

Subject: Action Needed Now | Protect Vancouver's Health and Safety

Greetings ACE Allies!

Thanks to your work, the City of Vancouver is on the verge of deciding what protections to establish against bulk fossil fuel terminals. This critical decision point follows several extensions of an existing moratorium. A permanent, targeted bulk fossil fuel ordinance has the potential to protect all our neighborhoods from the dangers of fossil fuels—particularly lower-income neighborhoods already overburdened by air pollution and existing bulk fossil fuel infrastructure.

Make your voice heard on this critical issue - [send your Planning Commission and Councilmembers a message TODAY](#) and urge them to establish the most protective measures possible. (The letter at this link is pre-filled, but please personalize it by clicking in the text box on the right that says “Thank you for your work...”.) Our deadline to submit these letters is Monday Sept 12th at noon. Here are suggested [talking points](#). You may also submit your own written testimony to [planningcommission@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:planningcommission@cityofvancouver.us) with “fossil fuel ordinance” and Sept. 13th in email subject line by Monday Sept 12th at noon. Talking points are [here](#) and more specific info on the ordinance is [here](#). You can also [copy and edit our template letter here](#).

When the City first established the moratorium, it was focused on protecting the health and safety of Vancouver residents against the dangers of fossil fuels. Now, after more than two years, the fossil fuel industry is trying to game the process, and ensure that their industry has a future in Vancouver, with more fuel infrastructure that jeopardizes our health and safety.

This coming week, City Council will have a workshop and the Planning Commission will have a public hearing on the details of the land use code changes. After years of our advocacy, the City is poised to prohibit new and expanded fossil fuel terminals, which would bring more trains, pollution, and safety hazards into the community.

Yet, some details have changed. Now, there are different, “cleaner” fuel facilities being considered as allowed uses, alongside different ways of addressing fossil fuel facilities. Adding new allowed uses alongside prohibited uses may create loopholes for the fossil fuel industry, and limit the public review of health and safety issues relating to new cleaner fuel facilities. Transitioning to cleaner fuels is an important step towards a green energy future. However, the cleaner fuels category is broad, and its inclusion complicates this ordinance, that has already been stopped once by the oil industry.

[Send a comment to your Planning Commission and Councilmembers TODAY to make your voice heard](#) – the urgency to act on climate must work in tandem with public health and safety.

Are you able to do more? [Sign up to testify at the Tuesday September 13th Planning Commission](#) hearing. To testify, be sure to register by noon on Tuesday Sept 13th.

Now is the time to make your voice heard! For more information on the ordinance and the Climate Action Framework, check out the [Vancouver Climate Action Toolkit](#).

Thank you for your efforts! Please contact us if you have any questions.

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