



Dear Mayor Libby Schaaf and Oakland City Council,

We, the undersigned organizations, unions, neighborhood associations, businesses, community institutions, and individuals write to you today to ask you to keep coal out of Oakland. As you know, Phil Tagami, President of California Capital & Investment Group (CCIG), and their partner Terminal Logistics Solutions are now proposing to transport coal through the bulk export terminal at the former Oakland Army Base, despite previous statements that they would keep the terminal coal free.

Coal is bad for the climate, community and worker health, and the environment. Oakland and California have standing policies opposing the export of dirty energy, including explicit opposition to coal export by both the City and the Port of Oakland.

In February of 2014, Oakland's Port Commission voted unanimously to reject Bowie Resource Partners' proposal to export coal from the city-owned Charles P. Howard Terminal. And in July of 2014, the City Council passed a resolution opposing the transport of fossil fuels, including coal, by rail through the city. The State of California has taken a complementary position; in 2012, Joint Assembly Resolution 35 of the state legislature stated opposition to coal being exported from the United States to countries with less stringent environmental regulations.

CCIG's secretive project to export Utah coal would go against these precedents -- not to mention their own promises to the community -- and betray the best interests of the residents of Oakland.

California is a coal-free state for good reason, and it shouldn't support the export of this toxic fuel to be burned elsewhere. Coal, the most carbon-intensive of all the fossil fuels, is the largest single contributor to global climate disruption. 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 allow the most carbon-polluting fuel to be brought to market, with devastating consequences.

Coal is also bad for our local workforce, for organized labor, and for worker health. Terminals that ship coal provide far fewer jobs than terminals that ship containers or general cargo -- and that means fewer jobs for Oakland residents. And coal is increasingly an anti-union industry: with the imminent closing of the Deer Creek mine in Emery County, Utah, there will be no union mines operating in that state. Oakland should support projects that create good union jobs.

Finally, 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.

Even with mitigation efforts like covered train cars and coal piles, there is no way to ensure that the community and the environment are protected from the serious health and safety risks of coal exports.

Please stand with every Oakland resident who cares about global climate and community and worker health in opposing this proposal and any other that would export fossil fuels from Oakland's ports. Public land should be used for the public good, not for a dirty export project that would put us all in danger.

Sincerely,

**Community and Climate Organizations**

350 Bay Area  
350 East Bay  
Alameda County Department of Public Health  
Alameda County Green Party  
Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE)  
Asian Pacific Environmental Network  
Bay Area Refinery Corridor Coalition  
Bay Area System Change Not Climate Change  
Bay Localize  
Benicians for a Safe and Healthy Community  
Block By Block Organizing Network  
Breakthrough Communities  
California Student Sustainability Coalition  
Center for Biological Diversity  
City Slicker Farm Park Council  
Climate Workers  
Coalition for Clean Air  
Communities for a Better Environment  
Community Food and Justice Coalition  
CREDO Action  
Crockett Rodeo United to Defend the Environment (CRUDE)  
Earthjustice  
East Bay Organizing for Action (OFA)  
East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club  
Edible Parks Oakland Task Force  
Food & Water Watch  
ForestEthics  
Friends of the Earth  
Greenaction for Health & Environmental Justice  
GENESIS  
Hoover Resident Action Council  
John George Democratic Club  
League of Conservation Voters, East Bay  
Living Love Foundation  
Local Clean Energy Alliance  
Los EcoAmigos.org  
Martinez Environmental Group  
Movement Generation Justice and Ecology Project  
Oak Center Neighborhood Association  
Oakland Tenants Union  
Oakland & The World Enterprises, Inc.  
Oakland Alliance

**Elected Officials:**

Ty Alper, School Board Member, Berkeley  
Ruth Atkin, Mayor, Emeryville  
Jesse Arreguin, Councilmember, Berkeley  
London Breed, President, San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
Tom Butt, Mayor, Richmond  
David Campos, Supervisor, San Francisco  
Laurie Capitelli, Councilmember, Berkeley  
Keith Carson, Supervisor, Alameda County  
Shanthi Gonzales, Oakland Unified School District Board of Education\*  
Nicky Gonzalez Yuen, Trustee, Peralta Community College Board  
Cy Gulassa, Trustee, Peralta Community College Board  
Jody London, Oakland Unified School District Board of Education  
Peter Maass, Mayor, Albany  
Linda Maio, Vice Mayor, Berkeley  
Dianne Martinez, Councilmember, Emeryville  
Eduardo Martinez, Councilmember, Richmond  
Nate Miley, Supervisor, Alameda County  
H.E. Christian (Chris) Peeples, Director, Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District  
Diana Prola, President, San Leandro School Board\*  
Jim Prola, Vice Mayor, San Leandro\*  
Gabe Quinto, Councilmember, El Cerrito  
John Rizzo, Trustee, San Francisco City College  
Alejandro Soto-Vigil, Member, Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board  
Igor Tregub, Commissioner, City of Berkeley Zoning Adjustments Board

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**Faith Organizations**

Alameda Interfaith Climate Action Network  
Allen Temple Prophetic Justice  
California Interfaith Power and Light  
Cheryl Ward Ministries  
Church by the Side of the Road  
First Unitarian Church of Oakland Earth Justice Advocates

OccupyForum  
OccupySF Environmental Justice  
Perspective Design Build  
Planting Justice  
Prescott Oakland Point Neighborhood Association  
Protect Our Winters  
Public Advocates Inc.  
Ragged Wing Ensemble  
Rainforest Action Network  
Richmond Progressive Alliance  
Rootskeeper  
Rose Foundation  
San Francisco Baykeeper  
San Francisco Green Party  
Sierra Club  
Strike Debt Bay Area  
Sunflower Alliance  
Urban Habitat  
Utility API  
Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club  
West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project  
West Oakland Neighbors

**Labor Unions:**

AFSCME District Council 57  
AFSCME Local 444  
AFSCME Local 2700  
Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 192  
American Postal Workers Union (APWU), Local 78  
Bay Area International Workers of the World (IWW)  
California Nurses Association  
Industrial Workers of the World Bay Area Chapter  
Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific: San Francisco Region  
International Longshore & Warehouse Union, Local 34  
National Nurses United  
National Union of Healthcare Workers (NUHW)  
Oakland Education Association  
Peralta Federation of Teachers  
SEIU 1021  
SEIU USWW (United Service Workers West)  
UNITE HERE 2850  
United Auto Workers (UAW), Local 2865

**Other organizations sending letters:**

Alameda County Democratic Party  
Alameda Labor Council  
As You Sow  
California Interfaith Power and Light  
East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (EBASE)  
Green For All  
International Longshore & Warehouse Union, Local 6  
International Longshore & Warehouse Union, Local 10

Kehilla Community Synagogue Greening Committee  
Montclair Presbyterian Church Environmental Committee  
The Network of Spiritual Progressives  
Oakland Community Organizations (OCO)  
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church  
St. Patrick's Parish  
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**Faith Leaders**

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**Oakland Businesses and Business People:**

Arizmendi Bakery, Emeryville  
Bedrock Sandals  
Better Ventures  
Cafe on 7th  
Cafe Talavera  
California Golden Bear Realty  
Core Foods  
Flight Deck  
Grand Bakery  
Kuhl Frames  
Man Cave America  
Mosaic  
Nexus Artisans  
Oakland Chocolate Company  
Paragon Kitchen and Bath Studio  
Park Gas and Food  
Solstice Press  
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