionally, the new terminal puts at risk the environment of the Bay Area and furthers an extended economy of suppliers and coal company infrastructure that is environmentally destructive and harmful to human health both in our region, nationally, and globally. This project should NOT go forward. Please use Oakland's hard earned budget dollars more wisely.

Thanks for your attention.

Bert Brown
1959 Oak St
San Francisco, CA 94117

From: [Mary B. Strauss](#)
Subject: No Coal in Oakland, please!
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 12:53:38 PM

Dear Mayor Schaaf and City Council Members,

I'm 87 and have lived in Oakland since 1961. I urge the city to follow the lead of the Port of Oakland and decide that NO COAL will be shipped through Oakland.

West Oakland neighborhoods are already terribly unhealthy for children and families living there. We must not aggravate this by allowing long and frequent coal trains through bringing pollution to our air and water.

Although the new marine terminal will be a boon for jobs and our economy by shipping OTHER commodities, COAL MUST BE EXCLUDED.

Mining, shipping and burning coal contribute disproportionately to global warming, sea level rise, and atmospheric destruction. Oakland must add its voice to the many West Coast ports which are saying NO to coal exports.

What did you do once you knew?

"It's 3:23 in the morning and I'm awake... because my great great grandchildren won't let me sleep.

My great great grandchildren ask me in dreams,

What did you do while the planet was plundered?

What did you do when the earth was unraveling?

surely you did something ?...

When the seasons started failing?

surely you did something?

As the mammals, reptiles, and birds were all dying?

surely you did something?

Did you fill the streets with protest when democracy was stolen?

What did you do once you knew?

(Excerpts from Hieroglyphic Stairway, a poem by Drew Dellinger)

Sincerely,

Mary B. Strauss
100 Bay Place, #1101
Oakland, CA 94610-4444
510-891-8009

From: [Erin Scholl](#)
To: [McElhane, Lynette](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No coal in oakland, please
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 11:21:17 AM

10/4/2015

I strongly oppose building a container port to export coal in Oakland. I am surprised and horrified that this would even be considered by city leaders.

According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, "*Coal plants are the nation's top source of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, the primary cause of global warming.*"

Coal is not just a dirty, air-polluting fuel, but also coal plants waste huge amounts of precious water and create toxic waste which is put into the ground. Natural habitats are destroyed permanently during the extraction of coal from the ground. In addition, coal mining is proven to be positively deadly to persons stuck in coal mining jobs due to poverty, lack of education, etc.

In Oakland, we know all about air pollution (surely you've noticed the black film of partially combusted fuel on everything outside). And draught. And poverty.

Shouldn't we know better than to support, enable and increase the coal trade??? (*Duh, and/or HELLO!?!*)

Instead of participating in the sales, transportation or use of coal, please consider making Oakland home to more research on using the **SUN** for energy instead.

Thank you,

Erin Scholl
257 Vernon St.
Oakland, CA 94610

From: [David Hillman](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: No Coal in Oakland
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 10:48:50 PM

Honorable Mayor Schaff and City Council,

Transporting coal to the Port of Oakland is likely to cause mysterious health effects in our city, just like the Richmond Chevron refinery is associated with lung diseases in that area. Coal dust will get everywhere, and it's full of heavy metals and irritating particles.

Oakland is getting a positive reputation for environmentalism, and is home to Sungevity, BrightSource, and many smaller solar contractors, and my homeowner consulting company Solar for Buyers LLC. Let's not muddy that reputation with facilitating the dirtiest fossil fuel of all, coal.

Thank you.

David Hillman
4295 Fair Avenue
Oakland, CA 94619
510-482-8163 home
510-788-3688 work

From: [Ben Keller](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: No Coal In Oakland
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 3:40:40 PM

To whom it may concern:

I write as an Oakland resident to urge the City of Oakland to forbid the construction of a coal export terminal on land formerly occupied by Oakland Army Base, or indeed in any part of our city. The toxic effects of the entire coal supply chain are well documented, and would pose a burden to the public health of neighborhoods in our city that need cleaner air, not dirtier. But even more concerning than these local pollutants are the “global toxins” of greenhouse gases. Our city must have no part in this build-out of fossil fuel infrastructure when the harms both local and global are so clear. Our common morality demands nothing less than a moratorium on this project.

Sincerely,
Ben Keller
6351 Florio St Apt A, Oakland

From: [Scott Olsen](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No coal in Oakland
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 9:35:42 PM

This project was intended to clean up pollution and provide benefits to the local economy — not threaten our health, economy, and climate.

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everyone.

Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of our Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water. We have an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jake Friedler](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: NO Coal in Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 4:10:20 PM

Hi, I am an Oakland resident who lives at 500 E 8th St, Oakland, CA 94606. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the exporting of coal through Oakland.

- Jake Friedler

Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of our Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water. We have an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

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From: [Lisa Rykert](#)
To: [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: NO COAL IN OAKLAND
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 10:45:11 AM

Dear Mr. Cole, Council Members, Mayor Schaaf,

Don't break your pledges against transporting coal and other hazardous materials. Please, as our leaders, continue to think big picture and longer term for our community, not about the developers/big business bottom line agenda.

I Oppose Coal in Oakland for the following reasons:

I'm an Oakland resident and I don't want the coal industry to be a part of a taxpayer-funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air.

I have significant concerns about what a massive increase in train traffic and coal-dust pollution would mean our community's health.

I care about supporting good local jobs, not out-of-state fossil fuel companies that are destroying the climate.

Remember, the following promises made: (excerpts taken from the 9/30/15 SF Chronicle article - <http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Coal-shipping-plan-divides-Oakland-over-health-6541635.php>)

"Last year, before Terminal Logistics Solutions made plans to export coal from the future terminal, the council passed a resolution opposing the transportation of hazardous fuels, including coal, in} Oakland."

"[Phil Tagami] originally said **coal wouldn't pass through the terminal**. But that changed last year, ..."

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"Tagami worked on the project for years without planning to ship coal. He even announced in a 2013 newsletter that his company, California Capital & Investment Group, "is publicly on record as having no interest or involvement in the pursuit of coal-related operations at the former Oakland Army Base."

Uphold your promises and your vision for a healthy Oakland. **Do not allow Coal in Oakland.** There are many other alternatives to this project that can be win-win-win. Let's think outside the box.

Thank you,

Lisa Rykert
Oakland Resident
94602

From: [Greg Lieberknecht](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: ["Patty Mintz"](#)
Subject: No Coal in West Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 11:42:13 AM

I just read the article in today's Chronicle about development of an export shipping facility at the Oakland Army Base. While I understand the need for jobs and support the development of the export facility, I oppose using it to export coal. Here are my reasons:

- Running coal through West Oakland will have serious health impacts on the people living there.
- Coal is worse for climate change than any other major fuel or renewable generation option.
- We were promised in 2013 that California Capital & Investment Group had "no interest or involvement in the pursuit of coal-related operations at the former Oakland Army Base."
- Also from the Chronicle article, "Last year . . .the council (City Council of Oakland) passed a resolution opposing the transportation of hazardous fuels, including coal, in Oakland."

Thanks for your attention,

Greg Lieberknecht
41 Knoll Ridge Way
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From: [Robert W. DiRocco](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No Coal or Crude
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 9:13:26 AM

I am petitioning against the proposed port proposal which may include transport of coal or crude oil in Oakland.

This matter does not but should be required to address the impact to public safety in rail transport TO the proposed facility, which impacts not only residents of Oakland but the entire rail network supplying the proposed (and amended) plan.

If not stopped at the project level, this writer will simply reinforce efforts to place restrictions on a State and Federal level to defeat coal or crude rail transportation.

Respectfully,
Robert DiRocco

From: [Ron H](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No Coal or other Fossil Fuels
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 7:06:53 PM

I live right on the train tracks in Jack London Square. I am completely opposed to shipping fossil fuels through Oakland. I implore the city to embrace the future, not the past, and if that means losing this project then please lose the project. Oakland is finally being discovered and there is truly no better location in the Bay Area, the city would be very short sighted moving forward and developing our public land with this plan. The future is not coal or crude oil, the public land could be developed in any number of ways that move Oakland forward not backward. We all know this bad for the environment, but Oakland is not in such dire financial need, that we should allow developers to put us all at risk for their profit! I am completely confident that the land will end up being developed one way or another without allowing coal.

Ron Harmer

From: szir@earthlink.net
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No Coal Shipments Through Oakland!
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 9:47:51 AM

Dear Mr. Cole,

I am writing to let you know that my family and I strongly oppose any shipment of coal in or out of Oakland. We must together take local measures to oppose the destruction of the planet through climate change and also short-term through pollution of our air. Regardless of where the coal is burned, the products of combustion go into the only atmosphere our planet has.

Think of it this way: Would Oakland approve building a giant coal fired power plant where all of the coal planned to be shipped would be burned in our home area? Not a chance! So why is it OK to facilitate shipment to somewhere else where other people live (and breathe)?

This project can survive without shipping coal or other fossil fuels. There are plenty of products that need to move in and out of the Port, all of which create jobs. If the current terminal tenant cannot be viable without coal, find another tenant!

Thank you,

Sandy Zirulnik
Alameda County
Oakland small business owner

From: [Kathryn Stein](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No coal shipped through Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 7:10:43 AM

Hello Mr. Cole,

Please make sure that Terminal Logistics Solution proves that coal dust will not be effecting our environment and air quality before allowing them to transport coal through Oakland. I know we need the jobs in the area but not at the risk of everyone's health. It is not worth it!.

I hope we have your support with this.

Best,
Kathryn

From: [Pierre Devaux](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: No coal terminal in Oakland, please.
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:37:49 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

I am writing to express my displeasure with Phil Tagami's efforts to build a coal shipping terminal in Oakland.

As a resident of Jack London Square, I'm already living close to a rail line that carries crude oil. Adding coal to the mix, and spreading noxious coal dust throughout our city, would not be a welcome development.

As a city official, your job is to plan for the future and to invest in infrastructure that will benefit Oakland for years to come. This type of project will not benefit our city, unless you'd like to take us back to the 1800's. Why squander city resources on a source of energy that is decreasing in importance? Why not invest in projects that are sure to pay dividends for decades vs. short-term profits and health-damaging side effects? This is not the kind of visionary, progressive development that Oakland is capable of. It's the complete opposite.

Please do not allow this project to go forward. It's a huge mistake for Oakland.

Best regards,
Pierre

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From: [DAVID S THEIS](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: NO coal through Oakland
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 2:10:54 PM

Hi Douglas

Please add my name to the growing list of East Bay residents **opposed** to the plan to transport coal and crude oil through Oakland.

I live in Piedmont and work in Emeryville. My nonprofit family counseling clinic in Emeryville serves many low income residents of West Oakland. The economic gain from this proposal is vastly **overshadowed by the health risk** to these communities.

Thanks,

David Theis

From: [Alan Reinke](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No Coal Thru Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 6:28:11 PM

Do not allow coal shipments through Oakland. It would be bad for Oakland and bad for the climate.

Alan Reinke
334 63rd Street, Oakland
sent from iPhone

From: [jessea greenman](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: No coal trains from our port
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 2:54:10 PM

1. It wastes a lot of energy to get coal out of the ground.
2. Getting coal out of the ground causes a lot of pollution during its mining.
3. Transporting coal by train takes/wastes a lot of energy.
4. Transporting coal by train causes a lot of pollution from the diesel engine and from the coal dust plumes and coal particles.
5. The coal will be shipped across the ocean, wasting more energy and causing more pollution.
6. THEN CHINA WILL BURN THE COAL, POLLUTING THE AIR THAT WILL DRIFT BACK ACROSS THE OCEAN TO US.

What part of this makes any sense? Why would we even seriously contemplate

participating in this madness? Will we even make that much money?

PUBLISH the statistics about jobs: how many jobs, how long will the jobs last,

who will get the jobs, how much will the jobs pay. Really? A hope, a prayer,

and a promise. Really, you'll make public policy on that basis?

Jesse Greenman, Oakland CA

According to the [Global Terrorism Database](#), 3,521 Americans have died from terror attacks in the United States since 1970. Gun violence, on the other hand, has taken more than twice as many lives in 2015 alone — 8,512 in 2015 so far, according to the [Gun Violence Archive](#).

From: [Ed Carpenter](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [Reid, Larry](#); [Schaaf, Libby](#); [Gallo, Noel](#); [At Large](#); desleydbrooks@oaklandnet.com; [Campbell, Washington, Annie](#); [Farmer, Casey](#); [Kaib, Dan](#)
Subject: No coal transfer station
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 12:25:39 PM

Mr. Cole –

I just read today's story in the Chronicle about the redevelopment of the Oakland Army Base. I live in Oakland on Picardy Drive, near Mills College.

Allow Oakland to becoming a coal transfer station is a terrible idea. Oakland residents, particularly West Oakland, already suffer higher asthma rates and other illnesses because of diesel at the port.

Coal would have environmental impacts on the land for generations to come, pollution the bay with its runoff along the way. I strongly oppose coal coming to Oakland.

If Mr Bridges isn't interested in the barren land under those conditions, then let him look elsewhere. Oakland is going to one of the greatest real-estate booms in its history and prime property along the water from with shipping, trucking, and train access won't be so hard to market.

Ed Carpenter

From: Annedevaney@aol.com
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No coal!
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 2:39:56 PM

Please - - -NO coal transportation through Oakland, EVER, in ANY form! COAL DUST!! "I can't breathe!"

Thank you.

Anne Devaney

From: [Tom](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No coal
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:35:38 AM

Coal mining and coal use must be stopped. Do we want short-term monetary gain for a relatively few people or health and well-being for all in an unpolluted world? Think about our long-term goals as responsible citizens.
Tom

From: [Ron Mallory](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No Coal
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 8:21:20 AM

Please do not allow the shipment of coal through the Port of Oakland.
Ron & Amanda Mallory

From: [Rob Josephson](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No coal
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 9:50:43 AM

Coal is at the heart of an impending global climate and health disaster. Our leaders must make the tough decisions necessary to protect the health of our community, and in doing so make Oakland a partner in the global effort required to protect the future of all humanity. Please work to get the right project for the old army base, even if it means fewer new jobs initially.

