From: Jessica Gordon

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:01 PM

To: Heather Lewis

Subject: 12:30? FW: community briefing re California v Exxon

Heather, are you available at 12:30 for the pre-briefing check-in? No worries if not. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 11:09 AM

To: Jessica Gordon <Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>; Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org> **Cc:** Heather Lewis <Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>; Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi again,

Looks like we can start early. I will change the invite to a start time of 12:30 PT. Let me know if anything changes and I look forward to speaking then!

Best,

Iyla Shornstein (pronounce) (she/her)
Political Director, State and Local Programs
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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:38 PM Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov wrote:

Apologies for the slow reply but the invitation looks great.

Unfortunately I now have a conflict at 1:20 PT today, so either need to start our prep call earlier or reschedule. I am available all day until that time and from 2-2:30 PT. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:57 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov >; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org >

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Absolutely! We are grateful to you for joining! We are going to invite mainly nonprofits (CA-based and some national) and CA elected officials. We've been educating elected officials in CA about climate accountability for some time so we want to make sure folks know about and understand the recent filing. We would be delighted if you suggested groups to add. The more the merrier! No specific parameters we wanted this to be largely educational.
I am attaching the event description to this email. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with this and then we can move forward promoting it?
Thanks Jessica
PS - I am just confirming the monday times for a prep call but will be back to you ASAP!
lyla Shornstein (pronounce) (she/her) Political Director, State and Local Programs Center for Climate Integrity lyla@climateintegrity.org +1 (845) 706 3159
On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:53 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
Thanks again for organizing! Can you please tell us who you're inviting? I've gotten requests to speak with a number of NGOs, so it would be great to know who we'll already be briefing at this event. And if it would be appropriate for us to suggest groups to add, please let us know if you have parameters for invited groups (e.g., only orgs with legal teams).
Thanks,
Jessica

From: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:53 AM

To: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org >; Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov >

Cc: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Hi Iyla,

Jessica and I are available for a prep call during the 10/16 and 10/17 windows in Jessica's earlier email – those times would be preferable if possible as I'll be out much of the previous week.

Thanks,

Heather Lewis

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Sorry for the double message! Realizing we should also get a prep call on the calendar. Kassie Siegel from Center for Biological Diversity and Michel Legendre from Corporate Accountability are helping us to organize this as well. Shall we aim to prep the week prior? Whatever works best for you!
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Thanks so much! Let's go with Wednesday, 10/18 at 12pm PT. I will work to get a registration link and language together so we can start promoting. I will send what I put together here before it goes live for your approval.
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"The scale and scope of what the state of California can do we think can move the needle," Newsom told David Gelles of the New York Times at the opening ceremony of Climate Week NYC. "We cannot address [climate change] unless we get serious about addressing the issue. And the issue is fossil fuels, the issue is the deceit from these companies."

It's the latest sign that politicians see taking on Big Oil as an

increasingly popular move, as we saw during last year's midterm elections.

A sign at Sunday's

March to End Fossil

Fuels in New York City.

It's a tipping point for the legal fight for climate accountability.

California is the first state to file since the Supreme Court cleared the way for climate accountability suits against Big Oil to proceed toward trial in state courts. On Sunday, Bonta told reporters that the Supreme Court's ruling "allows us to get to where we want to go, to the merits, to hold them accountable for their deceit."

The industry's attempts to delay and derail the cases have persistently failed, and now California's in the

game, with all signs pointing to more lawsuits against Big Oil to come.

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"The scale and scope of what the state of California can do we think can move the needle," Newsom told David Gelles of the New York Times at the opening ceremon of Climate Week NYC. "We cannot address [climate change] unless we get serious about addressing the issue. And the issue is fossil fuels, the issue is the deceit from these companies."

It's the latest sign that politicians see taking on Big Oil as an increasingly popular move, as we saw during <u>last year's midterm elections</u>.



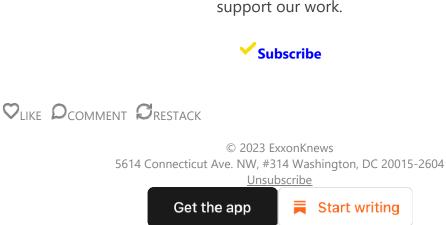
A sign at Sunday's March to End Fossil Fuels in New York City.

It's a tipping point for the legal fight for climate accountability.

California is the first state to file since the Supreme Court <u>cleared the way</u> for climat accountability suits against Big Oil to proceed toward trial in state courts. On Sunday Bonta <u>told reporters</u> that the Supreme Court's ruling "allows us to get to where we want to go, to the merits, to hold them accountable for their deceit."

The industry's attempts to delay and derail the cases have persistently failed, and not California's in the game, with all signs pointing to more lawsuits against Big Oil to come.

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Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 1:50 PM **To:** Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: "These fossil fuel companies bear responsibility."

fyi

From: Mike at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 11:23 AM

To: SoniaF Ramos <SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: AOC: "These fossil fuel companies bear responsibility."

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IN THE NEWS



DOJ should take an "honest look" at Big Oil's lies, Congress members say



In the wake of more climate disasters fueled by Big Oil's decades-long deception, the calls for accountability are growing louder.

During a conversation with Senator Bernie Sanders last night, Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Senator Sheldon Whitehouse said the time was right for the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate and potentially prosecute major oil and gas companies for lying about their products' role in the climate crisis.

"These fossil fuel companies bear responsibility for what they have done. And it will be and should be the power of a court to compel them to do so," said Ocasio-Cortez.

Watch their comments and read our blog post here.

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Mike Meno
Communications Director
Center for Climate Integrity

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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 11:39 AM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: A \$15 billion climate bill in Pennsylvania

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From: Iyla at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 7:23 AM

To: SoniaF Ramos <SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov> **Subject:** A \$15 billion climate bill in Pennsylvania

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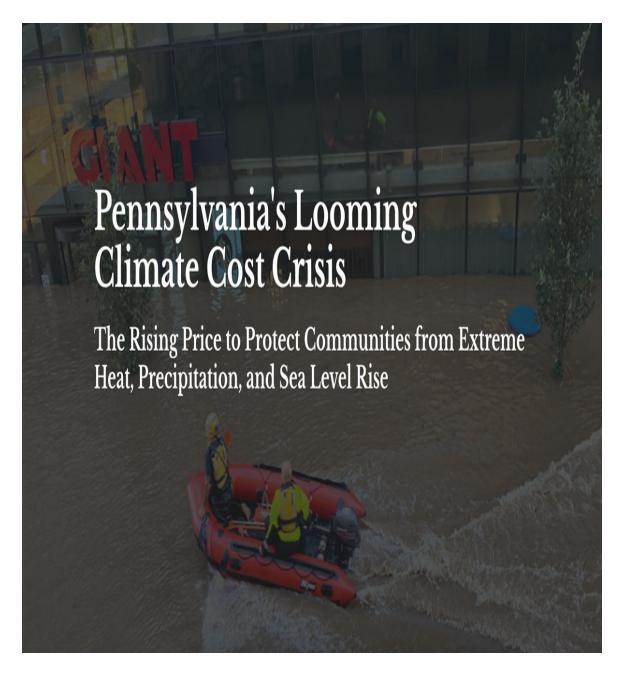
Pennsylvania's Looming Climate Cost Crisis:

The Rising Price to Protect Communities from Extreme Heat, Precipitation, and Sea Level Rise

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How much will it cost to protect Pennsylvania communities from the worsening impacts of climate change? At least \$15.47 billion by 2040.

That's the finding of CCI's latest study, "Pennsylvania's Looming Climate Cost Crisis: The Rising Price to Protect Communities from Extreme Heat, Precipitation, and Sea Level Rise," which we're releasing today in collaboration with Resilient Analytics and Scioto Analysis.



Right now, taxpayers are on the hook for these climate adaptation costs — but they shouldn't have to be. We're in a climate crisis because Big Oil companies lied about their products for decades. A new poll finds that the vast majority of Pennsylvania voters agree that these polluters should pay their fair share.

Read about the study here, and follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for the latest efforts to make polluters pay.

SHARE REPORT

Sincerely,

Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 4:30 PM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: A watershed moment for the fight against Big Oil

From: Isabella at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 12:02 PM **To:** SoniaF Ramos <SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: A watershed moment for the fight against Big Oil

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IN THE NEWS



California's lawsuit against Big Oil is a major tipping point

Big news! California is suing ExxonMobil, Chevron, and other oil majors for decades of climate lies that have fueled wildfires, droughts, and other worsening climate disasters in the state.

This lawsuit can help protect residents who are experiencing the hardships of the climate crisis first-hand by making sure that polluters, not communities, pay to clean up Big Oil's mess.



California Governor Gavin Newsom said the state's lawsuit could "move the needle" for climate accountability and he and Attorney General Rob Bonta hope more communities follow suit.

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Isabella Garcia Staff Writer, Center for Climate Integrity

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Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:49 AM **To:** Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: A win for two more climate accountability lawsuits!

From: Mike at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:14 AM

To: SoniaF Ramos < SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: A win for two more climate accountability lawsuits!

