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Subject: The City Council Votes Tonight - Here's What You Can Do
What You Can Do About Tonight's Historic City Council Vote

After a year of debate, the Oakland City Council will finally vote on a Coal Ban this evening. The meeting starts at 5 p.m., but No Coal in Oakland urges you to get there by 4 p.m. to get a seat.

We are supporting a **YES** vote on the **ordinance** to ban storage and handling of coal in Oakland and a second **YES** vote on the **resolution** to apply the ban to the proposed marine terminal by the Bay Bridge.

You can do three things today that will make a difference.

- You can [call](#) or [email](#) your Council Member to urge a YES vote on the ordinance and a YES vote on the resolution.
- You can leave an e-Comment on the City's website by clicking on the e-Comment hyperlink on the far right of [the agenda page](#) on the line item for June 27, 2016. Your e-Comment will become part of the legal public record of tonight's meeting.
- You can [sign up to speak](#). Coal is item 5 on the agenda, but you can also just enter the word “Coal.” We are not aiming to keep the City Council up all night. We want to hear their debate and vote on the measures at a reasonable time. But we do
need volunteers who can sign up and cede your time (one minute) at the meeting so speakers with prepared remarks can speak for more than one minute.

Parking is free at the Clay Street garage behind City Hall if you enter after 4:30 p.m. If you are unable to come to the meeting, you can watch it on KTOP Channel 10 or see it livestreamed.

Desperate Mailer Tries to Divide City Before Coal Vote

Many Oakland voters received a glossy 8” x 11” mailer from the developer’s front group in Saturday’s mail. No Coal in Oakland gives the "Jobs4Oakland" mailer a Five Pinocchios Award for spreading last-minute lies in an effort to confuse Oakland residents.

Former Mayor Jean Quan sent us her instant rebuttal of the mailer which nails the key points:

76% of Oaklanders oppose coal exports and someone is trying to divide us with lies.

1. The mailer implies coal is not a danger to public health. Read any of the 3 reports before the Council this week and you will see it is worse than we thought.
2. It claims that the Sierra Club (which has its headquarters in Oakland) is an outside group controlling our movement. In truth [the No Coal campaign] is one of the broadest coalitions I have ever worked with in the city and has many neighbors and organizations from West Oakland
3. Claims 6500 jobs will be lost. Most of the permanent jobs at the Army Base will be in the warehouses operated by Prologis which is now separate and unaffected by the proposed coal operations. Temporary construction jobs for rail, infrastructure and buildings also not affected. The highly automated terminal itself will produce a few hundred jobs [117 according to the City's Economic Impact Analysis] and the difference between coal and the bulk products should not be that different. The Longshoremen oppose coal because of health & safety concerns.
4. It claims the coal is imported and exported out of the Port now. Not true, the Port Commission turned down coal proposals. Some coal is exported out of a private company in Richmond.
5. Implies unions sent or support the mailer. Representatives of two of the unions say no one contacted them for permission to use their logo and they do not have a
No Coal Rally on Saturday Warms Up City Hall
For Tonight's Decisive Vote

Check out our website for a report and and a rocking photo collection from Saturday's No Coal in Oakland rally.

Visit www.NoCoalinOakland.org or contact nocoalinoakland@gmail.com for more information and the latest news on the No Coal in Oakland campaign.