

Sent via e-mail to Chandler, Marilyn and Jacki  
February 3, 2014

Dear Chandler,

You know, every time you send this notice to me and every other environmentalist I know, it calls screaming attention to the fact that this Assembly's most prominently featured benefactors are all fossil fuel companies whose business is responsible for wrecking the climate.

#1 - Most of us believe that if it is wrong to wreck the climate then it is wrong to profit from it. This Assembly's benefactors are indeed guilty of wrecking the climate and by taking their money to pay your event bills you are most definitely profiting from it.

#2- This is an obvious and highly cringeworthy example of greenwashing in which both the South Bay COG and the SBESC serve as environmental cover for three companies whose operations cause air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change and global warming, and whose industry has spent billions of dollars in propaganda and denial of the science accepted as fact by every science academy on the face of the earth and your own organizations.

While I appreciate that the speakers and topics on the Assembly's agenda are well worth hearing and learning from, I believe you bring shame and serious loss of credibility to both the COG and the SBESC with this blatant flying of the fossil fuel flag you are engaging in. To me, the COG's recruitment and acceptance of these financial benefactors for this environmental topic is the equivalent of having cigarette manufacturers sponsor an Assembly on lung cancer, emphysema and asthma.

I will be at this Assembly and I will be there to ask in public what responsibility the COG feels it has in terms of policies and actions that recognize the current scientific reality of a climate with 400ppm of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere and approximately 560 gigatons of carbon left to burn in the world's carbon budget. These are climate realities that cannot be ignored or left unspoken in the year 2014.

I will be there to ask your speakers if the world's climate scientists are in agreement that companies like Chevron and E&B must leave 80% of their oil and gas reserves untouched and in the ground to avoid runaway climate change and what that means to those companies and their investors financially.

I'll be there to ask what happens to AES's power plant in Redondo Beach when fossil fuels are no longer permitted to be burned in the next 12-15 years.

Perhaps these topics are already on the General Assembly's agenda and I won't have to ask.

It pains me to see two organizations I have so much respect for and for whom I have volunteered employed as greenwashing tools by three fossil fuel companies who use our South Bay airways to dump their toxic waste product with impunity. How bad must our climate get before you will stop giving cover to those responsible for wrecking it? How will you explain to today's children why you were promoting fossil fuel companies as benefactors at a time when you knew full well the impacts of those companies' business practices?

See you in Carson on the 28th.

Most sincerely yours,  
Joe Galliani

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## MY REPLY

On Mon, Feb 3, 2014 at 11:55 AM, Jacki Bacharach <[jackibach@cox.net](mailto:jackibach@cox.net)> wrote:

I appreciate your comments. Almost all of our sponsorships this year have funded this event for the last 14 years. Please know that I will bring your comments to the attention of our Steering Committee members.

Thank you for your support of our organization.

Jacki

## HIS RESPONSE – 2/3/14

Hi Jacki,

Thanks so much for your reply. I appreciate your willingness to bring these comments to the attention of your steering committee.

I'm afraid that business as usual will no longer suffice under current climate circumstances and what may have been acceptable at the start of this century 14 years ago no longer is based on the climate reality today.

I hope your steering committee will take advantage of Jonathan Parfrey's and Climate Resolves' knowledge of our carbon budget and how many years it gives us on our current path of carbon emissions before we pass the only limit the world has agreed upon in terms of global warming - two degrees celsius.

Jonathan and Climate Resolve know these numbers and the sense of urgency necessary to avoid the worst impacts of climate change - as does Professor Alex Hall whom he works with.

Warm regards,

Joe