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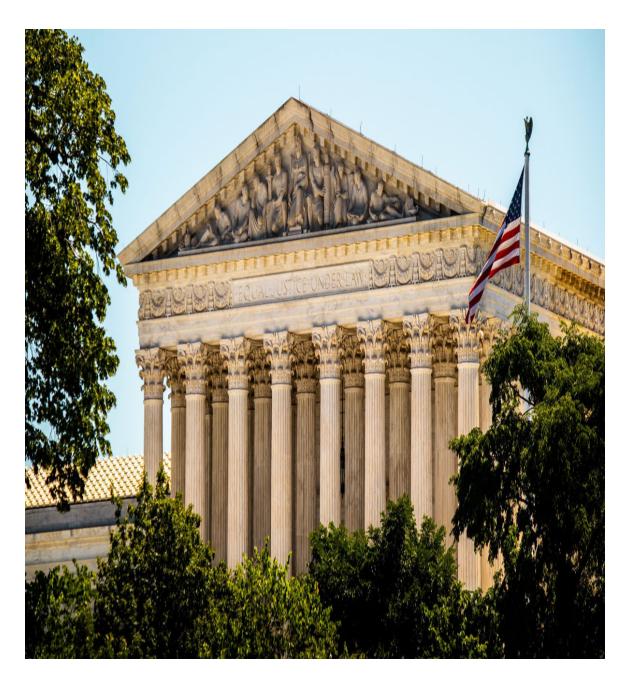
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IN THE NEWS



In a win for Delaware and Hoboken, Supreme Court rejects

Big Oil again



In yet another victory for communities fighting to hold Big Oil accountable, the U.S. Supreme Court has cleared the way for two more climate lawsuits against fossil fuel companies to move toward trial in state court. \ddot{i}_2 \ddot{i}_2 \ddot{i}_2

The State of Delaware and Hoboken, New Jersey, are now one step closer to presenting evidence in court that Big Oil companies knowingly fueled the climate crisis and should have to pay for the resulting damages.

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Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 11:02 AM **To:** Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Biden administration backs lawsuits against Big Oil

From: Mike at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 8:40 AM

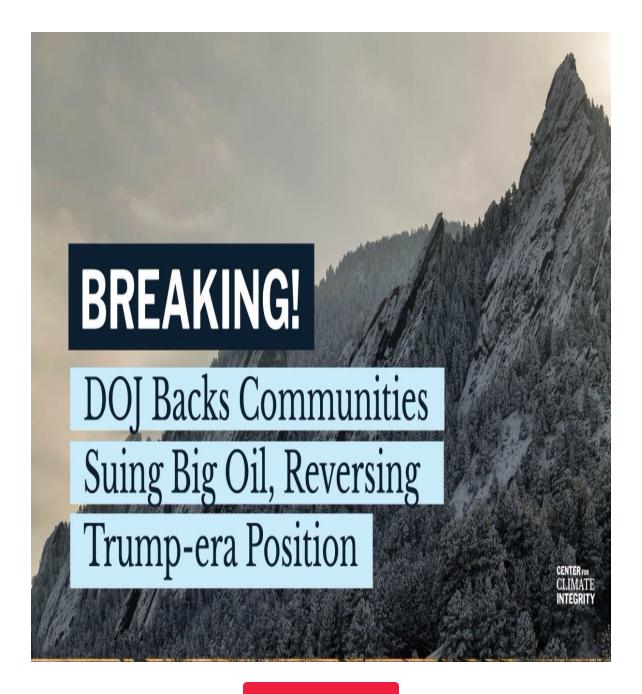
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Subject: Biden administration backs lawsuits against Big Oil

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BREAKING NEWS!



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<u>In a major development for climate accountability</u>, the Biden administration has finally fulfilled a campaign pledge to "strategically support" climate lawsuits against polluters.

The U.S. Department of Justice, which sided with Big Oil under the Trump administration, threw its support behind three Colorado communities that are seeking to put ExxonMobil and Suncor Energy on trial for their climate deception and the resulting costs.

Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 12:15 PM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Big Oil is doubling down on climate destruction

From: Isabella at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 6:43 AM **To:** SoniaF Ramos < SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Big Oil is doubling down on climate destruction

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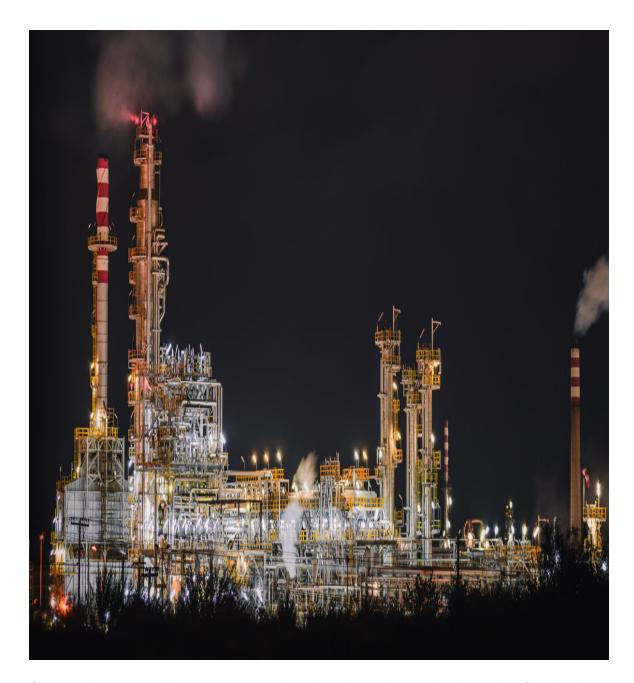
IN THE NEWS



Big Oil is doubling down on climate destruction

As the need to transition off fossil fuels becomes more urgent than ever, ExxonMobil and Chevron spent billions this month to dramatically increase their oil production, while Shell cut 200 clean energy jobs.

It's clearer than ever that Big Oil companies are doubling down on the fossil fuels driving the climate crisis, while they continue to mislead the public about the harm they are causing.



Communities around the nation are seeing the industry's ongoing deception for what it is and taking Big Oil companies to court to make them pay for their climate lies.

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Isabella Garcia

Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 4:03 PM **To:** Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Big Oil is fighting climate solutions

From: Isabella at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 6:52 AM

To: SoniaF Ramos <SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov> **Subject:** Big Oil is fighting climate solutions

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IN THE NEWS



Al Gore: Big Oil is actively fighting climate solutions

Oil companies are simultaneously claiming to be dedicated to climate solutions while expanding oil and gas production and fighting the transition to clean energy, climate activist and former U.S. Vice President Al Gore argued in a recent TED talk.

Fossil fuel giants have claimed to be in alignment with the Paris Agreement — which demands a significant reduction in emissions by 2030 — while simultaneously expanding their fossil fuel production, walking back renewable energy commitments, and touting non-viable carbon capture technology as a fix-all solution.



"The fossil fuel industry has captured this process and is slowing it down," Gore said, "and we need to do something about it."

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Sincerely,

Isabella Garcia

Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 5:28 PM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Big Oil is fighting to avoid evidence of their climate deception

From: Isabella at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Friday, August 18, 2023 11:17 AM

To: SoniaF Ramos <SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Big Oil is fighting to avoid evidence of their climate deception

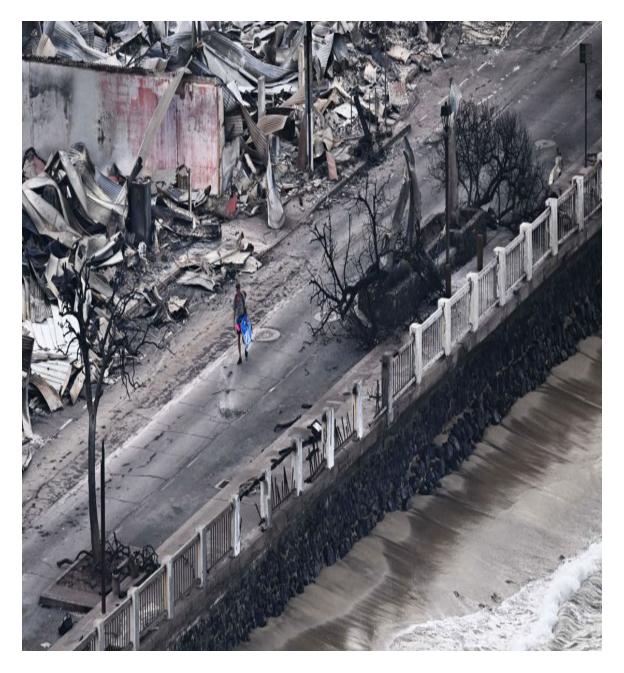
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IN THE NEWS



Big Oil doesn't want Hawaiians to get their day in court

In the wake of the deadly Maui wildfires, a lawyer for Big Oil this week argued that oil companies shouldn't have to face the evidence of their climate deception in Hawai'i state court.



Following a previous lower court ruling in favor of local communities, the Hawai'i Supreme Court heard arguments this week on whether Honolulu's lawsuit against oil companies for knowingly lying about the climate crisis should be allowed to move forward.

