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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members:

Please see the attached letter signed by 10 local Glendale organizations urging you to invest in clean energy, not in new gas engines at Grayson. Signers are: Armenian National Committee of America, Glendale Chapter, Armenian Youth Federation, Glendale Chapter, Civic Sundays, Friends of Griffith Park, Glendale Students for Sustainability, GlendaleOUT, Montrose Peace Vigil, Sierra Club Verdugo Hills Group, Southern California Armenian Democrats, Verdugo Woodlands West Homeowners Association

Thank you very much,
David Eisenberg, Chair
Sierra Club Verdugo Hills Group



Verdugo Hills



December 9, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Glendale City Council
613 East Broadway, Suite 200
Glendale, CA 91206

RE: Glendale community organizations call on Glendale City Council to oppose purchase of new gas equipment at Grayson

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

We write to you on behalf of Glendale civic and social organizations to express our strong opposition to the purchase of new gas equipment at the Grayson Power Plant in Glendale. This summer, the Governor and California Air Resources Board committed to planning for an energy transition that excludes any new gas capacity. **Glendale should not become the last city in California to put in new gas-fired power equipment.**

We understand the proposal will be presented to the City Council at its December 13, 2022 meeting and are calling on you to prioritize the health of our climate and communities by voting against purchasing new gas units. Glendale has the opportunity to lead the state in the clean energy transition and does not need this gas equipment to meet its energy needs.

The City of Glendale has taken significant steps in the direction of clean energy: adopting a 100% clean energy by 2035 goal, and a target to increase solar & battery storage installations to 10% of Glendale customers. This past summer's historic nine-day heatwave demonstrated that Glendale residents can significantly reduce demand: during the heatwave, our peak energy use was lower than the historic record in 2017 and came in at almost 50 MW lower than projected in Glendale Water and Power's most recent Integrated Resource Plan.¹ The City has enough energy capacity to meet its daily needs nearly every day of the year without the new gas infrastructure.

Thousands of people live, work, learn, and play directly within the Grayson project's impact zone and would be negatively impacted by this fossil fuel project. There are four childcare centers and five schools within a mile of Grayson, as well as numerous other sensitive sites including parks, residences, homes for the elderly, and work offices. Glendale already suffers from poor air quality and this fossil fuel project will only exacerbate those negative impacts.

Glendale does not need the power from this project and it would be a significant waste of ratepayer funds. When the city does require more power to keep up with extreme summertime spikes, it can meet that demand by making further investments in solar, batteries, energy efficiency measures, demand response, or purchasing power as it did during this summer's heatwave. Fully explore all the project ideas in the December 6, 2022 EcoMotion report, including a more flexible virtual power plant, before funding any new gas equipment!

Clean energy is a much better investment than hundreds of millions of dollars for polluting fossil fuel infrastructure. Please reject plans to rebuild the Grayson gas power plant and instead direct Glendale Water and Power to invest in clean energy infrastructure.

¹ Glendale Water and Power 2019 Integrated Resource Plan, p. 27; Glendale Water and Power Commission Meeting, October 3, 2022.

Sincerely,

Armenian National Committee of America, Glendale Chapter

Armenian Youth Federation, Glendale Chapter

Civic Sundays

Friends of Griffith Park

Glendale Students for Sustainability

GlendaleOUT

Montrose Peace Vigil

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Southern California Armenian Democrats

Verdugo Woodlands West Homeowners Association

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Letter to sent to Glendale City Councilmembers re 12-13-22 Meeting Agenda Item 8c.

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Attached is the Glendale Environmental Coalition's letter regarding Agenda Item 8c, Glendale Water and Power, re: Grayson Repowering Project and GWP Power Supply Planning.



December 9, 2022

Honorable Mayor Ardy Kassakhian,
and Councilmembers Elen Asatryan, Dan Brotman, Paula Devine, and Ara Najarian
City of Glendale
613 E. Broadway
Glendale, California 91206

Re: **Grayson Repowering Project Gas-Burning Engines and Glendale's Clean Energy Future**

Dear Mayor Kassakhian and Councilmembers Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, and Najarian,

The Glendale Environmental Coalition strongly urges City Council to prioritize clean, zero-carbon energy to meet our city's energy needs, and to use new clean energy resources to reduce or eliminate the need for new gas-burning equipment as part of the Grayson Repowering Project and in our power supply planning.

