



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

DATE: October 23, 2018

TITLE: Presentation by Earthrights International regarding ongoing national and proposed litigation against fossil fuel companies due to their contribution to climate crisis and resulting mitigation costs to governmental entities

Representatives from Earthrights International will be making a presentation regarding ongoing national litigation against fossil fuel companies arising from the companies' knowing contribution to the climate crisis by producing, promoting, refining, marketing, and selling fossil fuels, while concealing the dangers to the environment, the results of which municipalities, such as the City of Fort Lauderdale, have had to incur the costs of adapting to the resulting climate changes. Commencing in the summer of 2017, state and local governments around the country, including but not limited to, the State of New York, the City of Oakland, the City of San Francisco, the State of Rhode Island, the City of Baltimore, and the City of Boulder, have filed lawsuits asking fossil fuel companies to pay for their share of costs of adapting to climate change. Earthrights International, with the assistance of co-counsel, currently represent the City of Boulder, Boulder County, and San Miguel County, Colorado in one of these lawsuits.

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