"Think of how Hawai'i would've been different if [oil companies] had stood up 50 years ago and said, 'If you use our products unabated, your islands are going to be destroyed," Victor Sher, the lawyer representing Honolulu, said in his argument to the Hawai'i Supreme Court. "They've deprived these public entities of the opportunity to make a choice and control their future."

Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 10:21 AM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Big Oil is spreading climate denial at COP28

From: Emily at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

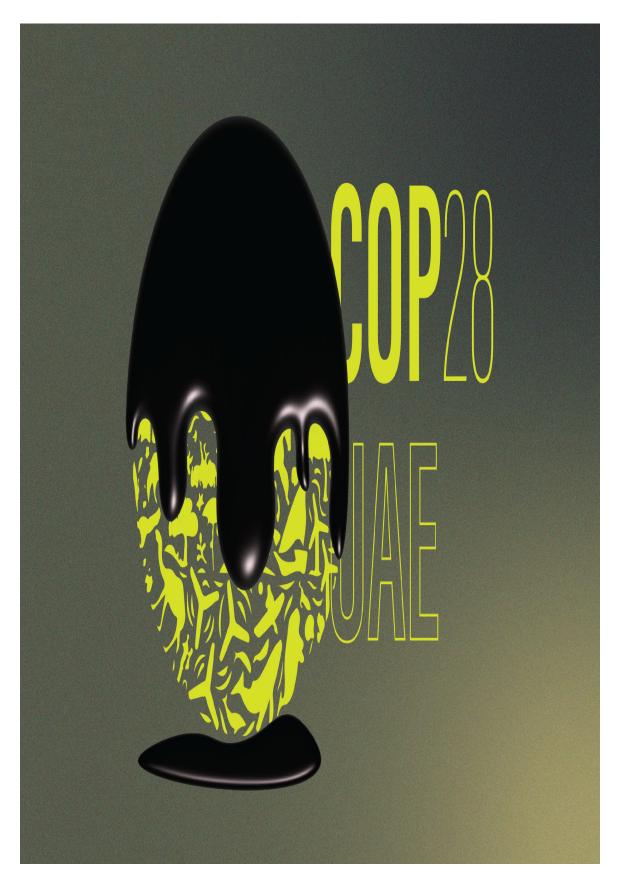
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 10:19 AM **To:** SoniaF Ramos <SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov> **Subject:** Big Oil is spreading climate denial at COP28

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IN THE NEWS



Representatives from around the world are at COP28, the U.N. climate change conference in Dubai this week, including a record number of fossil fuel lobbyists. Once again, Big Oil is using its political might to protect industry profits and undermine the urgent need for climate action.



Emily Sanders of *ExxonKnews* spoke to experts and took a closer look at what Big Oil — and ExxonMobil in particular — is trying to accomplish at COP28.

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 1:11 PM **To:** Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Big Oil sued for fueling the 2021 heat dome

From: Mike at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2023 6:30 AM

To: SoniaF Ramos < SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov > **Subject:** Big Oil sued for fueling the 2021 heat dome

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IN THE NEWS



Multnomah County, Oregon, joins the fight to make Big Oil pay



Two years ago, a deadly heat dome that scientists say was "virtually impossible without human-caused climate change" wreaked havoc across the Pacific Northwest.

Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 1:46 PM **To:** Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Calls for climate accountability surge after SCOTUS decision

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From: Iyla at Center for Climate Accountability <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 8:55 AM

To: SoniaF Ramos < SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Calls for climate accountability surge after SCOTUS decision

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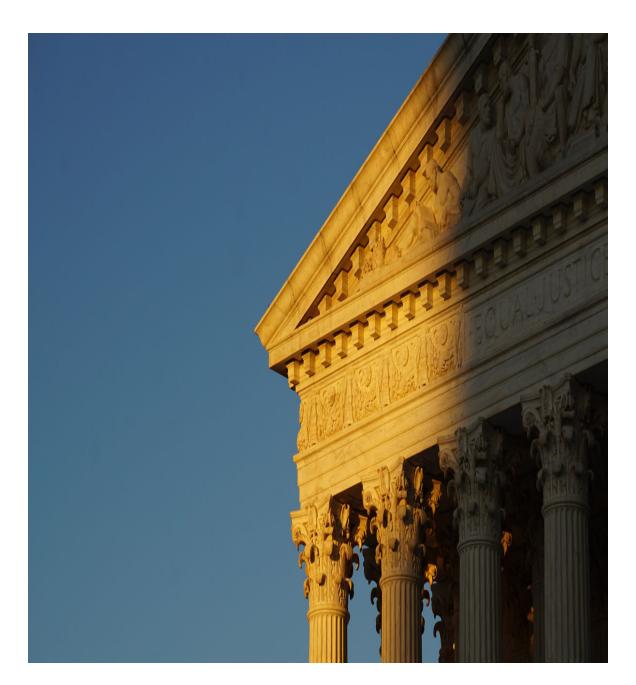
IN THE NEWS



After Supreme Court decision, calls for climate accountability surge

Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has cleared a path for climate accountability lawsuits against Big Oil companies to proceed in state courts, the growing momentum of these cases is undeniable.

The high court's ruling has already triggered calls across the country for more communities to join the fight to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for their climate lies and file their own lawsuits to make polluters pay their fair share.



As Chicago Alderman <u>Matt Martin</u> put it, "History, justice and the law are all on our side. The only question is whether Chicago has the political will to take action."

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Sincerely,

Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 8:15 AM **To:** Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Charleston, SC, delivers another blow to Big Oil

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From: Mike at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 9:52 AM

To: SoniaF Ramos <SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Charleston, SC, delivers another blow to Big Oil

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IN THE NEWS



Charleston scores latest court victory against Big Oil

Great news! Charleston, South Carolina's lawsuit against fossil fuel giants can move forward in state court after a federal judge rejected Big Oil's efforts to escape accountability.



In 2020, Charleston became the first city in the U.S. South to sue oil majors for their decades of climate deception and make polluters pay for their environmental destruction.

Now, thanks to this week's ruling, Charleston joins the growing ranks of communities that are moving closer to their day in court against Big Oil.

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From: Jessica Gordon

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 11:36 AM

To: Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Heather, can you please let the CA locals know about the webinar and share this link if they want to register? Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 2:10 PM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>; Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>; Heather Lewis

<Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi Jessica,

Thanks so much! We will reach out to those groups. Here is the public zoom registration link: https://climateintegrity-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN eNlpQsDiRYigqjkaF8-oow#/registration

Have a great day!

Iyla Shornstein (pronounce) (she/her)
Political Director, State and Local Programs
Center for Climate Integrity
iyla@climateintegrity.org
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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 4:52 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks again for the great conversation earlier. Can you please add these groups? And can you please share the public zoom link? Appreciate it.

Jessica

- Democracy Forward Foundation
- APEN
- Audubon

- Nature Conservancy
- Coalition for Clean Air
- Clean Air Task Force
- Sierra Club CA
- CEJA
- Communities for a Better Environment
- State Energy & Environmental Impact Center at NYU Law
- Harvard Environmental & Energy Law Program

Thanks!

From: Jessica Gordon

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:24 PM

To: 'lyla Shornstein' <<u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>; Kassie Siegel <<u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>> **Cc:** Heather Lewis <Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>; Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks for rescheduling! I'm hoping we can discuss your anticipated format and which groups you have invited. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 11:09 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Kassie Siegel < <u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>>

Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi again,

Looks like we can start early. I will change the invite to a start time of 12:30 PT. Let me know if anything changes and I look forward to speaking then!

Best,

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:38 PM Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov> wrote:

Apologies for the slow reply but the invitation looks great.

Unfortunately I now have a conflict at 1:20 PT today, so either need to start our prep call earlier or reschedule. I am available all day until that time and from 2-2:30 PT. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:57 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov >; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org >

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Absolutely! We are grateful to you for joining! We are going to invite mainly nonprofits (CA-based and some national) and CA elected officials. We've been educating elected officials in CA about climate accountability for some time so we want to make sure folks know about and understand the recent filing. We would be delighted if you suggested groups to add. The more the merrier! No specific parameters -- we wanted this to be largely educational.

I am attaching the event description to this email. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with this and then we can move forward promoting it?

Thanks Jessica
PS - I am just confirming the monday times for a prep call but will be back to you ASAP!
lyla Shornstein (pronounce) (she/her) Political Director, State and Local Programs Center for Climate Integrity iyla@climateintegrity.org +1 (845) 706 3159
On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:53 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote: Thanks again for organizing! Can you please tell us who you're inviting? I've gotten requests to speak with a number of NGOs, so it would be great to know who we'll already be briefing at this event. And if it would be appropriate for us to suggest groups to add, please let us know if you have parameters for invited groups (e.g., only orgs with legal teams).
Thanks, Jessica
From: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov > Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:53 AM To: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org >; Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov > Cc: Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org > Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon
Hi Iyla,
Jessica and I are available for a prep call during the 10/16 and 10/17 windows in Jessica's earlier email – those times would be preferable if possible as I'll be out much of the previous week.
Thanks,

Heather Lewis

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From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 6:38 AM
To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>; Heather Lewis <Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Sorry for the double message! Realizing we should also get a prep call on the calendar. Kassie Siegel from Center for Biological Diversity and Michel Legendre from Corporate Accountability are helping us to organize this as well. Shall we aim to prep the week prior? Whatever works best for you!