Sent from my iPad

Sent from San Francisco Chronicle for iPad Download the App [here](#)

Sent from my iPad

From: [Nathan Baumgarten](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No coal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 3:52:07 PM

I am writing to voice my opinion on the future of coal in Oakland. I have been an Oakland resident for 2 years now and I love it here. I am originally from North Carolina and I no stranger to the coal industry, as I studied and worked I. The renewable energy firms. Coal is a dirty energy source harvested with very dirty practices. I beseech you to help us rid coal from the list of energy items payed for by oaklands taxpayer dollars. Thank you!

Nathan Baumgarten

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From: [William Barnes](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No Coal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:25:20 PM

Please take a firm stand on opposing the shipment of coal at Oakland's shipping facilities.

Thank you, William Barnes

From: [Brenda Bailey](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: No Coal-Export Terminal in Oakland!
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 7:35:12 PM

Dear Oakland Leaders:

As a retired Registered Nurse my first concern about the proposal to build a coal-export terminal in Oakland is with health effects. I'm especially concerned that residents who live closest to the port in Oakland have lower average incomes than other neighborhoods. Freeways run through their neighborhoods spewing exhaust as well. They don't deserve this kind of treatment:

- Coal dust causes decreased lung capacity, childhood bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, emphysema, and heart disease.

I'm a proud Oaklander having lived here for 41 years. It's great to see our city being recognized for its progressive outlook, its ethnic diversity, and its concern for our environment, so here's my point #2:

- Oakland is becoming known worldwide as a green and innovative city. Let's not throw that reputation away by making a deal with the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet.

Finally, tho' no less important than the first two points: If we are to wrest our planet from the degradation of climate change, trashed seas, diminishing water sources, overpopulation and insufficient food and land for its inhabitants, we must change the course of human activity. Here's an important fact we must heed (among many!):

- Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone.

Brenda Bailey
811 York St, #113
Oakland, CA 94610

From: [paul simon](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: No Coals on Rails
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 5:16:27 AM

We should not be transporting coal around the Bay Area. We should be winding down world coal use in every way possible. This is one way we can help and make a statement that coal is bad. -Paul Simon

From: [Mark Lion](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No dirty coal/oil
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 7:26:01 AM

I would like to live in Oakland for the rest of my life, and make it an excellent place for my child to live in the next generation. It is already well known that the port of Oakland unfairly effects people in this city with negative health impacts. Phil said no coal would come through, and he lied. No need to debate 12k people getting jobs, as their jobs would negatively impact the other 400k in Oakland and even more in the east bay.

Oakland will stand up for no more dirty energy!!!

Thanks,
Mark lion
6633 thornhill dr, Oakland, ca

From: [Linda Haymaker](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No on coal shipments in Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 11:22:36 AM

Dear Mr Cole and Oakland City Administrators,

Please do the right thing and nix the current proposal to ship coal through West Oakland. It's a shoddy bait and switch technique from the developers. Coal is NOT the answer to possible needs for quick money; we need to make long term, sustainable choices for our densely populated urban areas that improve liveability.

In repurposing the old Army base we have countless other options that respect citizens health, both local and regional. Improved plans pay off in the long run-- significantly reduced health costs, worker productivity, and eliminated risks for massive and expensive cleanup operations when accidents and mishandlings would certainly occur.

Thank you,
R and L George

From: [Marika McGraw](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No on coal- Tagami is a liar!
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 11:22:26 AM

Tagami is a liar!

He manipulated the city to believe they have no intention to move coal through the city, and now he is grandstanding..... So what if those investors pull out, there will be others, or given the coveted location, possible other development opportunities that we would welcome. To sacrifice the city of Oakland, its potential to becoming something better, for jobs that will kill those very workers and damage neighborhoods air and their residence health seems like a non issue in choice making.

Tagami should be ashamed of himself, and who gives a you know what that he worked on this deceptive project for eight years, and now he is crying about it.

We need to progress our city and its already damaged reputation the right direction, keep it moving forward into the 21st century where people and environment matters! We need to show dirtbags like him that you can't get away with manipulating the system and making fools of the city management and the people of Oakland!

Marika

Sent from my iPad

From: [Tim Little](#)
To: [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No On Coal Terminal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 5:27:36 PM

Dear Mr. Cole, Council Members and and Mayor Schaaf,

Please add my voice, as an Oakland homeowner and taxpayer who has lived in and loved our city for the past 30 years, to the chorus of tens of thousands of Oaklanders who oppose the coal terminal proposal at the Oakland Global development.

The goal of the port redevelopment must be to have thriving businesses that are in synch with the growth potential of the new economy, and provide good jobs for Oaklanders and sustainable revenues for our city, not to build a magnet for dirty fossil fuel transport that will pollute neighborhoods with carcinogenic coal dust and exacerbate global warming. In addition to the pollution — and West Oakland residents already suffer asthma at twice the rate of Alameda County as a whole — the coal terminal would not produce any more longshoreman or shipping jobs than any other type of goods movement, and the dirty nature of the coal terminal would inhibit productive development of adjacent areas. Limiting the overall long-term development potential of the area while poisoning local residents is bad city policy, shortsighted economics and terrible public health.

As has been well-publicized, the developer, Phil Tagami, committed to the city that fossil fuels would not be part of the development. That is part of the reason he has had the entitlements to proceed this far with the development, and you need to hold him to his previous and very public "no coal" promise.

Thank you for your attention to these comments,

Sincerely,

Tim Little

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From: [Arthur Boone](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [Jess Dervin-Ackerman](#)
Subject: No on coal through and from Oakland.
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 5:27:28 PM

It was almost 30 years ago when the USEPA started tightening the noose around the neck of domestic coal-fired power generating facilities. The US did that because coal is a bad thing to burn if you want clean air.

As a whole, this country is reluctantly supporting the end of coal fired power plants anywhere and everywhere. Other countries, like the destinations of all this coal aiming for Oakland from Utah, are still early in their industrialization and will take bad air over clean air and no jobs any day.

We who rely on the Port of Oakland should stand tall and firm; if other cities and ports want to whore for the coal industry, we can't stop them, but we can stop exports here.

Arthur R. Boone
1616 Harmon Street, Berkeley.
Oakland resident, 1976-1994.
one-time chair, Waste Reduction and Recycling Commission, 1990-91.

From: [jd Carroll](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: NO on Coal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:46:37 PM

Dear Mr Cole

We are 35 year residents of Oakland who are proud of our city and the gains made at great cost to make our city a better place to live.

Coal is a dirty business in many ways, from the unfortunate miners, and residents of coal mining communities, to the greedy lobbyists who deny the effects on our environment.

Please resist the foolish pressure about coal creating jobs and being required to complete the Port of Oakland.

John and Barbara Carroll
6425 Zinn Drive, Oakland 94611

From: [DEAN LERI](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No to Coal !!
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 12:21:23 AM

I can barely breath now thanks to the air in W Oakland. Coal will make matters worse.

D. Leri

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ratka Mira Popovic](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: no to coal at the port
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:05:58 PM

Dear Mr Cole,

I am an Oakland native and have lived in West Oakland for 23 years. I attended the public hearing and came to show support in opposition of having coal transported through the Oakland port. There are so so many reasons that this is a bad choice for Oakland.

This is not a time in History to make fast and ignorant decisions that will profit a small few and impact the health and welfare of our world at large. Please do not allow coal to be transported with our tax dollars and City land. We stopped heating our own City of Oakland with coal fireplaces almost a century ago because we knew it was un-healthy. Nothing has changed its still un-healthy.

1. The evidence that coal is a dying and arcane industry and not fiscally wise to invest in and that Coal production and business has declined by 80% worldwide.. is a huge indicator that this is a bad business decision. Why not invest in Green energy? Keep bringing Green corporations to Oakland. Green energy is the future and Oakland can be an international urban model for this.

2. Coal is not healthy, its a known toxin to living organisms, the air we breath and to our water. The negative effects of coal burning and usage including coal dust is staggeringly scary. As a West Oakland resident my respiratory system would be the first to be effected. Our community has worked hard and partnered with the EIP to reduce carbon emissions with the port trucks, shut down the yeast plant.... our air quality has improved but asthma rates are still the highest in California for children in my zip code. We know coal is detrimental to human and environmental health. Why would Oakland choose to transport a known toxin so close to the Bay bridge toll plaza, Bay waters, port workers and neighborhoods? It would be an ignorant choice.

I say NO to Coal through our Port.

Ratka Mira Popovic, Oakland native and business owner

From: [Gregory Smith](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No to Coal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:28:19 PM

Mr. Cole,

As an East Bay resident, down wind from the coal dust, I urge you in the strongest possible way to reject any and all proposals for transport and processing of coal through the City and Port of Oakland.

Other projects can create jobs without harming your residents and the environment.

Thank you,

Gregory Smith
Union City

From: [Cate](#)
To: [Cole, Doug; Office of the Mayor; DL - City Council](#)
Cc: ["Rebecca Milliken"](#)
Subject: No to Coal
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 8:30:04 AM

Dear Members of the Oakland City Council,

I am writing to express my deep and sincere opposition to development of a coal terminal in the city of Oakland. Though I live in Berkeley and not Oakland, I feel justified in weighing in because the effects of your decision will affect my community significantly.

I am opposed both in principle and because of the local health and environmental impacts. We can't as a community be fighting climate change on the one hand and be supporting the development and expansion of coal mines on the other.

I am also opposed because of the negative health impacts both in my community and yours. There will be toxic coal dust spilling from the trains all along its route--including Berkeley and Oakland. The coal will be burned in China, but the air pollution will come back to affect us in a few weeks--roughly 10% of our air pollution in the bay area these days comes from overseas.

Taking jobs for coal is like selling out soul. We can do better. We must do better.

Say no to the coal terminal.

Thank you.

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From: [Robert Bernal](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No to coal
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 8:09:24 PM

I believe Oakland can go for its dream at this time without compromises by attracting industry that is good for its citizens . Please, say "no to coal" for Oakland's sake.

Robert Bernal

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Audrey Ichinose](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No to shipping coal
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 10:52:30 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

The health of local residents, truckers, and port workers are a prime reason for not allowing coal to be shipped through Oakland.

But the decision has to be made in the much wider context. Marketing coal in the 21st century is irrational and unscrupulous of the coal and shipping industries. All the science and public policy supports the view that any use of coal harms the global environment and the well-being of everyone. How can company profit justify the export of the dirtiest fossil fuel overseas? Doing so is not only unethical, but extremely short-sighted as a business proposition. The market for coal (not to mention oil) is tanking. The global effort to curb greenhouse gas emissions is gathering momentum as more and more nations commit to meaningful reductions. And fossil fuel's green competition is beginning to outstrip coal in job generation and giving impetus to the wider economy.

Oakland will be acting extremely foolishly if it allows coal to be shipped through its facilities.

Sincerely,
Audrey Ichinose

From: [Elizabeth Swarthout](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: No to the transport of coal through our neighborhoods!
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 4:53:51 PM

Dear Everyone,

It is with great urgency for serious health and environmental reasons that I beg you to not allow coal rail cars to go through the East Bay where I live with my family. We already have significant pollution because of Chevron. Please don't add this to it.

1. Coal is bad for community health.

- Open-top rail cars that transport coal lose up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car; this translates to 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water for every trip made by a coal train. Coal dust, plus more diesel emissions from increased freight traffic, would intensify the air pollution already plaguing West Oakland.
- Coal dust can cause build up on the tracks, causing derailments and spontaneously explosions. West Oakland residents are already overburdened by industrial pollution. [We're/They're] already twice as likely to visit the emergency room for asthma as the average Alameda County resident, and are also more likely to die of cancer and heart and lung disease.
- Coal dust causes decreased lung capacity, childhood bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, emphysema, and heart disease.

2. Coal is bad for the local economy and workers.

- Coal is an increasingly anti-union industry. Oakland should support projects that create good union jobs.
- Oakland is becoming known worldwide as a green and innovative city. Let's not throw that reputation away by making a deal with the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet.
- Longshoremen who work at coal-export facilities are exposed to serious health risks. Prolonged, direct exposure to coal dust has been linked to health issues such as chronic bronchitis, decreased lung function, emphysema, and cancer. Coal dust has also been shown to increase the risk of mortality from heart disease.

3. Coal is bad for climate.

- California has worked hard to be a coal-free state. We do not burn coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening families in our community and throughout the world.
- The mining, transport, and burning of this coal would result in over 12.5 million tons of greenhouse emissions each year. That's like adding more than two million passenger cars to the road each year.
- There is no such thing as clean coal. Utah coal contains mercury, carbon, and other hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, increase respiratory illness rates, and accelerate climate change. These pollution impacts are global and local -- many of

these pollutants blow over the ocean and increase pollution rates in California.

- Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone.

Elizabeth Swarthout
Richmond, CA

From: notabene2020@comcast.net
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Transporting Coal and Oil Through Oakland
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 1:40:29 PM

Douglas Cole
Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project

RE: Transporting Coal and Oil Through Oakland

As I understand it, current plans for coal and oil transportation through Oakland involve a substantial increase in rail (and truck?) traffic through the streets and rails of Oakland compared to prior conditions.

It seem blatantly obvious that such traffic should be subject to a new thorough environmental review to assess the impact of such a change. It should include a new and complete review to include: traffic volumes (now, in the future, and absolute limits), impact on road and rail safety, noise and other environmental impacts. Special concerns should include full environmental impacts on air, water and land, as well as the risk potential, impacts and liabilities for possible accidents of all types.

Please ensure such a new and complete assessment is completed before any changes to current transportation levels are permitted.

Thank you.

Ross Flewelling
Oakland

From: [Craig Lauderdale](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [Craig Lauderdale](#)
Subject: OAB development
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 9:14:21 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

I would like to pass along my thoughts on the current debate for Gateway. The community in west oakland and those that have worked in the area have finally come out of the 'dark ages' of diesel particulates with the most recent round of CARB compliance.

My friend, prof. T. Kirkstetter with UC Berkeley completed a study recognizing the diesel impacts on west oakland and they were striking.

If you look at the current rail connection to the coal terminal in Richmond, coal piles are in the open, available to runoff. Trains quite often are held outside the terminal for days if not weeks uncovered. This affects the community with major health concerns.

Statements have been made and promises have been put forth that all loads will be covered coming into oakland. This is untrue and falls under the federal government jurisdiction. It has happened in the past that agreements have been made on the local level, only to have the railroads immediately go to the FRA. The railroads will not spend one penny more than they have to.