GEC formed in 2017 to oppose the plan to spend \$500 million dollars on new gas-burning energy generation at Grayson. The reasons for raising the alarm back then are even more urgent now, and business as usual cannot continue. Fossil fuel dependence is destroying our global climate and poisoning our local air. It is financially unwise to invest in gas-burning technology, especially given that it will stand by idle the great majority of the time. We continue to oppose plans for what may very well be the last gas-generation power equipment to be installed in the state.¹

The Glendale City Council postponed approving internal combustion engines for the Grayson Repowering Project at its meetings on March 1 and August 16, 2022. Also at the August 16 meeting, City Council unanimously approved Council Resolution No. 22-125, setting a goal of having at least ten percent of Glendale Water & Power (GWP) customers adopt solar and energy storage systems by 2027, and together with additional demand management measures, obtain 100 MW of local clean energy to meet peak load needs. The

¹ The Final 2022 Scoping Plan issued by the California Air Resources Board on November 16, 2022, "includes a commitment to build no new gas plants." CARB news release, <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/news/california-releases-final-2022-climate-scoping-plan-proposal>.

time frame of this goal will help ensure Glendale can meet its energy needs in the period between now and 2027, when additional transmission capacity becomes available. At its December 6, 2022, meeting, City Council received a report from EcoMotion summarizing best practices in energy efficiency, load management, and distributed energy programs, which presents several recommendations for expanding and accelerating these demand-side and distributed pathways. The report estimates that more than 100 MW of capacity could be achieved by 2027, based on conservative estimates for participation, costs, and savings.²

Glendale is pursuing multiple opportunities for clean, zero-carbon energy that could fulfill most or all of our energy and capacity needs. Several solar and storage projects—rooftop, city-sited, and commercial—could be up and running **before** engines at Grayson are installed and functioning, meaning these resources can provide energy sooner during the time before additional transmission becomes available, and making these the best focus for our city's efforts and energies now and for the future.

We can draw on external resources in pursuing local clean energy initiatives. The federal Inflation Reduction Act and other legislation will create funding for local clean energy projects. Our state is committing to a clean energy future with no new gas-burning power plants, with the Legislature having recently created multiple new programs and incentives that offer opportunities for our city. Glendale itself is pursuing clean energy through efforts such as hiring consultants to create a plan for achieving the 10% rooftop solar and storage goal in Council Resolution No. 22-125, drawing on best practices for DERs from around the world as identified by EcoMotion, and developing city-sited solar and storage projects.

A contract for any number of engines completed at this time would set Glendale back in achieving its clean energy goals. The staff report presents needed capacity and energy scenarios that do not include any of the opportunities discussed above for new clean energy resources in Glendale. A clean energy power plan is achievable, particularly now with the federal and state governments dedicating enormous resources to accelerating the energy transition.

Since 2017, residents have called on City Council to push forward with clean energy, and continue to do so. From 2017 until today, Glendale's energy planning has placed plans and designs for gas generation as the top priority, exactly the opposite of what constituents have been calling for.

² See EcoMotion, The Best Practices Analysis: Exemplary Energy Efficiency, Load Management, and Distributed Energy Programs, pp. 163, 167, available at <https://glendaleca.primegov.com/Portal/viewer?id=7491&type=2>

Continuing with plans to repower Grayson with gas equipment goes against public sentiment. Council should commit to **prioritizing plans and funding for clean energy** to reduce or eliminate the need for new gas generation in Glendale.

We urge City Council to take the following actions to show that clean, zero-carbon energy is the top priority for Glendale: quickly establish policies to accelerate rooftop solar and storage, contract for greatly expanded city-sited solar, establish a new feed-in tariff program that includes storage, and start now to pursue the recommendations in the EcoMotion report. These actions should take precedence over new gas equipment, and should be funded from existing funds before any allocations for gas projects. Continuing to press forward with the gas units at Grayson while these other efforts lag behind sends the wrong message to Glendale residents.

Clean energy investments are a smart choice for Glendale. They are durable investments that will offer great benefits to our community. Clean energy supports health and wellbeing, and makes Glendale a more attractive place to live, do business, and visit. At a time when the imperative for cleaner energy is stronger than ever before, City Council should reject gas-burning equipment and instead embrace clean, zero-carbon energy. This is the best direction for Glendale to continue to lead in the clean energy transition.

Sincerely,

Glendale Environmental Coalition

From: [Abajian, Suzie](#)
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Dear Mayor Kassakhian and Councilmembers Asatryan, Brotman, Devine, and Najarian,

My husband and I support the Sierra Club's position on the Grayson repowering project.

We've had rooftop solar panels since 2011 and many of our neighbors have installed solar systems since then. Yet a majority of the sunny roofs in our neighborhood are not making use of available free sunshine. The potential to generate electricity locally is even greater in non single family zoned areas of the city. Please have the courage to not approve the purchase of new fossil fuel equipment at the Grayson Power Plant in favor of exploiting solar and other renewable, sustainable power sources.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sharon and Bill Weisman

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Hello Mayor and City Council,

Here's the new 40 year old L.A. Co. Supervisor last week: "We know damn well that the world we're inheriting won't exist if we continue on the same path we're on."

Though there has been much progress for which I commend city personnel and our activism, I see Glendale basically on the same path, failing to go far enough with the bold actions we owe our descendants.

Adding California's last new gas-generation plant (operational 3 years from now) just in case while claiming it won't be used shows the old thinking which resulted in only 2 clean energy companies submitting proposals to our recent RFP, due to its overly stringent requirements.

I urge you to vote down new gas and move faster and smarter on clean energy.

Sincerely,
Roberta Medford
Montrose