Best,

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n we	ed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:44 AM Tyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > wrote:
Hi Jes	ssica,
	ks so much! Let's go with Wednesday, 10/18 at 12pm PT. I will work to get a registration link and age together so we can start promoting. I will send what I put together here before it goes live for yo val.
Thanl	k you!
Best,	
Politica Center f iyla@clii	prnstein (pronounce) (she/her) I Director, State and Local Programs or Climate Integrity mateintegrity.org) 706 3159
On Tı	ue, Oct 3, 2023 at 5:09 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
Than	ks! We're currently available in these slots:
- N	Monday, 10/16/2023 – 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM
- 7	Tuesday, 10/17/2023 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- V	Wednesday, 10/18/2023 – 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM

Cc: Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Heather Lewis < <u>Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov</u>>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

Hi folks!
Sorry for the late reply! Yes, we were thinking an hour.
Thanks so much!
Best,
lyla Shornstein (pronounce) (she/her) Political Director, State and Local Programs Center for Climate Integrity iyla@climateintegrity.org +1 (845) 706 3159
On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 5:50 PM Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org wrote:
I would imagine it will be an hour.
Iyla, is that what you're thinking?
On Sep 29, 2023, at 3:49 PM, Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
Sounds good and nice to meet you, Ilya. How long an event were you thinking? Thanks.
From: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org></alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

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Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 12:48 PM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov> Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov >; Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > Subject: community briefing re California v Exxon EXTURNAL EMAIL: This message was sent from outside DOJ. Please do not click links or open attachments that appear suspicious. Hi Jessica (and Heather), Thanks so much for getting back to me, and no worries! We're happy to hear that you and Heather are able to participate. Could we schedule the briefing for the week of 10/16, sometime between 9 am-2 pm PT? We are flexible, so please let us know what works best for you. I'm cc'ing my colleague Iyla Shornstein, who is helping to organize behind the scenes. Many thanks, Alyssa On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 2:42 PM Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon @doj.ca.gov > wrote: Alyssa, with further apologies for the slow reply, I'm adding Heather Lewis, a member of the legal team who will join me on the briefing. Please send a few potential dates/times that work for you. We're looking forward to it! Thanks, Jessica

From: Jessica Gordon

Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:51 AM To: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: RE: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil

So sorry for the slow reply – it's been hectic, as you can probably imagine! We are discussing internally and hope to get back to you in the next day or so. Thank you for your interest and patience! From: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:26 AM To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov> Subject: Re: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil **EXTERNAL** EMAIL: This message Hi Jessica, was sent from outside DOJ. Please clo I wanted to circle back on this, as we'd love to get this scheduled. Have you been not click able to consult with AG Bonta or others in your office re interest/availability for a links cr briefing next week? open attach ments that appear suspicious. Many thanks, Alyssa On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:27 PM, Jessica Gordon <Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov> wrote: Thanks, Alyssa! Will get back to you ASAP. On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:20 PM, Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> wrote: **EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This message was sent from outside DOJ.

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Hi both,

I thought you would be interested in this piece my colleague Emily Sanders just published.

Also, I sent this message earlier (to Jessica), but know that you and others are caught up in the mayhem of Climate Week. Please let me know if this would be of interest, we'd love to get it scheduled and start promoting this week.

I spoke with Kassie from CBD, and we are interested in organizing a virtual briefing, ideally early next week (Monday or Tuesday) for elected officials, non-profits, and other members of the climate, environment, and justice communities. We'd love to have AG Bonta (or you or Ed or someone else from your office) join to share his perspective, and discuss why the state brought the suit, the specific claims, and how others can support as the case moves forward. Would the AG or someone else be interested and available?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

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From: ExxonKnews < exxonknews@substack.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 18, 2023 at 1:49 PM

Subject: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil

To: <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Integrity's editorial lead. Catch up with her on Twitter here.

California opens the floodgates on Big Oil

Attorney General Rob Bonta's lawsuit against ExxonMobil and other oil giants signals a new era for climate accountability.

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The state of California just launched a game-changing climate lawsuit against oil majors, bringing the weight of one of the world's largest economies and the mos populous state in the nation to bear against some of the biggest

nation to bear against some of the biggest fossil fuel companies of earth.

California's size and political influence and its position as the first major oil producin state to take the industr to court — give the lawsuit distinction as likely the most powerfu action to date to hold Big Oil companies accountable for lying about their products' role in climate change. The Golden State's action could very likely open the floodgates for other states that might have been waiting to make their own moves; while Attorney General Rob Bonta is the ninth attorney general to sue Big Oil, 16 attorneys general signed on to the latest legal brief in support of a climate

Both Bonta and Governor Gavin Newsom indicated as

accountability case.

Sunday. Bonta said he hopes California's move "will be an inspiration to other states and other entities to get involved and join us, to sue and be part of the effort to hold the industry accountable."

"I just met with another governor a moment ago," Newsom said, shortly before posting a photo with Governor Wes Moore of Maryland, where three municipalities are already suing Big Oil. "We want to see this spread, we want more and more jurisdictions, the United Nations and more countries to move in this direction."

The lawsuit, filed late
Friday in California
state court, argues that
ExxonMobil, BP,
Chevron,
ConocoPhillips, Shell,
and the American
Petroleum Institute
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"aggressive[ly] promot[ed] the use of fossil fuel products" while "misrepresenting and concealing the hazards of those products to deceive consumers and the public." As a result, climate action was delayed for decades, the case argues, and Californians now face a regular onslaught of disasters — from deadl wildfires and droughts to dangerous heat waves, hurricanes, and floods.

"Californians and their families, communities, and small businesses should not have to bear all the costs of climate change alone," reads the complaint, citing the billions of dollars residents have and will spend to recover from such disasters. "This lawsuit seeks to hold those companies accountable for the lies they have told and the

In a first for state climate lawsuits,
California's case looks to create an abatement fund that fossil fuel defendants would pay into to help residents foot the bill for adaptation and recovery. That remedy is based of a strong California law, which was successfully used to create a \$305 million abatement fund for lead paint.

Here are some other things to know about California's case:

Bonta's lawsuit builds on cases filed by eight California municipalities.

In 2017 and 2018, eight California
municipalities — San
Francisco, Oakland,
Santa Cruz, Richmond,
Imperial Beach, and the
counties of San Mateo,
San Marin, and Santa
Cruz — filed some of
the earliest climate
liability lawsuits agains
the fossil fuel industry.

the earliest climate liability lawsuits agains the fossil fuel industry. According to the attorney general's complaint, the state's lawsuit won't supersed any of those pending local actions, which are expected to reach trial first.

The latest of those case was filed in Richmond, the site of a major Chevron oil refinery known for its chronic pollution, explosions, and fires. The city, mostly made up of people of color, is also home to soaring rates o cancer, cardiovascular disease, and childhood asthma.

But many residents say
Chevron, which <u>funds</u>
the city's newspaper
(which it uses as a PR
platform) and is its
largest employer,
continues to mislead the
public about its
operations and push for
false climate solutions

oil and gas business in the community. Since the company built a much-touted hydrogen plant at its "modernized" Richmond refinery in 2018, emissions flaring incidents have skyrocketed.

Screenshot from a post on Chevron's website last year.

"There's a daily effort to create this misinformation campaign while we're fighting to survive," said Katt Ramos, Managing Director at the Richmond Our Power coalition. "What [Chevron is] actually doing is prolonging their life while causing us harm with unproven technology."

Chevron and the other oil companies' ongoing misinformation and greenwashing plays a

Chevron and the other oil companies' ongoing misinformation and greenwashing plays a major role in California's claims.

California's complaint puts a spotlight on the companies' modern deception.

California's complaint documents Big Oil's modern greenwashing and deception about the environmental benefits of its operations.

"Through recent advertising campaigns and public statements in California and/or intended to reach California, including bu not limited to online advertisements and social media posts, Defendants falsely and misleadingly portray these products as 'green,' and the Fossil Fuel Defendants portray themselves as climatefriendly energy companies that are deeply engaged in

Among many claims familiar to other climate accountability suits, including public nuisance, false advertising, fraud, and negligence, the case also brings a new cause of action under California law: misleading environmental marketing. California argues the companies are violating the state's law meant to protect consumers against greenwashing.

According to the complaint, the companies deceptively promoted natural gas as a climate solution; deceptively marketed fossil fuel products as "low carbon," "emissions-reducing," "clean" and/or "green," just as tobacco companies promoted "low-tar" or "light" cigarettes as healthy alternatives to giving up smoking; marketed their businesses as

cigarettes as healthy alternatives to giving up smoking; marketed their businesses as contributing to "climate solutions" despite their negligible investments in clean energy as opposed to their increasing production of oil and gas; and claimed to be in alignment with international climate goals, all while protecting and growing their business in fossil fuels.