Jobs has been a major selling point of the developer. But when you have been working for 10-20 years around this commodity, what can you truly expect for a life afterwards. This will not bring a epidemic of black lung, but it will destroy a community's health for decades to come.

Please vote for the future of Oakland and vote for the health of this great city.

Craig Lauderdale

Oakland resident for 30 years

ILWU member for 29 years

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From: [Kevin Lancaster](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: nnlancaster@gmail.com
Subject: Oakland Army Base Coal Export Facility- NO!
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:34:56 AM

Mr. Cole-

I am a 30+ year resident of Oakland having married a local woman whose family has lived here since the early 1920's. My 4 children attended Oakland Public Schools and returned here to live following college

While I do not live in West Oakland which will be most impacted by this project, I oppose linking Oakland's future with the future of coal- even if it means temporary construction jobs and who knows who fills the ongoing positions at the facility once it's completed. Regardless of this particular economic payoff, the costs to our local citizens and environment is not worth the risk. Other uses for this invaluable and once in a city's lifetime piece of real estate should not be squandered for this particular project. The citizens of West Oakland already labor under the diesel emissions, noise and traffic generated by the port of Oakland. Some progress has been made concerning the Port's impact yet introducing another layer of environmental degradation is bad policy.

Finally, I am concerned that Phil Tagami, who has ties to the Port and a bit of an inside track in Oakland's inner politics reassured the council that coal would not move through this project. While for most of us our word is our bond apparently he doesn't share that sentiment- I hope you and the City Council do!

Kevin Lancaster
1118 Clarendon Crescent
Oakland, CA 94610

From: [Andrew Smith](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Oakland Army Base
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:29:18 AM

Douglas,

Go for it. Although I do not live in Oakland, this is needed for the people there who hopefully will get jobs for those that need good paying jobs.

This is all about the white environmentalists who do not care about the lower income blacks and Latinos living in the area. The city of Oakland did not care about moving the Highway 880 from all those apartments until after the earthquake. And the pollution from the cars on the many highways going through East and West Oakland still pollute the air even though further away from where people live. And moving Highway 880 towards the Bay when being rebuilt was a good idea.

So the amount of potential added pollution is minimal especially if the cars are covered. Just another case of political correctness in Oakland out of control. Thanks.

Andrew Smith
Santa Rosa, CA

From: [MaryLee MacNulty](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Oakland Army Base
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 11:29:32 AM

Please do not let coal and/or oil be transported through West Oakland and out of the currently developing ex-Army Base. My understanding is that this could be extremely detrimental to the health of the local community (of which I am happy to have been a resident of over four and a half years) - which is already noticeably challenged.

This parcel of land is at the very heart of the Bay and should not be put to such a use - if this plan moves forward, we will all regret it in years to come. There are certainly other uses for the proposed terminal and even other ways of developing such prime property that will better represent the Bay, Oakland and historical and much abused West Oakland that will bring - if not an equal number - at least substantial numbers of much needed jobs to the area without the tag-a-long health and environmental concerns.

Please stand by the original plan NOT to allow coal/oil to be shipped out of the Oakland ex-Army Base.

From: [Joseph Scherer](#)
To: lschaff@oaklandnet.com; [Cole, Doug](#); [Guillen, Abel](#)
Subject: Oakland Banning Coal Transport???? Really?
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:38:14 PM

I have been an Oakland resident for 33 years and just read in the Chronicle that the Oakland City Council may ban coal moving through the city and thereby scotching a \$880,000,000 deal, or otherwise stated, 12,000 jobs. I hope this is an example of poor reporting on the part of the Chronicle.

Please assure me that you have the interests of the City of Oakland at heart and are not part of any such action.

I am CEO of a small and very green energy company and I can assure you that prohibiting rail traffic in Oakland is going to do nothing to save the planet. The planet would be much better off with your financial support of renewable energy companies like ours than penalizing our city for some symbolic gesture.

Just when good things start happening in Oakland, the politicians threaten to mess it up. Please just give us a break, leave energy policy to the experts and stick to the obvious tasks of making Oakland a better place. You were not elected to make energy policy for the globe.

Regards,

Joe



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joseph.scherer@greenfireenergy.com:

From: [William Molmen](#)
To: [Guillen, Abel](#)
Cc: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Oakland bans coal!?
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:13:53 AM

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Regards,

Bill Molmen
958 Warfield Ave.
Oakland, CA 94610
510-708-3030

From: [Margaret Philipsborn](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [DL - City Council](#)
Subject: Oakland Coal - export
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 6:52:37 PM

I'm an Oakland resident and I don't want the coal industry to be a part of a taxpayer-funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air; I'm also an East Bay resident and have significant concerns about what a massive increase in train traffic and coal-dust pollution would mean for my family's health; Also as a Bay Area resident and I care about supporting good local jobs, not out-of-state fossil fuel companies that are destroying the climate.

This project was intended to clean up pollution and provide benefits to the local economy — not threaten our health, economy, and climate.

1. Coal is bad for community health.

- Open-top rail cars that transport coal lose up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car; this translates to 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water for every trip made by a coal train. Coal dust, plus more diesel emissions from increased freight traffic, would intensify the air pollution already plaguing West Oakland.
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- Coal is an increasingly anti-union industry. Oakland should support projects that create good union jobs.
- Oakland is becoming known worldwide as a green and innovative city. Let's not throw that reputation away by making a deal with the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet.
- Longshoremen who work at coal-export facilities are exposed to serious health risks. Prolonged, direct exposure to coal dust has been linked to health issues such as chronic bronchitis, decreased lung function, emphysema, and cancer. Coal dust has also been shown to increase the risk of mortality from heart disease.

3. Coal is bad for climate.

- California has worked hard to be a coal-free state. We do not burn coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening families in our community and throughout the world.
- The mining, transport, and burning of this coal would result in over 12.5 million tons of

greenhouse emissions each year. That's like adding more than two million passenger cars to the road each year.

- There is no such thing as clean coal. Utah coal contains mercury, carbon, and other hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, increase respiratory illness rates, and accelerate climate change. These pollution impacts are global and local -- many of these pollutants blow over the ocean and increase pollution rates in California.
- Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone.

Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of our Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water. We have an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Carol Hirth](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Oakland Coal Export Terminal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 5:22:42 PM

I am strongly against a coal export terminal in Oakland. Coal is bad for our health, bad for the climate, and anti-union so bad for workers. Coal is dirty, dangerous and destructive. Oakland and California should not be promoting coal in any way. I expect you to keep coal away from Oakland, the bay area and the port of Oakland.

Thank you,
Carol Hirth
1309 Cornell
Berkeley, CA 94702

From: [Lisa & Larry Carr](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Oakland Coal Exports
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 10:08:30 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I have just become aware of this issue and its negative impacts on the San Francisco Bay Area. I am a Bay Area resident and I care about supporting good local jobs, not out-of-state fossil fuel companies that are destroying the climate. Please do not allow coal to become part of the redevelopment project.

I have read that contrary to the fundamental requirements of CEQA, the environmental review for this project failed to include any discussion or analysis of the impacts of transporting, handling or exporting coal from Oakland on the surrounding neighborhoods or the environment. Is it really true that CEQA failed to disclose the coal aspect? Why would that occur? Did the developers lie to the community about their intentions of this project? Did they secretly make a funding deal with four Utah counties that would bring coal into Oakland? How will this climate destroying impact be mitigated, now and in the future? In this day and age of corporate corruption, that should be an automatic disqualification for coal exporting.

Climate change is occurring which means that the weather is getting warmer, more extreme and more unpredictable. One just has to turn on the news or read a paper to hear about the current historic rains/flooding in South Carolina and the East Coast, incredible heat waves across the U.S. during the summer, and the historic droughts in the west. Coal is the most carbon polluting fuel, and its greenhouse gas emissions will just accelerate climate change even more.

Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of Oakland and the Bay Area. This is an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland, so please don't throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa Hirayama

Napa County resident

707-224-4131

From: [L & L Carr](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Oakland Coal Exports
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 7:15:18 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Bay Area resident, I have only just learned of this issue and am very alarmed. With California trying to cut its petroleum use in half by 2030 because of climate change concerns, why would Oakland consider making a deal with the Coal Industry, one of the worst carbon polluting fuels? California has worked hard to be a coal-free state and does not burn coal here. Why does Oakland want to allow coal to be brought to market? The mining, transport and burning of this coal would result in an increase of over 12.5 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year. That's the equivalent of adding more than 2,000,000 passenger cars to the road each year. After working for decades to improve air quality in California, this project can undo much of that success.

Please do not allow a coal export terminal at the Oakland Global development.

Sincerely,

Larry Carr
16 Dogwood Ct.
Napa, CA 94558

From: [Laurence Carr](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [DL - City Council](#)
Subject: Oakland Coal Exports
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 8:24:51 AM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a young adult (18) who is very concerned about the environmental impact of a proposed coal export terminal at the Oakland Global development. While the state is setting aggressive, carbon reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon polluting fuel to be brought to market. There is no such thing as clean coal. Utah coal contains mercury, carbon and other hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, increase respiratory illness rates and accelerate climate change. These pollution impacts are local and global. Many of these pollutants blow over the ocean and increase pollution rates in California. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening our communities and the entire world. Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on the global climate will be felt by everyone.

I am very concerned about how this proposed project will impact my future and my children's future in the scope of climate change and global warming. The immediate effect might not be noticeable, but down the road it will negatively impact the future of my life in the Bay Area.

Please do not allow coal exports through Oakland.

Sincerely,

Linnea Carr
16 Dogwood Court
Napa, CA 94558

Napa Valley College student

From: [Tristan Celayeta](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Oakland coal exports
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 3:51:55 PM

Advocates of coal exports from Oakland for personal profit are a criminal cabal and should be arrested not just told no. Treating these swine as folks with a reasonable proposal is quite as evil as their actions. I expect reasonable response, exposure and reprimand.

From: [Marla Schmalle](#)
To: [Campbell Washington, Annie](#); [Kaplan, Rebecca](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Cc: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Oakland Embarkation for Coal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:38:01 PM

To Councilwoman Washington,

Dear Annie,

It goes without saying that your hill constituents do not want their city to become enablers of those who would profit from selling coal to Asian markets from whence pollution will return to us on the winds and further damage earth's common atmosphere. While we are less harmed in the short term than the flatlands, all Oakland loses.

Please beware of the grossly misrepresented number of jobs to be created specifically by OBOT build out and OBOT ongoing operations. Don't know if the developer and coal interests are including all jobs for Oakland Global and maybe even those who may benefit second and third hand ??? It actually takes very few employees to run a coal terminal.

Please work with your colleagues to assure them you will support all measures that can be expected to create a healthy and more prosperous life for everyone in our city. For the reasons set forth at the hearing on September 21, the proposal to export coal doesn't qualify.

Ultimately the city council can pass a resolution that will make it in Mr Tagami's interest to move on with a different plan.

Marla Schmalle
24 Coolidge Terrace

From: [JAZ Zaitlin](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Oakland Global Development
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 2:05:29 PM

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J.A. Zaitlin

Kensington

From: [Elise Bernstein](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Oakland should not be bringing in Utah coal & shipping it out
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 6:06:18 PM

Dear Oakland officials,

I'm an Oakland resident and I don't want the coal industry to be reaping profits from a taxpayer-funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air.

This project was intended to clean up pollution and provide benefits to the local economy — not threaten our health, economy, and climate.

This is the perfect opportunity for Oakland elected officials to show that they will stand by their formulated policy and oppose the transport of coal through Oakland. For once, stick to your principles and do the right thing--NO Coal.

Thank you,

Elise R. Bernstein

3801 Keller Avenue

Oakland 94605

[510-875-3992](tel:510-875-3992)

From: [Alma Owens-Delucchi](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Oakland's Plan for shipping coal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:37:59 PM

Greetings

This is to express my opposition to Oakland's Army Base becoming a coal shipping center. I understand the need to have jobs for citizens, however, any profits made by the city or individuals will be wiped out by the expenses of medical help needed to take care of issues we already know coal can cause.

Please do not approve this move for several reasons. The fact that coal was not included in the first proposal discussions is questionable. It seems to me that the carrot of jobs was the bait. Coal shipping was intentionally kept a secret because of the obvious issues at stake. Finally, we get the news that the coal is thrown in at the last minute. A few law suits over damage done to citizens and the environment will negate any good the money will bring to us.

I vote for humans and our beautiful atmosphere over profit and money. Seems like a no brainer to me.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING COAL TO OUR CITY!!!

Alma Owens Delucchi

From: [Jeff Perloff](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: on shipping coal through Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:32:34 PM

As a city resident and an economist who studies energy and the environment, I am strongly opposed to shipping coal through Oakland. My two main concerns are that shipping coal via rail is locally dangerous. Moreover, the combustion of coal is a major threat to the world's environment.

The event that triggered the world's first Clear Air Act was a terrible tragedy related to coal. In December 1952, London had a "pea souper"--a fog so thick that people had trouble finding their ways home. Burning coal put large quantities of sulfur oxides into the fog. Exposed to moisture, the sulfur oxides produced a sulfuric acid mist, which caused massive inflammation of the lungs. All over the city, people with inflamed lungs died by suffocation. So many people died that undertakers started to run out of coffins; and florist ran out of flowers. According to the British Committee on Air Pollution, 4,000 people died prematurely during the 5 days of the fog; 8,000 more died in the next 2 months; the death rate was 2% high than normal during the following summer.

Of course banning coal has its economic and other costs. However, I believe that a cost-benefit analysis comes out strongly in favor of banning the shipment and use of coal.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey M. Perloff,
Professor of Agricultural & Resource Economics, UC Berkeley

P.S. In counting the effect of the development project on jobs, it is important to distinguish between short-term and long-run jobs. Cf the "funny numbers" from the debate on the Keystone Pipeline.

From: [MARYANN LESHIN](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: OPPOSE COAL THROUGH WEST OAKLAND
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:48:08 PM
Attachments: [PastedGraphic-2.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.txt](#)

Dear Mr. Cole,

I am a property owner living at 1201 Pine Street in West Oakland, and have been a resident of Oakland since 1979. Twice I left Oakland to live other places for a short time, and each time returned back. I love the City of Oakland and have raised two children here.

