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## July 2019 report and January 2020 Workshop on Environment Advisory Board

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 To: schatlani@kpbs.org

Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at 1:00 PM

Shalina: Her is background on the proposed Environment Advisory Board. - jay Powell

----- Original Message -----

From: vince mikulanic <[REDACTED]>  
 To: hcjpowell hcjpowell <[REDACTED]>  
 Date: January 24, 2020 at 6:22 PM  
 Subject: Re: Environment Advisory Board Workshop 1/23  
 Jay - this is great!

Thank you for your support with this.

My message went to Jordan, the Environment Committee, and CFAB. I just did a BCC to everybody.

Please feel free to include my message if you are sending to a larger group.

Great to see you last night. Thanks again.

On Fri, Jan 24, 2020 at 1:54 PM hcjpowell hcjpowell <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Vince: Thank you for your summary, recommendations and notes on the workshop last night. I agree with what you have recorded and recommended. It is not clear to me if you sent this to just Jordan with "blind" copies to the City Council Environment Committee and the CFAB members or, since I received it, all the people on Jordan's notice were copied.

I am pasting below my WORD version and attaching, since I had some formatting problems reading the full width of the message on my iMac.

Finally, here is a more succinct summary I drafted and sent to Anne Fege for input. Would like your input and might do a reply all to your email with this info to all parties to reinforce and support your message:

" I was most impressed by the turnout and participation and general consensus on key issues:

- 1) Nothing wrong with the existing boards, we need the focus of informed, experienced, knowledgeable and motivated citizens in these areas, City Council needs to fill the vacancies;
- 2) There is need for a coordinating task group or "steering committee" of representatives from each pertinent board that could coordinate and cooperate and provide a more comprehensive forum to assess how each board is addressing the climate emergency and address the next item;
- 3) some realignment or even consolidation could be considered of not just the designation of boards, but the the organization and responsibilities of City departments and the assignment of City Council committee oversight responsibilities and how they charge, listen, support and benefit from these advisory boards. "

Thanks again for your work on this!

Jay Powell

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**WORD version of your original message:**

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From: vince mikulanis &lt;[REDACTED]@com&gt;

To: [jbeane@sandiego.gov](mailto:jbeane@sandiego.gov)

Date: January 24, 2020 at 3:22 PM

Subject: Environment Advisory Board Workshop 1/23

*(Members of Environment Committee and CFAB Bcc'd)*

Jordan

Thank you for taking the time last night hosting the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) workshop. Your time is especially appreciated after what I am sure was already a long and emotionally draining day with We-All-Count.

As an attendee of the meeting and a person with vested interest in the proposal, *I ask you to please include me on additional communications regarding the Environmental Advisory Board and related matters.* [vmikulanis@gmail.com](mailto:vmikulanis@gmail.com)

It was an incredible turn-out. I was expecting maybe 10 people total but we definitely had a packed house. This is testament to the importance of the environment to San Diegans.

**That being said, the workshop showed public support simply is not there for the EAB as proposed.** There is overwhelming support for some sort of commission focused on climate action and other environmental issues. We just need to take a step back and figure out a different course of action.

While the EAB proposal passed the Environmental Committee unanimously, it lacked public input. Now that the time has been taken to receive that input, it is clear the new EAB should be completely different than the current draft ordinance. To help restore public faith in the process, **the EAB proposal and draft ordinance should be rescinded** so we can start fresh.

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**Members of existing boards in San Diego echoed frustrations that extensive delays in the approval process is a more serious issue. The uncertainty created by the EAB proposal has only worsened the situation - people had the understanding the three affected boards were going to be imminently dissolved. To ensure continuity of service by the existing boards:**

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- Be comprised of some members of existing boards, with additional expertise.
- Involve sub-committees with additional members
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Again Jordan, thank you for your time. I look forward to working with you, the City, and other members of the public on this initiative.

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- **Boards seem to be working already - appointments are the biggest issue**
- Why is this being proposed? What is the value in this new board?
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 Vince Mikulanis

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Date: January 22, 2020 at 3:51 PM

Subject: RE: Environment Advisory Board Workshop - 1/23 All,

Wanted to pass along some additional reading material for tomorrow as well. Here are some of the environmentally focused boards and commissions that other cities have. I believe this will provide a nice baseline for how we flesh out the EAB. Thank you again and see everyone tomorrow night!

<https://sfenvironment.org/environment-commission>

<https://boards.phoenix.gov/Home/BoardsDetail/22>

<https://www.greenribboncommission.org/>

**From:** Beane, Jordan

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 10:51 AM

**To:** Beane, Jordan <JBeane@sandiego.gov>

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**Subject:** Environment Advisory Board Workshop - 1/23

Hello,

My name is Jordan Beane and I'm Councilmember Jennifer Campbell's environmental policy advisor. In July of 2019 the District 2 office brought forward a proposal to create a new, overarching Environment Advisory Board (while collapsing three boards that are more narrowly focused on specific environmental issues) to the city's Environment Committee. The plan was approved unanimously at committee and we are now looking for input from the environmental community here in San Diego to flush out the nuts and bolts of the ordinance that the City Attorney's office has created. That's why the

District 2 office will be hosting an Environment Advisory Board Workshop to gather up your ideas, comments and concerns before the new board is brought forward to the full City Council.

**The workshop will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6 – 7, at the Pacific Beach Rec. Center (1405 Diamond Street).** We've attached both the staff report for the ordinance as well as the draft ordinance itself, which we hope you review and come ready to help flesh out. While there are a lot of names CC'd on here, I'm sure I missed people so please feel free to share this with others groups that would fit into the framework of what we're trying to do here. To gauge the number of folks that will be attending, please let me know if you'll be there beforehand (also feel free to get in touch if you if have any questions, comments or concerns).

See everyone on the 23<sup>rd</sup>!

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