Just last week, the Wall Street Journal reported never-before-seen documentation of Exxon's deception under the reign of former CEO Rex Tillerson, who pledged the company's support for climate actions like the Paris Agreement while working to cast doubt on climate science behind the scenes. Exxon is the lead defendant in California's case.

Both Bonta, who filed the suit and has said he is "seriously considering" a run for governor, and Newsom who is expected to be preparing for a future presidential run, are clearly embracing this issue.

"The scale and scope of what the state of California can do we think can move the needle," Newsom told David Gelles of the New York Times at the opening ceremony of Climate Week NYC. "We cannot address [climate change] unless we get serious about addressing the issue. And the issue is fossil fuels, the issue is the deceit from these companies."

It's the latest sign that politicians see taking or Big Oil as an increasingly popular move, as we saw during last year's midterm elections.

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A sign at Sunday's March to End Fossil Fuels in New York City

It's a tipping point for the legal fight for climate accountability

California is the first state to file since the Supreme Court cleared the way for climate accountability suits against Big Oil to proceed toward trial in state courts. On Sunday Bonta told reporters that the Supreme Court's ruling "allows us to get to where we want to go to the merits, to hold them accountable for their deceit."

The industry's attempts to delay and derail the cases have persistently failed, and now California's in the

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Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 12:40 PM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Congress urges DOJ to investigate Big Oil, once again

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From: Isabella at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

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Subject: Congress urges DOJ to investigate Big Oil, once again

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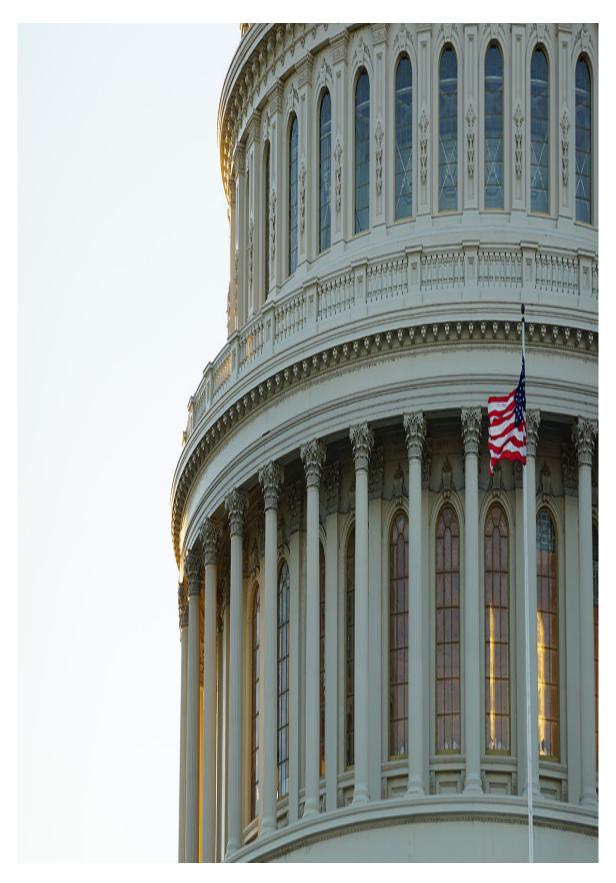
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Congress members call for DOJ action against Big Oil

Nearly two dozen members of Congress are calling for the U.S. Department of Justice to take action against oil companies for their decades of climate deception.

In two letters sent in the past week, Democratic House and Senate members urged the DOJ to either investigate or sue Exxon, Shell, and other oil majors for violating fraud, racketeering, and other federal laws.



"The available evidence that these companies lied — and continue to lie — to the public about their central role in exacerbating the climate crisis demands further investigation,"

Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 4:27 PM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Connecticut gets closer to putting Exxon on trial

From: Isabella at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 8:02 AM **To:** SoniaF Ramos <SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Connecticut gets closer to putting Exxon on trial

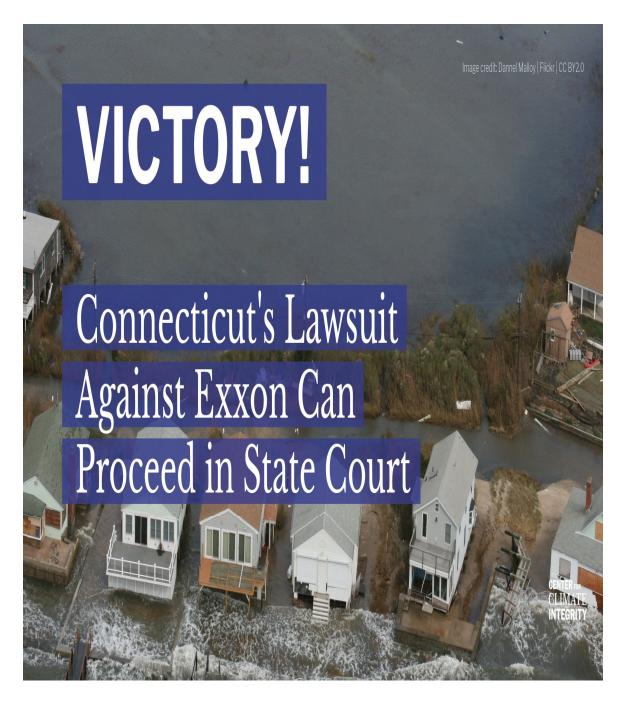
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Connecticut gets closer to putting Exxon on trial

Another victory! Connecticut is one step closer to putting ExxonMobil on trial for its climate lies after a federal appeals court ruled the state's lawsuit can proceed toward trial in state court.



The Second Circuit was "wholly unpersuaded" by Exxon's arguments to escape accountability, making it the seventh appeals court in the nation to rule that climate accountability lawsuits filed in state court should proceed there.

"Our case is simple and strong — ExxonMobil amassed billions of dollars in profits off a decades-long campaign of lies, and they must be held accountable," Connecticut Attorney General William Tong said.

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Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 3:24 PM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Evidence of Exxon's lies is piling up

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From: Isabella at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 1:54 PM **To:** SoniaF Ramos <SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov> **Subject:** Evidence of Exxon's lies is piling up

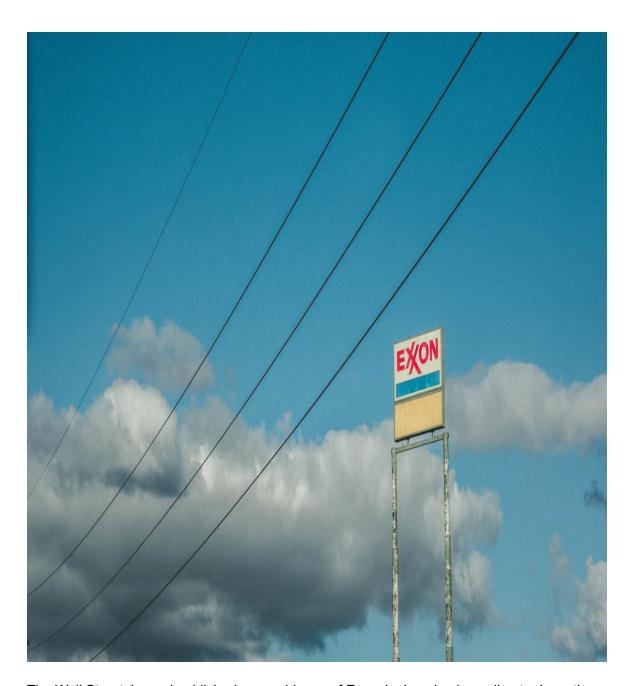
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New evidence of Exxon's lies will boost accountability efforts

ExxonMobil executives continued to undermine climate science, obscure the dangers of fossil fuels, and lie about the company's commitment to solutions for years after publicly acknowledging the reality of climate change, according to new reporting today.



The Wall Street Journal published new evidence of Exxon's decades-long climate deception as the oil giant faces a growing wave of lawsuits seeking to hold the company accountable.

"As communities pay an ever-greater price for our worsening climate crisis, it's more clear than ever that Exxon must be held accountable to pay for the harm it has caused," CCI's Richard Wiles said.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 12:40 PM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis **Subject:** FW: Exposing Big Oil's Playbook

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From: Abbey at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:01 AM **To:** SoniaF Ramos <SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Exposing Big Oil's Playbook

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Climate change:

Big Oil has used the same playbook to stall climate action for nearly 60 years:

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FRANK IKARD, PRESIDENT
AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE

"We must not permit the job ahead of us ... to become obscured by rash statements and fanciful notions."



Nearly 60 years ago, Big Oil's stance on the energy transition was to proceed with caution and avoid "rash" decisions, despite the industry's accurate knowledge of the science.

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There is sufficient time to study the problem before corrective action is required. ... This permits time for an orderly transition to non-fossil fuel technologies should restrictions on fossil fuel use be deemed necessary."

Two decades later, Exxon continued the deception — urging that there was still time for an "orderly transition" from fossil fuels.

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Today, BP is still pedding the same narrative.