I am 100% opposed to the idea of moving coal through Oakland, and West Oakland in particular due to both the resident health impacts as well as for the negative impact the residual dust will have on the environment writ large. I already find my balcony railings covered in soot and suffer from itchy and tearing eyes related to West Oakland's proximity to the freeway and industry. I made the selection to live there knowing that, but did not anticipate having to deal with the intrusion of coal moving through my neighborhood.

I also have been a housing developer and city planner and am not swayed at all by the developer's cry that if they can't move the coal it will stop all redevelopment of this area. Of course they are going to say that. What other political chit do they have? Oakland has long suffered from employing an approach which bows to such veiled threats. Oakland's current economic renaissance - while not without its challenges in terms of displacement and gentrification - should provide our city leaders with the foundation to finally stand up and make decisions based on principles, values, vision and economic reason.

Along with the values and vision, we should be promoting other innovative uses for redevelop-able property - such as green energy, sustainable products and services, and socially inclusive entrepreneurial opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views - which I take with me to the ballot box.

From: [Tyler Preston](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Opposed to Coal Export through Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 10:00:14 PM

I am a resident of West Oakland. I am seriously opposed to the proposal to ship coal through our city and port, specifically as this would impact my neighborhood tremendously. Coal dust would cover my house, car, dog, and lungs on a daily basis. The proximity of long-time residential zones to this port makes it a terrible option for shipping a commodity such as coal. As a field engineer, I've had first hand experience with the extreme propensity for releasing dust that coal has. Please do not let this neighborhood face this additional hurdle in recovering from poverty and blight.

Matthew Tyler Preston
2949 Chestnut Street
Oakland, CA 94608

From: [Kirsten Schwind](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Opposing coal exports
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:30:30 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

I oppose coal exports through the port of Oakland. The Army Base Redevelopment can move forward without it. I work in Oakland in environmental justice, and have witnessed my colleagues in West Oakland's long conversation with the port to work out a redevelopment plan that will bring jobs to Oakland with more asthma for its residents. I support them in opposing coal exports.

Best,
Kirsten Schwind
Co-founder and Senior Strategist
Bay Localize

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kenneth Gibson](#)
To: [Office of the Mayor](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Opposing Coal Trains and Trans-shipment through the Port of Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 6:51:32 PM

Mayor, Councilmembers,

Add my voice to the clamor in opposition to inflicting the dust and danger of coal unit trains running through West Oakland neighborhoods to reach the Port of Oakland.

The covered hopper cars proposed to carry this asthma inducing cargo will not be air tight and do not provide adequate assurance that there will be no emissions of coal dust into the atmosphere as the trains lumber through West Oakland.

Moreover, my review of the coal terminal design submitted to date shows no credible system for containing the coal dust that will be created and emitted as the coal is dropped from railcars, transferred and elevated by a series conveyor belts and again dropped into the holds of bulk carrier ships. A better technology "solution" can be imagined but it would require pulverizing the coal at the mine and loading and off loading powdered coal pneumatically. Such a system and process would be both capital and energy prohibitive. In fact, the much simpler, current proposal is also capital prohibitive. Because the capital costs of the proposed facility are prohibitive in the real economy, the proponents are seeking the financial support of four counties in Utah, which counties will need the financial support of the State of Utah to fund \$53 million in development and construction costs for the facility.

We are to believe that this subsidy from the State of Utah will be provided to create jobs in Utah. The jobs that we are to imagine created there would strip the native earth from beds of coal, strip out the coal and leave, eventually, a lifeless pit covering hundreds of acres of once pristine habitat. The real objective in Utah is to generate some investment banking business for the underwriters of the bond issue. Once again, this deal is designed to benefit the 1% - or the 'would be' 1%.

Those investment bankers collect their fees for selling bonds guaranteed by the State of Utah. Once the bonds are sold, the investment bankers collect their fees - they have no risk other than a few months of "sweat equity." Once the deal is done, if any coal trains run, the people of West Oakland, and of Oakland generally, will be the first losers - especially those of us with a history of asthma already. Because the business underlying this proposal will fail financially, the people of Utah will also be victimized financially as their taxes are siphoned off to pay Wall Street investors.

The coal shipment concept will be a financial failure because it must be predicated on substantial coal shipping activity over a period of at least 30 and probably 40 years. But where is this coal going? Most West Coast exports go to China. China is the world's largest importer of coal. But Chinese coal imports are dropping precipitously. The Chinese economy is growing more slowly now, approaching a more sustainable level. China's economy is also shifting to include more services and light manufacturing so coal-fired energy for industrial purposes is less in demand. More importantly, China is making efforts to generate more of its electricity using renewable resources - wind power and solar power as well as hydroelectric generation. The Australian press is full of articles recounting the decline of actual and projected shipments of Australian coal to China. *Business Insider Australia*, reports "It's not

looking good for Australian exporters as China's consumption of coal-powered electricity dropped 10% in the first three months of the year." - April 17, 2015
<http://www.businessinsider.com.au/australian-coal-exporters-struggle-as-china-demand-drops-2015-4>.

The picture is so clear that I can't believe Phil Tagami is really counting on coal to save the development he hopes to create on the old Oakland Army Base. If he and the former Port of Oakland officials contracting with him on this project have failed to do their homework on this, I will do it for them - at no charge. A new coal trans-shipment facility in the Port of Oakland is not a viable investment. If it is built there will be construction jobs for a year or two at best. A much smaller number of "permanent jobs" are not likely to materialize. A long term coal purchase agreement enforceable against a viable long term coal purchaser on terms that make the project profitable for all investors will not materialize.

If the facility is built Oakland will be replacing one white elephant (the army base) with another (a coal conveyor belt). Would it not be better to use the prettiest, cleanest, least odiferous portion of the property for new, mid-rise housing?

Kenneth Gibson
94602-2607

From: knm@alinfoundation.com
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Opposition to Coal in Oakland
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 3:24:15 AM

Oakland is not a desperate city needing to catch every penny that falls. I will be watching your vote

Kenneth Matsumura, MD
(West Oakland Health Center)
and Chairman, Alin Foundation

From: [Patti White](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [McElhane, Lynette](#); [Cook, Brigitte](#); [John Sander](#)
Subject: NO COAL IN OAKLAND
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 4:03:55 PM

Good day,

We are owner/occupants of a home in the Prescott neighborhood of West Oakland -- right across the 880 from the Port of Oakland. We pay property taxes and support Oakland in myriad ways including participating in crime reduction programs, patronizing local businesses, and organizing neighborhood cleanups. We are small business owners and have lived in the Bay Area for 20 years and in West Oakland for 6 years.

We strongly support the development and use of renewable energy and believe it's the only real way to address the reality of climate change. Coal is a dirty source of energy. This is substantiated by countless credible research showing that it is a health hazard to people who work with or near it as well as people who live nearby.

The dust is linked to many illnesses including respiratory and lung disease. The transport, offloading and movement of mined coal will produce coal dust regardless of the claims of precautions taken to protect against it. You can't prevent the dust regardless of covered transport containers -- it's not possible and it's unproven despite the sales that are being made for its use.

West Oakland is surrounded by freeways and the air is already contaminated by toxic particulate from motor vehicle tire abrasion. Our home faces the 880 exchange and when I clean the window ledges or floor, there is a constant film of black dust. Adding coal dust would be adding insult to injury! In addition, since moving to this home, I have developed allergies I never had before and many residents in our 163 unit condo complex have complained of increased allergies and respiratory problems.

West Oakland has the last viable open land for development of residential and commercial interests in the Emeryville/Jack London corridor and there are current and slated projects. The introduction of coal to the area will thwart these developments and discourage developers.

West Oakland has historically gotten the short end of the stick in local politics. I have no doubt that if a proposal to truck coal through the the Oakland Hills or Rockridge ever came up it would be short lived.

When we moved to West Oakland we said we would live here for 20 years or more -- and with all the new life being breathed into the city and it's attention on "green" businesses, I could see us staying longer.

However, if coal is introduced we will consider selling and relocating to a municipality that has a higher regard and health concern for its taxpaying residents.

For all the reasons above, we strongly oppose the introduction of coal to the Port of Oakland under any and all circumstances.

Patti White & John Sander
1201 Pine St., #152
Oakland, CA 94607

From: [Paul Sanford](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [Paul Sanford](#); [Kristen Loomis-home](#)
Subject: Testimony on health and safety issues on shipping of coal.
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 7:53:23 AM
Attachments: [MENTAL HEALTH AND COAL final.html](#)
[MENTAL HEALTH AND COAL final.odt](#)
[MENTAL HEALTH AND COAL final.rtf](#)

Attached is my testimony on mental health as a health issue related to the shipment of coal through Oakland.

I submit three identical copies in three different formats for your convenience..

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Paul Sanford

EXIT TO OAKLAND

752 18TH ST. Oakland, Ca 94612

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MENTAL HEALTH AND COAL IN OAKLAND

by Paul R. Sanford, Paul.Sanford @gmail.com

752 18th Street, Oakland Ca. 94612 805-268-1332

The following is a link to the page on depression in the DSM5, the official diagnostic tool for diagnosis of Mental Health disorders. <http://www.psnpalto.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/Depression-Diagnostic-Criteria-and-Severity-Rating.pdf> Please include it as part of my comments.

I am trained in the use of this diagnostic tool, and I have thirty years experience as a diagnosed patient with Bipolar Disorder, one of the symptoms being chronic depression.

My experience with presenting mental health issues to the general public leads me to expect your experts and team to dismiss my argument out of hand. If you do, that is just one more example of the way in which the Mental Health community has been marginalized and continues to be marginalized, in which Mental Health is not considered a “real” health concern, and that advocacy by the mentally ill on their own behalf is not trustworthy. Such an attitude is both tragic and insulting.

HELPLESSNESS AND HOPELESSNESS

I am a totally disabled, low income person with limited resources of time, energy, money, and influence. In this asymmetrical situation, the fact that I am the tiny “David” coming up against the huge “Goliath” of massive financial industries contributes significantly to my helplessness and hopelessness.

This sense that nothing matters, nothing can be done anyway, let's either give up, is a significant and prevailing mental health issue in poverty-burdened and traumatized Oakland. If the City Council is not able to stand up for us and stop the coal, if the council is outmaneuvered by big money interests, that is just business as usual, and we fall deeper into despair.

SUICIDE AND HOMICIDE

Depression changes the brain, so that reasonable solutions seem unlikely and ALL OR NOTHING THINKING begins to prevail. This is a significant clinical truth. When we feel backed up against the wall, we look for dramatic solutions that seem reasonable in our disordered state.

As a personal expert on depression, both as a patient and as a professional, I testify that the violence in my neighborhood of West Oakland can be linked to desperation and failure to have access to better solutions, and to hope itself.

I have put on benefits for the More Foundation, founded and led by Ann Jones. In West Oakland alone in the past 8 years she alone has helped 400 families in need who are families of the victims of violence. People turn to extremes such as violence and suicide when they get the message that they do not matter. Inflicting coal trains on us is wrong.

If you do not see the link between suicide and homicide, and the hopelessness and helplessness and belief that nothing can be done to stop bad things from happening, that the power structure is going to roll over us no matter what we do, etc. then you all on the council have not been paying attention to your own speeches.

Stopping the coal shipments is one small victory for our City, one that we can be proud of, like having a championship ball team, but it is more than symbolic in the case of coal, because the behind-the-scene machinations have been real and the council has looked helpless and seemed to lose hope.

The council can contribute to the general mental health by not acting helpless and hopeless, by taking control of the situation for the benefit of all. (You do understand that the issue of jobs is a red herring based on lies? Offering people the promise of jobs that don't materialize is another way to lead to cynicism and despair.)

I have only explored one small dimension of mental health here, and only for the issue of Depression. I was diagnosed in 1987, and graduated with a Masters in Family Counseling in 1997, with over a thousand hours of field experience plus participation in a variety of group settings.

I was consumer representative on a variety of committees and supervisory groups with Solano County from 2007 to 2013

If you go to the link (I provide it here again) <http://www.psnpalalto.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/Depression-Diagnostic-Criteria-and-Severity-Rating.pdf>

You will find many other symptoms of depression listed such as:

Lack of Concentration: (my ability to overcome my symptoms and write this letter is atypical.)

Fatigue or loss of energy. (People find their energy in spurts of anger)

Disturbed sleep. (Worrying about their children and the dangers of the coal train.)

Withdrawn, angry aggressive: (We blame the victims for this symptom instead of helping them..)

Failing performance, missing school or work, doesn't care about work (or school)

There is rising concerns about depression in our culture, and what many see as a kind of epidemic. There is a mountain of credible evidence on depression and its societal effects.

MY ARGUMENT IS THAT MENTAL HEALTH IS PHYSICAL HEALTH.

I believe that failure to stop the coal will contribute to people's distrust of government, to malaise, to indifference. Failure to stop the coal will add to the suffocating burden of depression and the accompanying feelings and thoughts of unworthiness, low self esteem, sadness and emptiness. These symptoms **ARE PHYSICAL HEALTH ISSUES**, as real as asthma or a broken arm from a train derailment, and they are present now. To exacerbate them would significantly impair the health and safety of the people of Oakland, especially West Oakland, and contribute to hopelessness and desperate acts of violence and self-harm, not to mention indifference to our own well-being.

If this argument is presented to a judge who lacks knowledge of depression and lacks compassion and empathy and insight into the mental and emotional needs of the people of Oakland it may not be seen as a compelling legal argument. However, it is your job as the council, to consider the situation from every possible angle.

Yes, people despair because they don't have jobs. Yes, people's health is impaired by coal dust. Besides that, we are at a fragile time in history in which people are giving up on the ability of

government to do anything for our benefit, to stand up to entrenched special interests, and that is a clinically provable medical health issue.

Paul R. Sanford, October 3, 2015

MS (MFT,) California State University, Northridge

M. Div. (Southern California School of Theology at Claremont, United Methodist)

MA. (Drama) University of Washington

BA. Occidental College

From: [Paula H](#)
To: [Office of the Mayor](#)
Cc: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#)
Subject: Coal terminal permit
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 2:18:32 PM

October 5, 2015

Dear Mayor and Council,

The last-minute maneuver to override public sentiment, prior agreements for the Oakland Global development, and implicate Oakland in a plan to pollute both the land and the air of our city and planet pleads for your opposition.

