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To: [Moore-Love, Karla](#)
Cc: [Elijah Cetas](#)
Subject: Re: Availability for testimony
Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 12:08:24 PM

Thank you, Karla.

Yes. I wish to reserve a 3-minute slot on April 29, 2020. Please have Elijah and I at the table at the same time as we will coordinate our comments regarding Zenith Energy.

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Sincerely,
Eileen Fromer

From: Moore-Love, Karla <Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Elijah Cetas <er.cetas@gmail.com>; Eileen Fromer <EFROMER@msn.com>
Subject: RE: Availability for testimony

Hello Elijah and Eileen

Sorry I did not respond earlier.

We are booked for Communications until April 29, 2020. If you and Eileen would like to speak on this date, you must each submit your own request including your name, address, phone, date you wish to speak (April 29) and topic.

Please send your requests by Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

Communications are the first item on the official agenda and the meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. You will have three minutes to testify but you may also submit written material, please provide six copies.

Communications allow the Council to hear issues that interest our community members but does not always allow an opportunity for dialogue.

Council takes place at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave., 2nd floor, Council Chambers.

Sincerely,
Karla



Karla Moore-Love

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From: Elijah Cetas <er.cetas@gmail.com>

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Cc: Eileen Fromer <EFROMER@msn.com>

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Hey there,

I'm resending this with the "Council Clerk" email attached this time, with the hope that Eileen and I can get on the agenda as soon as possible. Thank you!

Elijah

On Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 11:58 AM Elijah Cetas <er.cetas@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Karla,

Myself, and my colleague Eileen, are interested in testifying together during council's public session. When is the next available date?

Thank you,

Elijah

Request of Elijah Cetas to address Council regarding Zenith Energy
(Communication)

April 29, 2020

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Greetings commissioners,

My name is Elijah Cetas and I'm an organizer with Center for Sustainable Economy.

I want to begin by expressing my thanks for the leadership you all have shown throughout this crisis. And thanks especially to Commissioner Eudaly, for your bold vision for the Slow Streets / Safe Streets program.

There is no going back to normal, because we are facing a crisis within crises.

On Earth Day, while 1000's of youth were digitally gathering to call for climate action, the Portland Tribune reported that the Zenith oil terminal was moving ahead with its expansion plans. They have already begun construction at their facility--this despite the Office of Community Technology denying them their required permit. In the midst of a global pandemic and oil market crash, while we remain sheltered in place, Zenith continues to load crude oil onto ships that are now anchored offshore from California refineries. In a Superfund site and on soils that will liquefy in an earthquake, Zenith proposes to build new pipes and rail tracks to bring in ships carrying a toxic chemical called MDI, which is derived from fossil fuels, and which causes acute respiratory injury in workers.^[1]

A recent Harvard study found that a one micron increase in long-term exposure to fine particulate matter – like diesel emissions - is associated with a 15% increase in COVID-19 mortality rate.^[2] That's a 15% higher death rate from this virus for someone living in Linnton or St. Johns and along the rail lines exposed to particulate emissions.

This pandemic has demonstrated that there are no jobs without healthy communities and Zenith is putting our community at grave risk.

We urge you to:

- 1) **Bring Zenith to a public hearing** so they can answer to the community.
- 2) **Hold the Zenith facility to the standards of a new land use compatibility statement** that reflects our 2035 Comprehensive plan.
- 3) **Develop a fossil fuel risk bonding requirement for the Zenith facility**, to ensure the company posts a bond with the City equivalent to the full cost of the risk now externalized on the public.
- 4) **Lead on a just recovery from this pandemic** by using funds from the federal stimulus and new municipal bonding opportunities to reinvest in a transition to a renewable, caring economy.

A **Just Recovery fund** for workers impacted by the pandemic and economic crash could assist people like the 129 employees recently laid off at Greenbriar's freight train manufacturing facility in Portland, or undocumented workers who do not receive federal stimulus checks.

This fund could put people to work, building seismic retrofits, putting in place a much-needed industrial fire brigade in the CEI hub, and outfitting our low income and unhoused communities with personal hygiene facilities and solar charging stations. We should follow Burlington Vermont's lead, and directly invest in weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades for low-income residents and small businesses closed due to the virus.^[3]

This framework could become a model for broader reinvestment, and be supplemented by funds from the work now underway to operationalize fossil fuel risk bonds in Portland for all of the industrial facilities in the CEI hub, starting with the Zenith facility. The Portland harbor needs a just transition and the City can facilitate that process with skills training and job placement, ensuring community benefits agreements and collective bargaining for larger seismic resiliency projects, and river restoration.

As we move through this pandemic, and eventually reach peak fossil fuel consumption, Portland can lead the nation in showing how to begin a just transition away from the dangerous oil and gas infrastructure in our communities.

[1] <https://polyurethane.americanchemistry.com/Resources-and-Documents/Health-Effects-of-Diisocyanates-Guidance-for-Medical-Personnel.pdf>

[2] <https://blog.ucsusa.org/gretchen-goldman/new-harvard-study-links-covid-deaths-and-air-pollution-an-interview-with-study-author-dr-francesca-dominici>

[3] <https://vtdigger.org/2020/04/07/burlington-sets-green-stimulus-package-as-part-of-response-to-virus/>