ECNBC

BP CEO defends spending plans as climate protesters block entrance to London energy conference

"[The energy] transition has got to be orderly.

... We need to invest in the energy transition and—not or—we need to invest in today's energy system, which is predominantly an oil and gas system."

BERNARD LOONEY DEO, BP It's extremely clear: Big Oil's decadeslong deception campaign delays action as their products fuel the climate crisis.

IT'S TIME TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE.

Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 10:39 AM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Honolulu's climate lawsuit is closer than ever to trial

From: Isabella at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2023 7:48 AM **To:** SoniaF Ramos <SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Honolulu's climate lawsuit is closer than ever to trial

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Honolulu's climate lawsuit can move forward to trial after court rejects Big Oil arguments

Honolulu's lawsuit to make oil giants pay for climate damages they knowingly caused is heading toward trial after the Supreme Court of Hawai'i rejected Big Oil's latest attempts to escape accountability.



From extended droughts to coastal erosion, Honolulu communities are paying the price for fossil-fueled climate change, and they deserve their day in court to hold climate polluters accountable.

"Honolulu's case is now one of the most important climate lawsuits in the country, if not the world," said CCI Managing Attorney Corey Riday-White. "We're one giant step closer to that evidence getting in front of a jury tasked with deciding whether these polluters are liable for billions in climate damages."

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Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 10:34 AM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Meet Big Oil's latest greenwashing strategy

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From: Emily at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:37 AM **To:** SoniaF Ramos <SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov> **Subject:** Meet Big Oil's latest greenwashing strategy

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The disturbing reports on plastic pollution just keep coming: toxic plastic waste is filling up our oceans, our landfills, and even our bodies.

But if you've seen a recent surge of ads from the companies that produce plastic, you might be forgiven for thinking they're working on solutions to the problem.



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Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 11:17 AM **To:** Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Minnesota wins key ruling against Big Oil!

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From: Mike at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 8:41 AM

To: SoniaF Ramos < SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov> **Subject:** Minnesota wins key ruling against Big Oil!

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IN THE NEWS



Minnesota wins key ruling in its fight to hold Big Oil accountable for climate lies

Minnesota's climate fraud lawsuit against ExxonMobil, Koch Industries, and the American Petroleum Institute just won a key victory. In a unanimous ruling, a federal appeals court agreed that the case could proceed in state court, where it was filed.

After years of Big Oil's delay tactics, the people of Minnesota are one step closer to putting these polluters on trial.



Big Oil companies have fought relentlessly to avoid facing the evidence of their climate fraud in state court, but once again judges have unanimously rejected their arguments.

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:59 AM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: San Francisco and Oakland communities move closer to putting Big Oil on trial

From: Isabella at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:47 AM **To:** SoniaF Ramos < SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: San Francisco and Oakland communities move closer to putting Big Oil on trial

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IN THE NEWS



San Francisco and Oakland move closer to putting Big Oil on trial

Two of California's biggest cities are one step closer to putting Big Oil companies on trial for their climate lies after a federal appeals court ruled this week that climate lawsuits from San Francisco and Oakland can move forward in state court, where they were originally filed.



This ruling is the latest in a long line of victories for communities fighting in court to make fossil fuel companies pay for their climate deception and the damage they've caused.

"As we witness climate catastrophes every day," said Oakland City Attorney Barbara J. Parker following the ruling, "it is imperative that fossil fuel companies be held accountable for the damages their misrepresentations have caused."

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Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 2:38 PM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: The Maui fires underscore the importance of climate accountability

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From: Isabella at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2023 10:13 AM

To: SoniaF Ramos <SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: The Maui fires underscore the importance of climate accountability

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IN THE NEWS



Big Oil fueled Maui's devastating wildfires

Devastating fires in Maui engulfed the historic town of Lahaina this week, forcing mass evacuations, and killing at least 55 people. While the wildfire event is creating unprecedented damage to the island, the increasing scale of climate disasters is not a surprise to Maui leaders and residents who have borne the brunt of worsening climate impacts for years.



Maui County officials <u>sued</u> Exxon, Shell, Chevron, and other oil giants in 2020 for lying about the climate damages they knew their products would cause, including "increased frequency, intensity, and destructive force of wildfires."

Maui residents are currently suffering mass evacuations, the loss of loved ones and homes, and cultural and economic destruction that will be felt for years to come. Maui communities have already paid more than enough; it's time for Big Oil to stand trial for their climate deception.

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Subject: FW: The Supreme Court strikes a blow to Big Oil

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From: Mike at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:25 AM

To: SoniaF Ramos < SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov > **Subject:** The Supreme Court strikes a blow to Big Oil

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Supreme Court clears path to trial for climate accountability lawsuits against Big Oil

In a major victory for holding fossil fuel companies accountable for their climate lies, the U.S. Supreme Court today declined to hear Big Oil's pleas to avoid facing the evidence of their deception in state court.

The high court's action clears the way for dozens of lawsuits that state and local governments have brought against fossil fuel companies to continue advancing toward trial.



Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 1:28 PM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: Voters want lying polluters to pay for climate costs

From: Isabella at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 6:20 AM **To:** SoniaF Ramos <SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov>

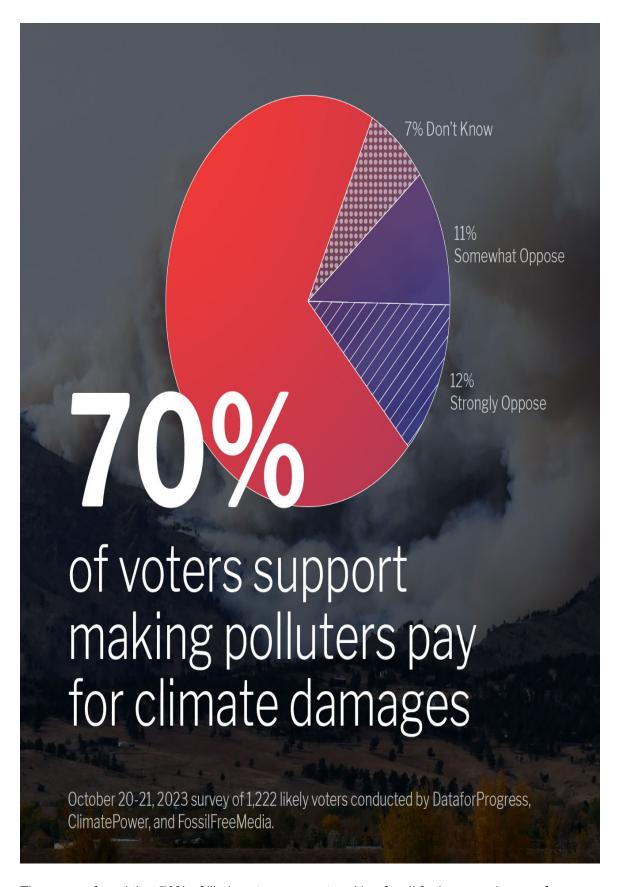
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A new nationwide poll confirms yet again that voters across the political spectrum overwhelmingly support making major polluters pay their fair share of climate costs they have created — especially when voters learn about Big Oil's decades of climate deception.



The survey found that 70% of likely voters support making fossil fuel companies pay for climate damages like wildfires, droughts, and floods. When respondents were told how oil

and gas companies lied to the public for decades about how their product hurts the climate, support for making polluters pay jumped to 77%.

"This overwhelming support should send a clear message to elected officials that holding Big Oil accountable is not just the right thing to do — it's also good politics," said CCI President Richard Wiles.

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From: SoniaF Ramos

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 3:08 PM **To:** Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: We're supporting D.C.'s efforts to hold Big Oil accountable

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From: Mike at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 7:35 AM

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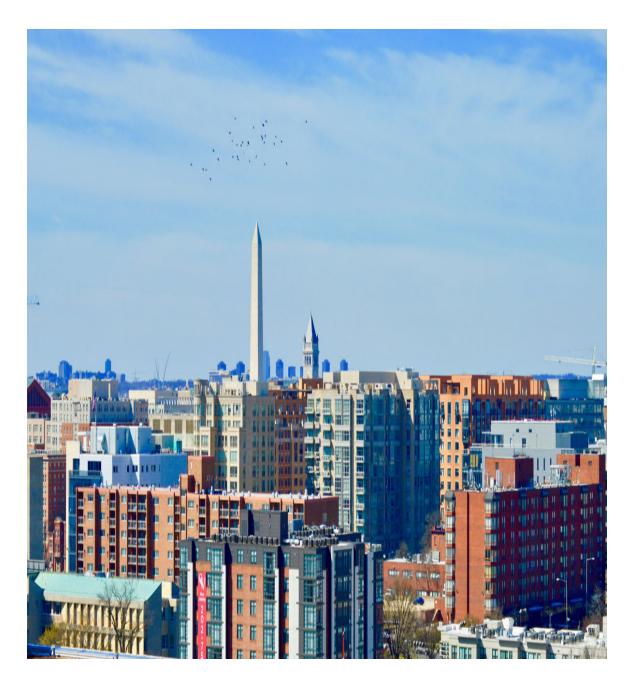
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Big Oil companies have spent decades lying about their role in the climate crisis — and it's time they face the evidence of their deception in court.