I own a business in Oakland near the proposed site, and live downwind from the UP tracks in the East Bay. We in Oakland already suffer from dangerous particulate and other pollution grandfathered in over the decades. All the efforts that our business and citizens have made to clean up toxic pollution and industries show our commitment to a clean world for our children and grandchildren. It is a betrayal to all of us if this coal scheme is permitted in our area.

Oakland has contributed, with government, business and citizen commitments, to make our environment safe for everyone. We need the coal from Utah, and everywhere else, to stay in the ground. If Oakland facilitates coal consumption anywhere in the world, we will be lined up with the enemies of the living planet. Why would a city do this for an insignificant amount of money? Collaborators with global crimes will be condemned as were collaborators with the Third Reich.

Please shut the door to this big money takeover of our sovereignty and self-respect.

Thank you,

Richard Engle
Solstice Press
113 Filbert Street
Oakland, CA
510 451-4790

From: [Joseph Karwat](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Plan to ship coal
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 8:19:54 AM

I would hope the city council bases their decision on public safety concerns and not monetary issues. This is a public safety issue. What does the science say about mankind's ability to transport and handle coal in an urban environment with a 100% safety record.

A parallel issue is whether this is really a good use of the land. Times have changed, and the land around the new bay bridge can be turned into a beautiful beach or park, a housing development, and yes perhaps a home for the Raiders, Warriors, or A's. When there is a way to bicycle or walk from Oakland to San Francisco, combined with a free Bart zone from West Oakland to Embarcadero Station, the land around the bay bridge will become a priceless public good.

Joseph Karwat
27 year Monclair district resident

From: km@kmcafee.com on behalf of [Kathleen McAfee](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Please - let's NOT allow coal shipment through Oakland!
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 4:31:40 PM

I'm an Oakland resident, professor teaching about environmental policy, and I have grand-kids.

Oakland need to take a stand for the future of all children.

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Dr. Kathleen McAfee
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From: [Jeralyn Moran](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Please appose all fossil fuel transport through Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 1:18:21 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

I am a resident of the Bay Area, and very concerned about Climate Change - effects we are all witnessing now, and more to come. It is immoral anymore to support the burning of any petroleum products - this includes enabling their transport. We have the chance to do the right thing now, that chance slipping away if we don't act. Opportunities to transport clean energy hardware & develop green economy jobs are growing daily.

Please appose any fossil fuel products from being part of your Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project.

Jeralyn Moran
Palo Alto, CA

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jeralyn.moran@gmail.com

From: [Henry, John D. \(US - San Francisco\)](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Please do not ship coal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:38:31 PM

I keep and use a sailboat in Jack London Square and am strongly against any proposed development plan that includes the transportation of any hazardous fuels (including coal) in Oakland. The land in question is valuable, with Uber moving in and other companies considering Oakland, I have little doubt that the land will find better, more profitable uses. Further, it is my understanding that the Council previously passed a resolution not supporting the coal, so I am at a loss as to why this is being considered. Kind regards,

John Henry
Mobile: 925.997.0775

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From: [Alexandria Kopel](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Please Do Not Ship Coal!
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 12:04:02 PM

Dear Douglas Cole,

Please do not include coal commodity in your terminal project. I understand that funding is a consideration however, we need to protect our community's health. West Oakland residence already have serious health needs. We do not need to exacerbate the citation by polluting the air.

Job are important, but is it worth the deleterious cost for not only the employees but the surrounding area at large? Please do not sacrifice public health for profit.

Sincerely,
Alexandria Kopel

Sent from my iPad

From: [bekka](#)
To: [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Please Don't Allow Coal Shipments
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 8:35:06 PM

I am an East Bay resident who lives within a mile of the tracks which would carry coal trains to Oakland. I do not want to see the added air, ground, and water pollution or risk of accidents from coal shipments to the Bulk and Oversized Terminal.

Oakland is devoting much effort to reducing air pollution at the Port, working to improve the environment and lives of the people of West Oakland. Approving the shipment of coal would fly in the face of all of this good work.

And contrary to the views of California Capital & Investment Group and Terminal Logistics Solution, coal is not just another commodity. It is a hazardous substance, containing mercury, carbon, and other pollutants. And, when burned, releases greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Giving these firms the go-ahead to ship coal would certainly violate the spirit of Oakland's Energy and Climate Action Plan.

Please don't associate revitalizing Oakland with dirty coal and the industry that produces it.

Thank you,
Rebecca Franke

From: lkelp@aol.com
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: please don't allow coal to be exported through Oakland !!!
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 8:20:24 PM

Dear Douglas Cole, Mayor and City Council of Oakland,

Please do not allow coal to be exported through our port.

I find the idea that anyone would want to bring export coal through Oakland is not only appalling, but damaging to the whole world, even if it hopefully doesn't damage the East Bay (except those who live near the Port) in the process. I am hopeful that our civic leaders will set an example of combating climate change at home through clean locally generated energy that also will create jobs for people who live in our community. Will any of this coal export money generated go to our community, or just to big business?

This may sound like two unrelated issues, but it is one planet and one issue. I believe that you and the council are working toward developing more local clean energy, and not brought in from far away by a process where others make the money and we residents pay.

Perhaps another port would like to have the honor of spreading coal dust on residents living near the tracks, to say nothing of encouraging more coal mining by workers who are also not protected; just so a few people can get richer.

How about putting our community, Oakland and the East Bay, first in your list of priorities? I'd appreciate it. And keep coal exports out of Oakland. Thank you.

Sincerely
Larry Kelp
1505 Keoncrest Drive
Berkeley CA 94702

From: [Ryan Irwin](#)
To: [Office of the Mayor](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Please keep coal out of Oakland
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 8:30:58 AM

I'm a long-time Bay Area resident. I strongly believe that we should use our resources to move forward towards better local jobs, improved local environmental and public health, and reducing climate change impacts.

Bringing coal through Oakland is bad for all of these reasons!

Here are a few I'm sure you're familiar with:

This project was intended to clean up pollution and provide benefits to the local economy — not threaten our health, economy, and climate.

1. Coal is bad for community health.

- Open-top rail cars that transport coal lose up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car; this translates to 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water for every trip made by a coal train. Coal dust, plus more diesel emissions from increased freight traffic, would intensify the air pollution already plaguing West Oakland.
- Coal dust can cause build up on the tracks, causing derailments and spontaneously explosions. West Oakland residents are already overburdened by industrial pollution. [We're/They're] already twice as likely to visit the emergency room for asthma as the average Alameda County resident, and are also more likely to die of cancer and heart and lung disease.
- Coal dust causes decreased lung capacity, childhood bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, emphysema, and heart disease.
- *[Share your family's story about health impacts of pollution!]*

2. Coal is bad for the local economy and workers.

- Coal is an increasingly anti-union industry. Oakland should support projects that create good union jobs.
- Oakland is becoming known worldwide as a green and innovative city. Let's not throw that reputation away by making a deal with the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet.
- Longshoremen who work at coal-export facilities are exposed to serious health risks. Prolonged, direct exposure to coal dust has been linked to health issues such as chronic bronchitis, decreased lung function, emphysema, and cancer. Coal dust has also been shown to increase the risk of mortality from heart disease.

3. Coal is bad for climate.

- California has worked hard to be a coal-free state. We do not burn coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening families in our community and throughout the world.
- The mining, transport, and burning of this coal would result in over 12.5 million tons of greenhouse emissions each year. That's like adding more than two million passenger cars to the road each year.
- There is no such thing as clean coal. Utah coal contains mercury, carbon, and other hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, increase respiratory illness rates, and accelerate climate change. These pollution impacts are global and local -- many of these pollutants blow over the ocean and increase pollution rates in California.
- Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone.

Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of our Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water. We have an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

Thanks,

Ryan Irwin

From: [Jacob Yang](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [DL - City Council](#)
Subject: Please keep coal out of Oakland
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 12:03:19 PM

To: The Honorable Mayor Libby Schaaf; Mr. Douglas Cole, Manager of the Army Base Gateway Redevelopment Project; and Members of the Oakland City Council.

Dear Mayor Schaaf, Mr. Cole, and Members of the Oakland City Council,

My name is Jacob Yang, I'm an Oakland resident since 2012 and a homeowner in West Oakland since last November. I write to let you know that I do not want the coal industry to be a part of a taxpayer-funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air. West Oakland is a neighborhood already highly impacted by and struggling with issues of air pollution that effect the health and wellbeing of my family and my neighbors daily.

My understanding is that this project was intended to clean up pollution and provide benefits to the local economy — not further compromise our health and climate. It is clear to me that coal is bad for community health.

Open-top rail cars that transport coal lose up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car; this translates to 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water for every trip made by a coal train. Coal dust, plus more diesel emissions from increased freight traffic, would intensify the air pollution already plaguing West Oakland. We are already overburdened by industrial pollution in West Oakland. My neighbors are already twice as likely to visit the emergency room for asthma as the average Alameda County resident, and are also more likely to die of cancer and heart and lung disease. Coal dust causes decreased lung capacity, childhood bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, emphysema, and heart disease--so you are exacerbating my neighborhoods' health issues if you support this.

Oakland is becoming known worldwide as a green and innovative city. Let's not throw that reputation away by making a deal with the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet. It is clear that coal is really bad for the climate.

California has worked hard to be a coal-free state. We do not burn coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would enable the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening families in our community and throughout the world. The mining, transport, and burning of this coal would result in over 12.5 million tons of greenhouse emissions each year. That's like adding more than two million passenger cars to the road each year!

There is no such thing as clean coal. Utah coal contains mercury, carbon, and other hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, increase respiratory illness rates, and accelerate climate change. These pollution impacts are global and local -- many of these pollutants blow over the ocean and increase pollution rates in California. Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone.

Homeowners, voters, and residents in Oakland are watching this decision closely. Please use

this opportunity to keep coal out of Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water. We have an opportunity to work toward a healthier and sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

Sincerely,

Jacob S. Yang

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From: [Lilly Miriam](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Please keep my and your own lungs coal dust free!
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 7:47:35 PM

To whom it might concern:

I'm originally from Czech Republic, I'am USA citizen and an Oakland resident and I don't want the coal industry to be a part of a taxpayer-funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air.

I trust you that you will not allow this monstrous plan which would be destroying the climate. Please keep my and your own lungs coal dust free!

I'm concern about what a massive increase in train traffic and coal-dust pollution would mean for all of us living in East Bay.

Miriam Vranova

7849 Mochigen Ave
Oakland, CA 94605

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Lilly

From: [phoebe rossiter](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: PLEASE No Coal
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 6:25:04 PM

Dear Mr. Cole-

I am speaking as a constituent in district 3 and a nurse. Having coal come through the Port of Oakland is a health and environmental hazard to all of Oakland and abroad. This is a public health concern.

PLEASE PLACE HEALTH AHEAD OF CAPITALISM.

Thank you!

Phoebe Rossiter

Sent from iCloud

From: [David Foecke](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Kaplan, Rebecca](#); [Brooks, Desley](#)
Subject: Please oppose coal exports from Oakland
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 12:30:37 PM

Dear Mayor Schaff and City Council members.

This is just a quick message to add my voice to the multitudes who oppose the export of coal through the Port of Oakland.

This is an opportunity for Oakland to show national leadership in the fight against global warming, and community health.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
- David Foecke

From: [Paul W. Rea](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Please Oppose Coal Shipments
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 8:44:59 AM

Mr. Cole ~

I urge you to oppose transit of the most polluting and most toxic of fossil fuels through Oakland. This would include coal and tar sands.

Paul W. Rea

From: [Robert Thomas](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Please reject coal shipping in Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 5:00:31 PM

We are all now witnessing an unprecedented decline in the "value" of coal which is evident in banker's unwillingness to loan money for new USA coal-fired power plants, in ever increasing fossil-fuel regulation, and in increasing competitive pressure from renewable energy.

In desperation, coal-interests are rushing to export coal but this is only a short-term answer since renewable-energy sources will soon out-compete coal worldwide.

Coal is simply a bad business investment that Oakland should NOT participate in.

Please look into ways to "license" or otherwise control what goods are shipped through Oakland to prevent companies from breaking their promises.

Respectively,
Robert Thomas

P.S. For shipping and storage of all hazardous goods such as fuels and chemicals, I suggest mandating that companies purchase very large insurance policies that could quickly pay the entire cost of accidents including emergency services, containment, cleanup, property damage, and compensation to victims.

From: [Liah Hansen](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Please Say No to Coal at Oakland Port
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 2:56:12 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

I am a West Oakland home owner and I'd like to voice my concern about the proposal of exporting Coal at the port of Oakland. I am concerned for the health of me & my friends and family. I would very much like that coal not be exported through the port of Oakland. I would greatly appreciate it if you would voice my opinions and those of my neighbors to the city administrators.

Many Thanks,
Liah Hansen

From: [Patrick Oliver](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: please say NO to coal export terminal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:25:33 PM

Mr. Cole -

I wanted to let you know that as an Oakland resident and homeowner and voter, I urge you to help us say NO to the proposed coal export terminal .

California has worked hard to be a coal-free state — but while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market, with devastating consequences.

Thanks for your time

_Patrick Oliver

From: [Lindsey Poole](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Port of Oakland Coal Project
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 10:27:04 PM

Deal Mr Cole,

I'm just writing to let you know that I am categorically opposed to coal being shipped through the Port of Oakland. This is a critical health, environmental, and frankly, moral issue. Aside from the significant negative local health impact due to coal dust pollution, we have a responsibility not to invest in any projects which add new sources of carbon dioxide emissions to the atmosphere, of which coal burning is one of the worst contributors.

I consider greenhouse gas pollution mitigation the hallmark issue of our time, and though you are not an elected official, I hope that you will communicate to members of the government of the City of Oakland, that I will not support financially or at the ballot box, any candidate who prioritizes short term fossil fuel driven growth over CO2 reduction. I hope that you do everything in your power to block this attempt to pollute our community.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Poole
577 59th St, Apt A
Oakland, CA 94609

From: [Turnbull](#)
To: [Office of the Mayor](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Port of Oakland Coal
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 9:20:19 AM

Dear Mr. Cole and Mayor Schaaf,

First off, your names are just a little ironic given this issue, but I'm guessing you are aware of that.