That's what we and leading scholars of climate disinformation argued in a recent legal brief that supports the District of Columbia's efforts to put ExxonMobil, Chevron, Shell, and BP on trial for their climate lies.



Our brief outlined the oil industry's extensive and ongoing history of climate deception, including new evidence uncovered by a recent congressional investigation into the four companies D.C. is seeking to hold accountable.

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From: SoniaF Ramos

Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 4:03 PM **To:** Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis

Subject: FW: What Big Oil and the mafia have in common

From: Emily at Center for Climate Integrity <info@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 10:08 AM

To: SoniaF Ramos < SoniaF.Ramos@doj.ca.gov> **Subject:** What Big Oil and the mafia have in common

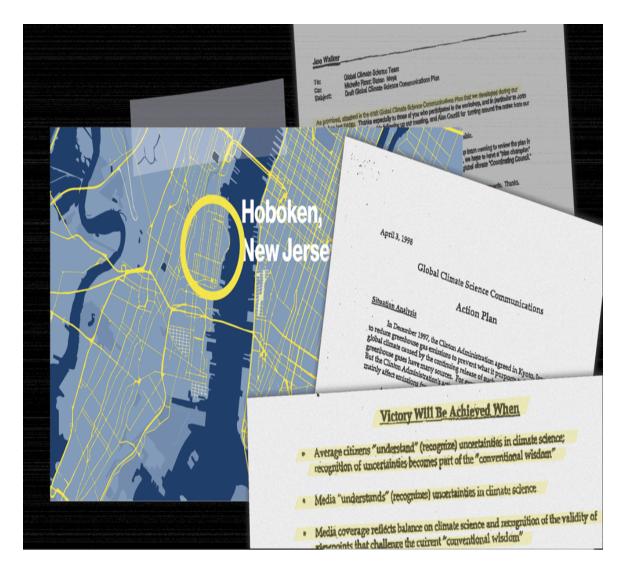
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IN THE NEWS



Hoboken brings RICO charges against Big Oil

As evidence of fossil fuel companies' coordinated climate deception grows by the day, communities are employing a new legal tool to hold them accountable.



RICO — the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act — has notoriously been used to take on organized crime. But now communities in Puerto Rico and New Jersey are using those same state and federal racketeering laws to sue Big Oil.

Hoboken, New Jersey, recently added a new RICO claim to its climate accountability lawsuit, charging major fossil fuel companies with conspiring together to defraud the public about the harms they knew their products would cause.

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Emily Sanders

From: SoniaF Ramos

Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 4:26 PM

To: Erin Ganahl; Heather Lewis **Subject:** FW: What I learned in Louisiana

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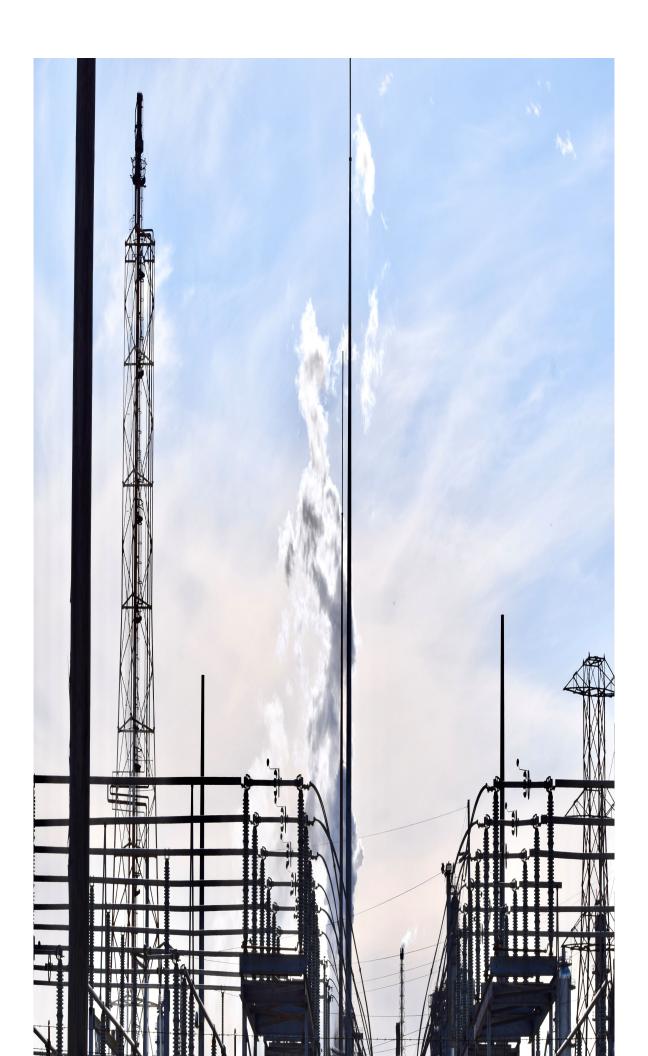
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My name is <u>Emily Sanders</u>, and I'm editorial lead here at the Center for Climate Integrity where I write <u>ExxonKnews</u>, a newsletter covering the fossil fuel industry's role in the climate crisis and efforts to hold them accountable.



Subject:

Invitation: Hold for CA AGO public briefing @ Wed Oct 18, 2023 3pm - 4pm (EDT)

(heather.lewis@doj.ca.gov)

Start:

Wed 10/18/2023 12:00 PM

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Guests

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From: Heather Lewis

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:02 PM

To: Jessica Gordon

Subject: RE: 12:30? FW: community briefing re California v Exxon

Yes, I'm available!

From: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:01 PM **To:** Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: 12:30? FW: community briefing re California v Exxon

Heather, are you available at 12:30 for the pre-briefing check-in? No worries if not. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 11:09 AM

To: Jessica Gordon <<u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Kassie Siegel <<u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>> **Cc:** Heather Lewis <<u>Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

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Hi again,

Looks like we can start early. I will change the invite to a start time of 12:30 PT. Let me know if anything changes and I look forward to speaking then!

Best,

Iyla Shornstein (pronounce) (she/her)
Political Director, State and Local Programs
Center for Climate Integrity
iyla@climateintegrity.org
+1 (845) 706 3159

On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:38 PM Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov wrote:

Apologies for the slow reply but the invitation looks great.

Unfortunately I now have a conflict at 1:20 PT today, so either need to start our prep call earlier or reschedule. I am available all day until that time and from 2-2:30 PT. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:57 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov >; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org > Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon
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I am attaching the event description to this email. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with this and then we can move forward promoting it?
Thanks Jessica
PS - I am just confirming the monday times for a prep call but will be back to you ASAP!
lyla Shornstein (pronounce) (she/her) Political Director, State and Local Programs Center for Climate Integrity iyla@climateintegrity.org +1 (845) 706 3159
On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:53 PM Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov > wrote: Thanks again for organizing! Can you please tell us who you're inviting? I've gotten requests to speak with a number of NGOs, so it would be great to know who we'll already be briefing at this event. And if it would be appropriate for us to suggest groups to add, please let us know if you have parameters for invited groups (e.g., only orgs with legal teams).

Thanks,

Jessica

From: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:53 AM

To: lyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org>; Jessica Gordon <Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Hi Iyla,

Jessica and I are available for a prep call during the 10/16 and 10/17 windows in Jessica's earlier email – those times would be preferable if possible as I'll be out much of the previous week.

Thanks,

Heather Lewis

Deputy Attorney General

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Sorry for the double message! Realizing we should also get a prep call on the calendar. Kassie Siegel from Center for Biological Diversity and Michel Legendre from Corporate Accountability are helping us to organize this as well. Shall we aim to prep the week prior? Whatever works best for you!
Best,
Iyla Shornstein (pronounce) (she/her) Political Director, State and Local Programs Center for Climate Integrity iyla@climateintegrity.org +1 (845) 706 3159
On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:44 AM Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u> > wrote:
Hi Jessica,
Thanks so much! Let's go with Wednesday, 10/18 at 12pm PT. I will work to get a registration link and language together so we can start promoting. I will send what I put together here before it goes live for you approval.
Thank you!
Best,
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	Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 6:43 AM To: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org
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Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:51 AM **To:** Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

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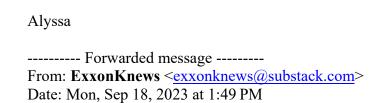
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According to the complaint, the companies deceptively promoted natural gas as a climate solution; deceptively marketed fossil fuel products as "low carbon," "emissions-reducing," "clean" and/or "green,"

just as tobacco companies promoted "low-tar" or "light" cigarettes as healthy alternatives to giving up smoking; marketed their businesses as contributing to "climate solutions" despite their negligible investments in clean energy as opposed to their increasing production of oil and gas; and claimed to be in alignment with international climate goals, all while protecting and growing their business in fossil fuels.

Just last week, the Wall
Street Journal reported
never-before-seen
documentation of
Exxon's deception
under the reign of
former CEO Rex
Tillerson, who pledged
the company's support
for climate actions like
the Paris Agreement
while working to cast
doubt on climate
science behind the
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lead defendant in California's case.