I am opposed to Oakland allowing coal transportation through our city and into our shipping terminal and have a few thoughts:

1. This Utah coal doesn't just travel through Oakland and surely other cities are concerned too? It is dirty, greedy, and stupid and we all know better. Ironically, it gets recycled as acid rain and just comes back in the atmosphere to us!
2. Do not get sucked into Phil Tagami's or anyone from TLS's veiled threats - which translates to them wanting more money from Oakland. Call their bluff by researching what is happening in China right now. Coal exports from closer by Australia have gone way down as China realizes it isn't such a great energy choice for their own environment. If Tagami/TLS assert they can meet environmental guidelines, hold them to it. The reality is that transporting coal to China is sub economic and they might be using this as a strategy to back out and/or collect damages from Oakland, when in fact, it might be a black hole. Mr. Bridges and Mr. Tagami should be ashamed of themselves for pursuing this option.
3. Think back to when Tagami got started with this project. It was 2008 and the economy was tanking. Things have changed and, along with it, I think other opportunities for that area might now exist that didn't then. (Sears stayed in Oakland as long as the city paid them subsidies and then, voila, closed shop. Now Uber is taking over the space, so things work out in ways no one always predicts. Uber didn't exist back in 2008!)

Respectfully,
Sandra Turnbull
143 Taurus Avenue
Oakland, CA 94611
gstk@sbcglobal.net

From: [Jay Tennenbaum](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Port
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 7:36:35 AM

NO TRANSPORTATION OF COAL OR ANY HAZARDOUS FUELS IN OAKLAND. PLEASE!

Thank you
Jay Tennenbaum
Rockridge

From: [Larry S. KARP](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Proposal to ship coal through Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:38:01 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

I am writing to express my opposition to the plan to ship coal through Oakland. I am an economist at UC Berkeley specializing in environmental and resource economics. I also live in the Jack London district in Oakland.

The shipment of coal through Oakland will create local environmental hazards, associated primarily with the nature of coal, and secondarily with the increased rail traffic in a mixed industrial/residential area. The history of the shipment of hazardous products shows that accidents are likely to occur over an extended period of time. If/when an accident occurs in this congested area, it could have severe consequences.

We should also oppose this facility as part of California's efforts to reduce the global use of fossil fuels. Coal is a carbon-intensive fuel, and carbon dioxide is a global pollutant. California should not only reduce its own consumption of carbon-intensive fuels (as we are doing), but we should also encourage other regions and nations to do the same. By facilitating the sale of coal to China, we encourage coal exports and coal consumption in Asia.

I understand, but am not persuaded by, the argument that our exports of coal to China will replace their extremely carbon-intensive domestic coal with our somewhat less carbon-intensive coal, thus creating some environmental benefits. I accept that this indirect benefit provides some offset to the damage created by increased coal exports from California. However, I think that on balance our shipment of coal harms the global environmental commons.

Sincerely,,
Larry Karp

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From: [Mary Ellen Tong](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Proposed coal shipping from Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 5:59:57 AM

I oppose the shipment of coal from Oakland. I am surprised and disappointed that Oakland would enable this to occur with the risks to both local air pollution and negative impacts of coal for the environment.

I think Phil Tagama pulled a bait and switch in committing to Oakland that this would not happen then creating a contract that burdens the citizens of Oakland with this nightmare.

I have travelled to China often where financial gain and jobs has created life threatening pollution. This is a serious matter.

I hope the city does the right thing for its citizens and stops this contract. Get someone else to develop this property. Get rid of Phil Tagami and his company. They are only looking out for their own pockets.

From: [Zarka Popovic](#)
To: [Campbell Washington, Annie](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Proposed Coal Terminal
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 12:04:27 PM

Dear Ms. Campbell-Washington and Mr. Cole,

Please accept my comments as a life-long Oakland resident and property owner; a stage IVB cancer survivor; a contractor in the field of clean energy; a graduate from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government MPA program; and, a former city and senior deputy county administrator.

Oakland could be litigating with Phil Tagami's firm or environmental groups for years and no one will "win". Therefore, it is time to try and negotiate an amendment to Tagami's contract (and by extension Bridge's contract) to stave off further damage and start evaluating alternative funding proposals that do not include coal or any other fossil fuel as an export/import commodity . The world is literally watching the Oakland City Council on this vote.

I am staunchly opposed to the building of a facility that poses public health and environmental risks on a daily basis that are compounded by the daily risks of spontaneous combustion of coal storage (even short-term). However, I am also concerned with how the city will pay for all of the staff time being spent and the legal expenses that this issue has created.

Every day in Oakland we have serious public safety issues and our city budget is already strapped. Now we are expending funds we don't have to evaluate whether a coal terminal may or may not cause public health risks. Of course it will pose a health risk no matter how slight. Will the facility that Mr. Bridge's intends to build truly mitigate all of the risks? Of course not. And all along the route from Utah to Oakland the train can derail at any point and cause other communities to suffer additional health risks. And for what? Supposedly for 12,000 "good jobs". I could argue that if the city were safer 12,000 good jobs would instantly be created by firms starting here or moving here but that gangs, drugs, violence and a cavalier attitude toward property crimes keeps that from happening. Let's make our city truly safer and the jobs will materialize.

There was testimony that these would be covered trains and the latest technologies would be utilized to encapsulate the coal and mitigate the dust. Well I can assure you that in a few short years other new technologies will be deployed that will render coal obsolete worldwide. Then what will we do with a dirty facility? Why are willing to build a facility that will add to greenhouse gases? How big does Oakland want our carbon footprint to be? Can this community really be proud to foul the air overseas with exports only to have it ultimately blow back to the U.S.?

Take a longer view, collaborate with Tagami on other sources of funding to complete the terminal and let's move forward. But let's accept that no mitigation will ever make coal clean, acceptable or health risk-free.

Zarka Popovic

From: [Suzan Ormandy](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Proposed Oakland Terminal / Shipping Coal through Oakland - NO
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 9:47:14 PM

Mr. Cole,

I am a longtime Oakland resident who loves this vibrant city and its people. I'm just an ordinary citizen with no political agenda.

I want to voice my OPPOSITION to the shipping of coal through Oakland to a new international terminal at the old Army base. Perhaps it's naive, but I'd like to see the terminal built and be operated without the coal/oil transportation through the city. It should not have to be all or nothing. The City, especially W. Oakland, needs the jobs and development of the area. But what good are jobs if the community's health is (further) compromised by fossil fuel pollutants?

If this project were adjacent to a wealthy community, I feel certain that there would not even be a debate.

The health of the people of Oakland -- especially the children -- must be the # 1 priority. Surely the City and the project consultants can devise a compromise plan that would allow the terminal but not the coal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Suzan Ormandy
(Registered and active voter)

From the light in me to the light in you

From: [elaineyates](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Proposed shipping of coal through oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 8:42:17 AM

Want to let you know that we are long time (35+ years) residents of oakland who are adamantly opposed to the plan by Phil Tagami to move coal via rail through west oakland. For far too long west oakland had been a dumping ground for projects that put big money into the pockets of developers such as Phil Tagami (does he run oakland?) to the detriment of poorer neighborhoods like west oakland.

Coal is a dying industry. It is time to take a stand and stop this madness.

Michael Costello and Elaine Yates

Sent on a Samsung Galaxy S@4

From: [Mary Roberts](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Transporting Coal Through Oakland
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:02:19 AM

I read with interest the 10/01/15 article in the *San Francisco Chronicle* about whether to permit coal to be transported through Oakland, as planned by Terminal Logistics Solutions, a relatively new private business entity. The article invited comments from the public; here are mine:

I am concerned that the promise of much-needed jobs in Oakland is being offered as justification for ignoring the serious health problems that coal presents. Health experts say that **there is no threshold at which coal dust is safe** to breathe, and transportation experts say that **there is no way to eliminate coal dust contamination from transporting that inherently unhealthy product. We cannot trade public health for jobs**, if for no other reason (and there are other reasons!) than the costs of addressing health problems will far outweigh the benefits of the jobs that are created. But the article also reveals a serious problem with how this project has evolved, from "no interest or involvement in the pursuit of coal-related operations at the former Oakland Army Base" to threats by Terminal Logistics Solutions that it will (or may) pull out of the project if coal cannot be transported. **Oakland must not be held hostage** by private interests that threaten to stop their plans to invest in (and profit from) Oakland unless they get their way, when "their way" means ignoring (or down-playing) legitimate public health concerns. "Public health concerns" affect individuals, not just the body politic. Real people suffer the consequences, most of whom never benefit from the commercial activity that causes the health problems in the first place.

If Terminal Logistics Solutions pulls out, other solutions will emerge; that's the nature of business ventures. The end result can be, and should be, one that uses the old Army base productively; creates good jobs; and does not harm people or the environment. City Council members must keep in mind the long-term impact of their decisions, which must reflect community values that include respect for the environment and public health.

A final thought regarding the assertion that Oakland has "no legal right" to prevent moving coal by rail through West Oakland to the port: says who? The community has legitimate health and safety concerns, and the City Council has responsibility to address them. Lawyers and lobbyists can argue otherwise (and are paid to do so), but the council ought not be bullied by threats of litigation or project cessation. Oakland, be strong! Do the right thing!

Mary Maloney Roberts
Oakland resident

From: [Marsha](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Re: Coal in Oakland.
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 7:02:07 PM

PLEASE....

Do what you can to stop the "coal train" to Oakland.

I'm sorry, but COAL needs to stay in the ground.

Coal is not good for OUR HEALTH,

Coal is not good for our ENVIRONMENT,

Coal is not good for our ECONOMY!

PLEASE! Do what you can to stop the transfer of COAL thru
Oakland!

Marsha

**"Wilderness, above all its definitions and uses, is sacred space,
with sacred powers, the heart of a moral world."**

-- *Michael Frome*

From: [Alex Gorbatchev](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: re: coal trains
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:50:01 PM

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Coal-shipping-plan-divides-Oakland-over-health-6541635.php>

Hey friends! I've just read the article about planned coal shipments that would be happening a block away from my house next to the AM track station and I'm very much concerned and worried about the health of my family, my kids and myself. Not to mention the amount of noise pollution this would add to the already train and truck riddled neighborhood.

The JLD is one of the few areas in Oakland that is attracting new highly paid residents who bring in with them much higher property taxes and raise value of property all around. The coal trains might just have a very negative impact on growth in JLD.

Please don't let this happen!

Thank you!

From: [Rebecca Milliken](#)
To: [Office of the Mayor](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Opposition to Coal Export Terminal -- Berkeley Climate Action Coalition
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 12:10:00 PM
Attachments: [BCAC_NoCoalExports_2015-10-05.pdf](#)

On behalf of the [Berkeley Climate Action Coalition](#), I write to submit the attached letter of opposition to the proposed coal export terminal.

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Rebecca Milliken

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October 5, 2015,

Dear Honorable Mayor Libby Schaaf and Oakland City Council Members,

The [Berkeley Climate Action Coalition](#), whose membership includes over 500 East Bay residents, community organizations, and educational and religious institutions, writes to express its strong opposition to the proposed coal export terminal at the Oakland Global development. Although the Coalition is Berkeley based, we feel it is critical to weigh in a project that will have regional and global repercussions. Coal dust pollution with its consequent negative impacts on worker and community health, along with greenhouse gas emissions associated with the mining, transport and burning of coal, don't recognize city boundaries. The proposed coal terminal is more than a Oakland issue; it is a Bay Area issue.

Exporting coal is a dirty business, with dangerous local health impacts. Coal dust from transport enters our air and waterways, intensifying pollution already plaguing West Oakland and other low-income communities through which coal trains would travel. Coal dust causes decreased lung capacity, and increases rates of bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, emphysema, and heart disease. There is no such thing as "clean coal." Utah coal contains mercury, carbon, and other hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, and increase respiratory illness rates.

There are other reasons we don't burn coal in California — it accelerates climate change. It's counterproductive for Oakland to try to achieve the carbon emissions reductions in its climate action plan while at the same time exporting coal. Whether coal is burned in Oakland or China, the atmosphere doesn't know the difference. So while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow significant amounts of the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market, resulting in the release of as much as 1.5 billion tons of CO².

Moreover, the project is economically risky. The markets for coal in the US and overseas are shrinking, as regulators are trying to reduce carbon emissions here and abroad. Coal is also an increasingly anti-union industry. While new jobs are critical, we need projects that will create safe, union jobs.

Solving the climate crisis means no more coal, period. Oakland has earned a reputation as a green and innovative city. Please continue to be a leader for sustainability and say, "No" to the coal terminal.

From: [sean.gabriel](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Redevelopment Project Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:37:55 PM

Dear Douglas Cole,

We as Oakland home owners wish to pass along our sincere comments to the City Council members of Oakland that we support the redevelopment effort regarding the building of the terminal at the old Oakland Army Base however, not if that includes the permission to ship coal through the City of Oakland. We see that as an immediate and future health risk for all residents and a more serious threat to both us and our fellow Oakland citizens. If the rejection of shipping coal means the loss of jobs better to lose a job than the life changing effect of poor health due to the risks involved.

We urge our council and the Mayor Libby Schaaf to stand with council President Lynette Gibson-McElhanev and vote no to coal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm Regards,

Sean and Peri Gabriel
3675 Madrone Avenue
Oakland, CA 94619
510-531-6971

From: mimi.nielsen
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Regarding shipping coal out of Oakland.
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 6:55:02 AM

Dear Douglas Cole,

The Bay Area already struggles with air quality. I am one of many, many people who suffers on spare the air day. Coal shipments are notorious polution sources, to air, soil, and water due to coal dust that occurs in the shipping process. Please, please stand against coal shipments out of Oakland!

Sincerely,
Mimi Nielsen

Skickat från min iPhone

From: [Nina Robertson](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [Cappio, Claudia](#); mwald@oaklandcityattorney.org
Subject: Request for 24-hour extension of time to file response to follow-up questions on coal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 3:32:40 PM
Attachments: [Signed ltr to Cole-extension request 02-Oct-2015 15-12-15.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Cole:

Please find attached a letter on behalf of Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice requesting an additional 24 hours to respond to your September 28 follow-up questions on coal's public health and/or safety impacts. We make this request in light of the fact that the Oakland City Council website has been down since yesterday afternoon. We are working diligently to respond to some of your important and complex questions.

We look forward to your response.

Nina C. Robertson
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536 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-2968
Phone: 415.442.6549
Fax: 415.896.2450

From: revdianamcdaniel@gmail.com
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Army Base Redevelopment
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 1:51:23 PM

Mr. Douglas Cole,

I am an Oakland resident and my address is 87 Mission Hills Street, 94605.

I am opposed to coal and crude oil being transported in and out of Oakland. I believe waiting longer to complete the redevelopment project in order to save lives is vitally important; Black lives matter, poor people matter in addition to others lives. How many years would it take to stop transporting coal once it starts?

I can't believe Takami's investment group would cancel the entire project. However, it sounds like a "bait and switch" scheme, and that they are holding the City Council hostage with the threat of losing 12,000 jobs.

I don't want coal dust in my neighborhood or any neighborhood. I am asking that the City Council not allow any coal or explosive substances like crude oil to be transported through Oakland.

Blessings,
Rev. Diana McDaniel
Unity of San Leandro, Sr. Minister
www.UnitySanLeandro.org
Friends of Port Chicago National Memorial, President
www.portchicagomemorial.org
(510) 301-2135
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Hannah Young](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [Endy Ukoha-Ajike](#)
Subject: Say No to Oakland Coal Exports
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 10:34:38 AM
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Doug Cole:

I am writing to urge you to vote “NO” to Oakland Coal Exports. I am a resident of West Oakland and do not want the coal industry to be a part of a tax-payer funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air. Furthermore, I have significant concerns about the massive increase in train traffic and coal-dust pollution that would result if the Coal Exports were approved. Lastly, I support decent paying local jobs, not out-of-state fossil fuel companies that are destroying our climate and our future.

It is no secret that coal is bad for community health. Coal dust causes decreased lung capacity, childhood bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, emphysema and heart disease. As a resident of west Oakland, air pollution is already a major concern due to port traffic and other industrial pollution. In fact, west Oakland residents are twice as likely to suffer from cancer, heart and lung disease as other Alameda residents. When coal is transported by train, fine toxic particles are released into the air, and in turn pollute the air *and* water. Allowing trains to transport coal through west Oakland would also intensify diesel and gas emissions due to the increase in traffic. In addition, longshoremen who work at coal export facilities are exposed to serious health risks. Say no to inviting the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet into Oakland.

If the Coal Exports are approved, the burning of this coal would result in over 12.5 million tons of greenhouse emissions each year. That’s like adding more than two million passenger cars to the road each year. There is no such thing as clean coal. Utah coal contains mercury, carbon and hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, increase respiratory illness rates, and accelerate climate change. These pollution impacts are global and local and many of these pollutants blow over the ocean and increase pollution rates in California. Whether the coal is burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate change will affect everyone.

Let’s fight for a healthy, sustainable Oakland and a bright future for our families, friends and communities.

Best regards,

Hannah K. Young
Legal Assistant

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From: [Season Korchin](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Strongly object to coal being shipped through Oakland
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 3:00:18 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

As a proud resident of Oakland and a mother of two sons, 8 and 11, I'm writing to strongly oppose development to ship millions of tons of coal out of Oakland's port. Given all that we know about current planetary realities, to make Oakland home to a company that enables the destruction of my sons' and all children's futures, is unthinkable. Given Oakland's status as one of the greenest cities in the country, Oakland should be an exemplar in the new energy economy; not a facilitator of mass environmental destruction through coal exports.

I am honored to live in this city. I pray with all of my heart that forward-thinking prevails in this decision making process and that long-term sustainability wins the day over short-term financial considerations.

Thank you for the difficult work you are doing in this process.

Sincerely,

Season Korchin

From: shavonne@jazzwest.com
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: No Coal in Oakland or Anywhere else for that matter
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 1:45:21 PM

Hello, I understand that this is where I lodge my opinion on Coal in Oakland/Bay Area.

NO ON COAL IN OUR CITIES, COUNTIES, STATE, URBAN AREAS ET AL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Shavonne Saroyan, Stacy Street, Oakland, CA

From: [Joe Byrd](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: lsbyrd@pacbell.net
Subject: Shipping Coal & Oil
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 7:11:30 AM

Oakland residents deserve better than polluting our atmosphere and advancing climate change by supporting the shipping of carbon-based fuels through our ports. This would be a step backward in environmental protection that we don't need. There must be a better use for this land than using it to harm our citizens and our planet. Don't bend to the pressure of money and influence behind this project.

Regards,
Joe Byrd

From: [Linda Byrd](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Shipping Coal and Oil
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:38:05 PM

Please do not support or promote shipping Oil and Coal through Oakland and our Ports.

Environmentally will be a disaster for our community residence and our environment. This added to the current poor quality of air in the Oakland area, will result in many serious health issues and deaths. Yes I see there will be union constructions jobs to be added. When the construction is finished, these jobs will no longer be needed.

The valuable port area can be expanded and grown without decimating our quality of life. Many new businesses and jobs are coming to the Oakland area. They will provide income for the city and affordable quality living for families.

Thank you for hearing my point of view and plea.

Linda D Byrd

From: [Barbara Westover](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Shipping coal through Oakland neighborhoods
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:26:05 PM

Mr. Cole:

This is a case of “Do Unto Others as ...” We live in the Rockridge area of Oakland and we wouldn’t want coal and crude traveling through it for all the dirty reasons. Please don’t allow it to travel through our neighbors’ neighborhood either.

Barbara K. Westover, Architect

From: [Alberta Blumin](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [Libby Schaaf](#); [Gallo, Noel](#)
Subject: Shipping coal through Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:28:03 PM

I do not want coal shipped through Oakland. We need lots of jobs in Oakland, but we don't need jobs that will make more people sick, give more children asthma, and make us look like beggars -- doing the dirty work that other communities have refused. We are all responsible for fighting global climate change. It's not just someone else's job. Anyone who votes to allow this I will not vote for in the future. Let us hold our heads up and take care of our community. Alberta Blumin

From: [Barbara Morrissette](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Shipping Coal through port of Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:37:50 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

We live far from the Oakland port near Lake Temescal but we are strongly opposed to the plan to ship coal. With all that is known about coal's contribution to global warming, Oakland, a city that can be proud of our environmental record, shouldn't be supporting the coal industry in ANY WAY!

The negative health impact on the residents of west Oakland is well known, especially the children. It will also make it impossible for the City to improve that neighborhood. The pollution will make it undesirable for businesses to locate there. We spent a lot to remove the freeway after the earthquake and build Mandela Parkway. If we now add coal shipping, we will have wasted that investment and will degrade the neighborhood further.

Instead Oakland should be searching for new, clean energy companies to relocate to the old army base using tax incentives the way SF did with tech. We have many wealthy funds and individual investors who would be interested in helping Oakland avoid the disaster Tagami represents for Oakland.

We love Oakland and want to see it thrive--please protect our city from this terrible threat.

Thank you,

Barbara Morrissette
Philip Rich

From: [Sean McGowan](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: shipping coal through the port of Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:32:23 PM

I am strongly opposed to having coal shipments pass through the Port of Oakland. Mr. Tagami originally said coal would not come through the port and now changes his tune once the terminal update project is near completion. The potential revenue is just too good for Mr. Tagami to not pursue. Coal is dirty and we should be divorcing ourselves from such a fuel source and not be embracing it. The health risks are just too great. Don't let Mr. Tagami persuade you otherwise. He is trying to put the squeeze on Oakland, but we must stand firm against coal shipments.

From: [David Carter](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: bruce@brucebeasley.com; [David Carter](#)
Subject: Shipping coal through the port of Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:37:44 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

Bruce Beasley and I co-chair the South Prescott Neighborhood Association (SPNA). South Prescott is adamantly against shipping coal through the port. Since we live right in the trucking and train delivery corridors, we think it is incumbent upon the City of Oakland to give more weight to our opinion than to outsiders who will not have to suffer the consequences of this decision.

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South Prescott currently has a superfund site that is just beginning to get some of the most dangerous pollutants cleaned up. The last 20 years of our community work and input into zoning regulations have all been aimed at cleaning up the pollution in West Oakland. This decision would be a giant step backward.

A second consideration is financial. West Oakland has just begun to attract new businesses and home owners. The growth with its accompanying disposable income increase is very import for the future financial health of the city. This decision would certainly impact that growth negatively. Would you want to raise your kids in a community that has coal particles in the air? The perceived financial benefit of transporting coal through the port will have an attending cost that must be factored in. The cost of diminished growth and future healthcare outweigh any consideration for shipping coal through our port.

Seattle and Washington already said no to this proposal. Rightly or wrongly, if Oakland says yes to it, it sends the message that Oakland is for sale to the highest bidder and its citizens really don't matter all that much.

Sincerely,
David Carter
SPNA, co-Chair

From: [David Carter](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: bruce@brucebeasley.com; [David Carter](#)
Subject: shipping coal through the port of Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:37:56 PM

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Sincerely,
David Carter
SPNA, co-Chair

From: [Fran](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Shipping coal
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 11:40:41 AM

Dear Mr. Cole,

I am writing to let you know that my family and I strongly oppose any shipment of coal in or out of Oakland. We must together take local measures to oppose the destruction of the planet through climate change and also short-term through pollution of our air. Regardless of where the coal is burned, the products of combustion go into the only atmosphere our planet has.

Think of it this way: Would Oakland approve building a giant coal fired power plant where all of the coal planned to be shipped would be burned in our home area? Not a chance! So why is it OK to facilitate shipment to somewhere else where other people live (and breathe)?

This project can survive without shipping coal or other fossil fuels. There are plenty of products that need to move in and out of the Port, all of which create jobs. If the current terminal tenant cannot be viable without coal, find another tenant!

Thank you.

Cantor Fran Burgess
Temple Beth Hillel Richmond, Ca
Member of
American Conference of Cantors
The Cantor's Assembly
The Guild of Temple Musicians

From: [Mindy Rodman&Paul White](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: shipping coal
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 12:37:55 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

I am writing on behalf of myself, my husband and all our neighbors here in West Oakland to express our opposition to the plan to have coal pulled out of the ground in Utah, put on trains to be transported to the Port of Oakland, to be shipped to some other part of the world. I don't think we should be jeopardizing the health and environment of the people of Utah, the people of Oakland, those in states in between, as well as those where the coal will end up and be used, only to come back to us in the form of particulate pollution blown across the ocean! All for just a quick profit for a few and the promise of jobs. Yes, we need jobs. As a long time resident of Oakland, and one living very close to the Port, I am well aware of that. But we need healthy people and a healthy planet more.

Yours Truly,
Mindy Rodman
Paul White

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From: [Patrick Kennedy](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Sneak-in
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 9:58:07 PM

Dear City Council members,

This coal sneak-in stinks to high heaven, and from end to end. The latest news that EarthJustice has filed suit in Superior Court on behalf of Sierra Club and others on grounds that a full CEQA review must be done, since coal was not in the original plan and it has significant impacts, is just one more sign of the utter folly of this misbegotten scheme.

As a decades-long resident of Emeryville, I oppose the coal sneak-in for all the myriad local impacts: the 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water with every trip made by a coal train, especially impacting West Oakland whose residents are already overburdened by industrial pollution, and twice as likely to visit the emergency room for asthma as the average Alameda County resident, and more likely to die of cancer and heart and lung disease.

Then there's the fact that coal dust can cause build up on the tracks, causing derailments and spontaneous explosions. Living fully within the blast zone of the rail line, I take this seriously indeed.

Those behind this sneak-in are desperate to frame it as "JOBS – for or against", and have gone so far as to bribe local church congregations and pastors - "Seven cents a ton - that's what ministers reported to me" according to Oakland City Council President Lynette Gibson McElhaney. - into supporting the coal sneak-in. So you'd expect the workers most likely to reap the rewards of this jobs bonanza to be big backers. But Derrick Muhammad, representing the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 10, told the council his union wanted no part of coal at the terminal. "We welcome the terminal. We oppose the coal," he said. "This black neighborhood already suffers from the highest levels of asthma in Northern California. I think they've had enough. So no to coal."

I oppose the prospect of shipping 9 million tons of coal per year to China and other Asian countries for the sake of the citizens there, already

choking on unimaginable air pollution. We do not burn coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening families in our community and throughout the world.

The editorial board of The Salt Lake Tribune has this to say about a Utah state agency wanting to invest \$53 million of taxpayer money in a controversial plan to add a coal-handling facility to a seaport in Oakland, Calif., with the idea that coal dug up in Utah could find a more receptive market in the rapidly growing economies of China, India and other developing nations:

"Utah taxpayers may yet be rescued from this bad idea, as local officials in Oakland, worried about the environmental impact on nearby neighborhoods, seem likely to block the plan. Too bad we Utahns are dependent on a bunch of folks in California to save us from ourselves."

Local officials in Oakland: heed the words of the headline of this editorial: "Coal is terminal, so don't invest in coal terminal"

Sincerely,

Patrick M. Kennedy

Emeryville

From: [Richard Chaikind](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Cc: [Guillen, Abel](#); [Kaplan, Rebecca](#)
Subject: Stop coal shipments through Oakland
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 8:40:04 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

As residents of Oakland, we find it unacceptable to ship coal through our city. The health of the surrounding community and the preservation of the environment far outweigh the potential economic gains from this endeavor. The port can expand without exposing Oaklanders and port workers to the risks of transporting coal.

We hope the city administrators and council will do whatever it can to block the transport of coal through our city.

Sincerely,

Richard Chaikind
Jan LeGassick
720 Arimo Ave.
Oakland, CA 94610

From: [Faith Rice](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Stop coal!
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 7:01:56 AM

I'm angry that Oakland has used a back door approach to the proposed coal-export terminal at the Oakland Global development - to bring open coal trains through Oakland. This would have devastating environmental impacts on our air quality and health.

All residents need to be kept informed and involved in any projects that impact our quality of living!

Carolyn Rice

94609

From: [joseph doyle](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#)
Subject: STOP Phil "COAL" Tagami
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 2:34:13 PM

**BAD FOR YOU
BAD FOR OAKLAND
BAD FOR THE WORLD**

Coal is bad for community health.

- Open-top rail cars that transport coal lose up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car; this translates to 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water for every trip made by a coal train. Coal dust, plus more diesel emissions from increased freight traffic, would intensify the air pollution already plaguing West Oakland.
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Padraig O'Dubgaill

From: [Patrick Doyle](#)
To: [City Clerk; cityochang@aol.com](#); [Brooks, Desley; jbrunner@oaklandnet.com](#); [jrusso@oaklandcityattorney.org](#); [Reid, Larry; nnadel@oaklandnet.com](#); [senator.yee@senate.ca.gov](#); [At Large](#); [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#); [Kalb, Dan](#)
Subject: STOP the Tagami COAL trains
Date: Sunday, October 04, 2015 1:58:53 PM

- California has worked hard to be a **coal-free state**. We do not burn coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution that is threatening families in our community and throughout the world.
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- Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone.

Doyle Family

From: [juno](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Submitting my comment: No Coal in Oakland!
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:41:52 AM

I'm an Oakland resident, and I am submitting my comment on the current coal proposal:

Please do NOT go forward with this coal proposal. I don't want the coal industry to be a part of a taxpayer-funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air. As an East Bay resident, I have significant concerns about what a massive increase in train traffic and coal-dust pollution would mean for my family's health. I care about supporting good local jobs, not out-of-state fossil fuel companies that are destroying the climate.

This project was intended to clean up pollution and provide benefits to the local economy — not threaten our health, economy, and climate.

1. Coal is bad for community health.

- I have had friends find it necessary to move away from Oakland because of the air quality in Oakland. I know that it affects me as well. This project would just make the situation worse.
- Open-top rail cars that transport coal lose up to 600 pounds of coal dust per car; this translates to 60,000 pounds of toxic fine particulate matter entering our air and water for every trip made by a coal train. Coal dust, plus more diesel emissions from increased freight traffic, would intensify the air pollution already plaguing West Oakland.
- Coal dust can cause build up on the tracks, causing derailments and spontaneously explosions. West Oakland residents are already overburdened by industrial pollution. [We're/They're] already twice as likely to visit the emergency room for asthma as the average Alameda County resident, and are also more likely to die of cancer and heart and lung disease.
- Coal dust causes decreased lung capacity, childhood bronchitis, asthma, pneumonia, emphysema, and heart disease

2. Coal is bad for the local economy and workers.

- Oakland is becoming known worldwide as a green and innovative city. This is consistent with Alameda County's commitment to green, sustainable future for our county. Let's not throw that reputation away by making a deal with the dirtiest fossil fuel industry on the planet.
- Longshoremen who work at coal-export facilities are exposed to serious health risks. Prolonged, direct exposure to coal dust has been linked to health issues such as chronic bronchitis, decreased lung function, emphysema, and cancer. Coal dust has also been shown to increase the risk of mortality from heart disease.

3. Coal is bad for climate.

- California has worked hard to be a coal-free state. We do not burn coal here. But while the state is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market. By stopping these coal exports, we can limit the amount of dangerous climate disrupting pollution

that is threatening families in our community and throughout the world.

- The mining, transport, and burning of this coal would result in over 12.5 million tons of greenhouse emissions each year. That's like adding more than two million passenger cars to the road each year.
- There is no such thing as clean coal. Utah coal contains mercury, carbon, and other hazardous pollutants that will harm air quality, increase respiratory illness rates, and accelerate climate change. These pollution impacts are global and local -- many of these pollutants blow over the ocean and increase pollution rates in California.
- Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on global climate will be felt by everyone.

Please use this opportunity to keep coal out of our Oakland and the Bay Area, and out of our air and water. We have an opportunity to build a healthy, sustainable Oakland. Let's not throw that away on a deal with the dirty, dying coal industry.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Stephanie Juno, Proud Oakland Resident of 17 years

From: [Robert Levy](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Time to stop succumbing to bribery.
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 8:43:46 AM

"The project's supporters were equally passionate, arguing that a coal ban could threaten the entire development and cost thousands of jobs."

Have a great day and smile
Robert M. Levy
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From: [Anne Brandon](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Transporting Coal Through Oakland
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 5:40:36 PM

Hello, Dale,

I would like to go on record as very much opposed to the proposal to ship coal through Oakland to the new port facility. I know that Oakland needs jobs, good jobs, for the many folks who live here and are unemployed or underemployed. However, getting those jobs by putting so many of our citizens at serious risk of health hazards, not to mention the harm to the environment, is not the answer. Shame on Phil Tagami for being a party to this. And, shame on the city if we let this happen.

Oakland has made great strides recently in overcoming the many negatives of the past. Allowing coal to be shipped through the city, or even just through West Oakland, can only set us back and cause potential newcomers to Oakland to think twice. As a realtor, I know that many folks are looking to West Oakland as a place to buy and live. This will not help that in the least.

We cannot let this happen. Please add my voice (I have lived in Oakland since 1977, and have owned my home since 1980) to those who say no to shipping coal through Oakland.

Thank you.

Anne D. Brandon
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From: [Kathleen Tandy](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: transporting coal through Oakland
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 1:54:25 PM

Hello Mr. Cole,

I imagine you've received many emails about this subject, so I apologize for cramming your inbox. But I wanted to let you know that I, a longtime Oakland resident, oppose this plan.

Not only is coal an unhealthy pollutant and a dying industry, but it seems that Mr. Tagami is not a trustworthy partner. As I understand it, he pledged not to bring coal into Oakland, thus winning this contract, and then changed his mind. That's unethical. And then he flooded the City Council meeting with his own paid employees, who then were asked to cede their speaking time to his company's representatives. That's not public comment. I don't feel positive about the City working with Mr. Tagami, but at the very least I think he should honor his original agreement to not transport coal (or other hazardous fuels).

Thank you for your attention.

Kathleen Tandy
3824 Broadway, Oakland

From: [Susan Garbarino](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: transporting coal through Oakland-con
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 3:34:11 PM

Dear Mr. Cole,

I am writing to express my opposition to the plan to ship coal through the redeveloped Oakland Army Base. The health hazards are too great and the benefits the people of Oakland would receive from this deal are short term.

It's time we stop damaging our children's health and the environment for the promise of jobs.

Please tell the city council not to let the developers frighten them into a bad deal. Oakland should not sell itself short. We do not need to agree to this kind of development.

This is an extraordinary piece of property and another terminal operator who will agree to not transport coal will appear. We need to have faith that we can craft a deal for Oakland that is beneficial in both the short and the long term and does not cast our lot with a 19th century fuel source that causes injury to our citizens.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Susan Garbarino, Oakland resident since 1994.

From: [Troy Bayless](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: NO COAL IN OAKLAND
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 2:33:04 PM

To whom it may concern,

I'm a West Oakland resident with a toddler and I don't want the coal industry to be a part of a taxpayer-funded project on public land that was supposed to be used to clean up our air. The air quality, dust and ground are all toxic enough without the addition of another air pollutant. I don't approve of the use of coal in any way shape or form. The government should be pushing to utilize wind and solar energy not coal.

Sincerely,

Troy Bayless

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From: [Helga Tarver](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Utah coal shipped through Oakland
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 10:30:47 AM

I do not believe there should be ANY coal shipments through Oakland. Coal is bad news for health and environment. Why permit it to be shipped through our city? We should eliminate coal from our state and from our country! Helga Tarver

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<http://www.avast.com>

Cole, Doug

From: Veronica Zukowski <veronicarz@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 3:36 PM
To: Cole, Doug
Subject: Coal in Oakland

As a resident in West Oakland, dealing with the pollution issues that exist currently, it is derelict to bring more potential pollution to our area and homes and also to export this dirty fuel to the world.

Please remember, we live lives here, we raise kids here, we want to live long, healthy lives without asthma, allergies, and pain.

Thank you.

Veronica Zukowski
103 Zephyr Drive
Oakland 94607

From: [Vien Truong](#)
To: [Cappio, Claudia](#); [Monetta, John](#); [DL - Council Members](#); [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Re: Protect Oakland
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 10:56:04 AM
Attachments: [Protect Oakland.doc](#)

Replying all to include Doug Cole. Also reattaching letter in Word doc.

- Vien

On Sat, Oct 3, 2015 at 10:54 PM, Vien Truong <vien@greenforall.org> wrote:

Please find attached Green For All's letter urging Mayor Schaaf and City Council members to protect Oakland from this coal project.

- Vien

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BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE GREEN ECONOMY STRONG ENOUGH TO LIFT PEOPLE OUT OF POVERTY

October 3, 2015

Dear Mayor Libby Schaaf and Oakland City Council,

I write to you today as the National Director of Green For All, as a former member of the City of Oakland's Planning Commission, and as a concerned citizen, to ask you to keep coal out of Oakland. Coal is bad for the health and safety of the community and workers due to its effect on air and water quality and its direct contribution to local climate change impacts like sea level rise and increased risk of fire and extreme weather.

Green For All is a national initiative to build an inclusive green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty that was founded and is headquartered here in Oakland. Throughout the nation we see leaders and decision makers posed with the false choice between a clean, safe environment and jobs. I urge you, Oakland's Mayor and City Council, to see through the smoke and mirrors and choose a long-term, sustainable path to job growth and economic vibrancy in West Oakland.

It is easy to envision an alternative route to strong, vibrant job creation in West Oakland that is founded in the green economy – from energy efficient construction to solar installation, the green economy is rapidly expanding. Opportunities in the green economy extend to our waterfront, where a bulk and oversized terminal could focus on exporting products like wind turbines, aircraft and parts, pipes, pumps, and other machinery. The proposal to export Utah coal directs public and private capital to long-lasting infrastructure that will soon be obsolete, rather than to projects aligned with a 21st century economy. Such a project betrays the best interests Oakland residents.

Californians and our policy leaders have fought hard to eliminate our use of coal for good reason, and we should not support the export of this toxic fuel to be burned elsewhere. Whether it's burned here or abroad, the effect of coal on the global climate will be felt by everyone. While California is setting aggressive carbon-reduction targets, this terminal would bring to market enough coal to power 6.7 power plants, with devastating consequences for our climate.

Please stand with every Oakland resident who cares about global climate and community and worker health in opposing this proposal. Public land should be used for the public good, not for a dirty export project that will endanger us all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vien Truong", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vien Truong

From: [Julie Tinker Ward](#)
To: [Guillen, Abel](#)
Cc: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Voting no on Coal
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:42:06 AM

Dear Council Member,

I am writing to express my concern about building a container port to export coal. I don't believe the healthcare costs and environmental factors have been fully considered and addressed and feel this is not a good decision for the development of Oakland.

Thanks you for your time and consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Julie Tinker
Oakland citizen, District 2

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Let the *beauty of what you love* be what you do
-Rumi

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From: [Vu Nguyen](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal processing/shipping in Oakland
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 4:58:32 PM

Hello,

I am a concerned resident of Oakland. My concern lies in coal being processed and/or shipped through Oakland and its ports. As a physician, I am fully aware of the effects of coal dust particles as well as the long-term effects of exposure to the byproducts of burnt coal. I ask that those in the position to impact the quality of life for Oaklanders to please consider diverting coal exports away from Oakland. Our economy is thriving and can focused on technology and other areas of commerce that do not compromise the well being of its citizens for short term financial gains.

Thank you for your attention,

Vu Nguyen

From: [Wendy Weikel](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: coal in Oakland
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 4:46:46 PM

Dear People:

Coal export through Oakland is a bad idea for everyone's future.
The medical consequences of coal dust and global warming are a negative economically.
That is the bottom line.
Health and economics are entwined.
All the promises being made of enclosed trains and protected this and that are just promises.
They have not been tried. There are no consequences if they promises are not kept or violated.

It doesn't benefit Oakland, or neighboring communities.
There are sustainable healthy jobs although maybe they do not carry all the hype.

Please reject this extremely unwise assistance to the coal marketers.

Sincerely,
Wendy Weikel
1015 Sierra St.
Berkeley, CA 94707

From: wildlandscapes@aol.com
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Army Base Redevelopment--Coal Rail Terminal Project
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 1:08:50 PM

Dear Mr. Douglas Cole,

I urge city administrators and leaders to **reject** Phil Tagami's proposal to develop a coal export terminal at the former Oakland Army Base.

The environmental consequences of the proposed project will be significant. The added burden of noise pollution and air pollution along the rail line are obvious. Less clear, but also significant, are the health costs that will be associated with both workers and people in the transportation corridor. There is also the potential for water pollution—particularly into the sensitive San Francisco estuary—where large populations of protected species are found. Some of these species are local, but large populations migrate through the area and could be impacted. There is also the potential for another major accident on along the rail line or on the shipping lanes in the bay. The environmental consequences of the project cannot be easily mitigated or ignored.

Beyond the environmental and social impacts, however, also consider how the process for reusing former public land is now playing out. Through the base closure process, the community was led to believe that an environmentally-damaging activity such as coal rail transport would not be selected. In fact, Mr. Tagami himself assured Oaklanders that this would not be considered. Yet, now he claims that the City Council has no legal right to prevent him from implementing this project.

For Oaklanders, the base closure process has been arduous. For years, the community has been involved in base closure—and the notion was that the transfer of federal public land would result in beneficial, rather than an environmentally destructive outcomes. The small park at the waterfront is the primary public benefit derived from base closure, but compared to other base closures in the state, the public benefits at the Army Base have been minimal. In fact, the land is extremely valuable—and more could be devoted to environmental restoration rather than destruction.

The fact that city (public) funding would consider putting money in building infrastructure for such an undesirable project makes the situation even more perplexing. Why should Oaklanders help pay for a project that carries with it a known human health risks and significant environmental damage? There are other, more desirable alternatives for development at the base that would create good-paying jobs without the negative health consequences to the workers, and or substantial negative impacts to the environment.

Please reject the plan for the rail coal terminal. Find an alternative that would make Oaklanders proud.

Sandra Marburg
Oakland, CA 94605

From: [David](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#); [DL - City Council](#); [Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Yes to coal export terminal
Date: Saturday, October 03, 2015 2:40:56 PM

Let me voice support for the proposed coal export terminal. The promised mitigation efforts should minimize any potential harm, while the expected jobs will bring benefits that will spread through our local economy.

Perhaps one day, solar or fusion power will solve our energy needs. Or perhaps one day, humans will get by on bicycles and moonlight. But until those days come, coal is our best bet.

Sincerely,
David Goldweber
Dimond District, Oakland