California's case is the latest sign of the evolving politics of taking on Big Oil.

Both Bonta, who filed the suit and has said he is "seriously considering" a run for governor, and Newsom, who is expected to be preparing for a future presidential run, are clearly embracing this issue.

"The scale and scope of what the state of California can do we think can move the needle," Newsom told David Gelles of the New York Times at the opening ceremony of Climate Week NYC. "We cannot address [climate change] unless we get serious about addressing the issue. And the issue is fossil fuels, the issue is the deceit from these companies."

It's the latest sign that politicians see taking on Big Oil as an increasingly popular move, as we saw during last year's midterm elections.

A sign at Sunday's

March to End Fossil

Fuels in New York City.

It's a tipping point for the legal fight for climate accountability.

California is the first state to file since the Supreme Court cleared the way for climate accountability suits against Big Oil to proceed toward trial in state courts. On Sunday, Bonta told reporters that the Supreme Court's ruling "allows us to get to where we want to go, to the merits, to hold them accountable for their deceit."

The industry's attempts to delay and derail the

cases have persistently failed, and now
California's in the game, with all signs
pointing to more
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According to the complaint, the companies deceptively promoted natural gas as a climate solution; deceptively marketed fossil fuel products as "low carbon," "emissions-reducing," "clean" and/or "green," just as tobacco companies promoted "low-tar" or "light" cigarettes as healthy alternatives to giving up smoking; marketed their businesses as contributing to "climate solutions" despite their negligible investments in clean energy as opposed to their increasing production of oil and gas; and claimed to be in alignment with international climate goals, all while protecting and growing their business in fossil fuels.

Just last week, the Wall Street Journal <u>reported</u> never-before-seen documentation of Exxon's deception under the reign of former CEO Rex Tillerson, who pledged the company's support for climate actions like the Paris Agreement while working to cas doubt on climate science behind the scenes. Exxon is the lead defendant in California's case.

California's case is the latest sign of the evolving politics of taking on Big Oil.

Both Bonta, who filed the suit and has said he is "<u>seriously considering</u>" a run for governor, and Newsom, who <u>is expected to be preparing for a future presidential run</u>, are clearly embracing this issue.

"The scale and scope of what the state of California can do we think can move the needle," Newsom told David Gelles of the New York Times at the opening ceremony of Climate Week NYC. "We cannot address [climate change] unless we get serious about addressing the issue. And the issue is fossil fuels, the issue is the deceit from these companies."

It's the latest sign that politicians see taking on Big Oil as an increasingly popular move, as we saw during <u>last year's midterm elections</u>.



A sign at Sunday's March to End Fossil Fuels in New York City.

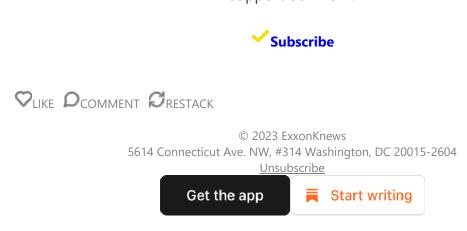
It's a tipping point for the legal fight for climate accountability.

California is the first state to file since the Supreme Court <u>cleared the way</u> for climate accountability suits against Big Oil to proceed toward trial in state courts. On Sunday

Bonta <u>told reporters</u> that the Supreme Court's ruling "allows us to get to where we want to go, to the merits, to hold them accountable for their deceit."

The industry's attempts to delay and derail the cases have persistently failed, and now California's in the game, with all signs pointing to more lawsuits against Big Oil to come.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 11:33 AM

To: Jessica Gordon

Cc:Kassie Siegel; Heather Lewis; Alyssa JohlSubject:Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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That should be the panelist invite! I don't think you registered separately so that should be it.

And yes, everything is being approved right now!

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 2:22 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks, Kassie! We don't want to get into legal analysis, so let's add these. Thanks!

- The section of the complaint that talks about how the deception campaigns continue today, and about greenwashing, is so powerful. Can you talk a little bit more about greenwashing what is it and some of the examples in the complaint (pp. 82-87)?
- What can people/organizations do to support this lawsuit?

For logistics, confirming that the attached is the panelist invite? And my boss says that she registered about 10-15 minutes ago and hasn't received a link yet – is it coming or is there an issue? Thanks!

From: Kassie Siegel ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:29 AM

To: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>; Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>; Iyla Shornstein

<iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Cc: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Here are some other possibilities. Please feel free to share any thoughts now or when we hop on 10 min beforehand. Tremendous thanks again for taking the time to do this. Interest in and appreciation for this case is extremely high! - Kassie

- What can people/organizations do to support this lawsuit?
- · How can people best follow this case or get updates about it?
- The section of the complaint that talks about how the deception campaigns continue today, and about greenwashing, is so powerful. Can you talk a little bit more about greenwashing what is it and some of the examples in the complaint (pp. 82-87)?
- Regarding the public nuisance claim, people often refer to a 2017 California appellate decision, People v. Con Agra, finding paint companies liable for their lead paint advertising. Could you tell us a little bit about that case and its implications for this case?
- Sometimes you hear that companies are defending themselves from other accountability cases on the basis of free speech protections. Can you talk a little bit more about California's regulation of commercial speech and the basic difference between my right to say what I want vs. a corporations' obligations when marketing their products to Californians?
- I thought it was really interesting that there is a special provision in California law that prohibits misleading environmental marketing can you tell us anything more about that provision, like maybe when it was enacted, and have there been other enforcement actions?
- The strict and negligent products liability claims are really interesting can you tell us more about that area of law in California, maybe some examples of how they have been previously used to protect the public?

Kassie Siegel, Director

Climate Law Institute

Center for Biological Diversity

Phone: (951) 961-7972

From: Heather Lewis < Heather Lewis < a href="mailto:Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov">Heather Lewis@doj.ca.gov Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:19 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>> **Cc:** Kassie Siegel < <u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>>; Alyssa Johl < <u>alyssa@climateintegrity.org</u>>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks,
Heather
From: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov > Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:17 AM To: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org >; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org >; Heather Lewis@doj.ca.gov > Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon
Thanks! I am fine with that, if it works for Heather and everyone else.
From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:15 AM To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov> Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org>; Heather Lewis@doj.ca.gov> Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon
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Great! I'll let Kassie send along a few additional questions.

Yes, that approach works for me, thanks Iyla. Also confirming that I received the panelist invite.

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didn't overcomplicate it! I am also fine with google or teams!

One other suggestion -- Kassie and myself can drop questions into the "hosts/panelists" chat. Heather and Jessica can react with a 'thumbs up' emoji to the questions that would be good to answer in this setting. Then, I can send them privately to Alyssa. That way, Heather and Jessica only need to look at one chat and Alyssa only needs to look at one chat. The only people running between chats are Kassie and myself? Hopefully that

City of Concord

On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 12:54 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
Thanks! Here are a couple of questions we'd like to address. Do you have others already in mind? And I'm still looking for a doc we can all easily edit together, but alternatives are for us to look at google docs on personal devices simultaneously or to use a Teams chat.
Q: Why did California file its climate accountability suit now?
Q: Big cases like this one tend to move slowly. What do you see happening before the case is resolved?
From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 9:27 AM
To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov > Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org >; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org >; Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov > Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon
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ASM Holden
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Office of the Governor
CA Senator Lena Gonzalez
California State Senate - Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Office of Rep. Katie Porter
State Senate - Lena Gonzalez
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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>> wrote:

Hi folks,

I can send you an updated list in a bit as we've had a jump in registrations. I also want to confirm that you each received the panelist invite?

Thanks!

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On Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 9:43 AM Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>> wrote:

Hi Jessica,

No problem! The offices listed below are represented in the registrations either by the officeholder themselves or their staff:

LA County- Janice Hahn
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Los Angeles County, Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
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ASM Holden
LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis
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On	Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 7:42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
Th	anks again. Can you please tell me what elected officials are registered? Appreciate it.
Fre	om: Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u> >
Se	nt: Monday, October 16, 2023 2:10 PM
	Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > Kassie Siegel < <u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u> >; Alyssa Johl < <u>alyssa@climateintegrity.org</u> >; Heather Lewis
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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 4:52 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks again for the great conversation earlier. Can you please add these groups? And can you please share the public zoom link? Appreciate it.

Jessica

- Democracy Forward Foundation
- APEN
- Audubon
- Nature Conservancy
- Coalition for Clean Air
- Clean Air Task Force
- Sierra Club CA
- CEJA
- Communities for a Better Environment
- State Energy & Environmental Impact Center at NYU Law
- Harvard Environmental & Energy Law Program

Thanks!

From: Jessica Gordon

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:24 PM

To: 'lyla Shornstein' <<u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>; Kassie Siegel <<u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>> **Cc:** Heather Lewis <Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>; Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks for rescheduling! I'm hoping we can discuss your anticipated format and which groups you have invited. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 11:09 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica Gordon@doj.ca.gov; Kassie Siegel ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org

Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov >; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org > **Subject:** Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi again,

Looks like we can start early. I will change the invite to a start time of 12:30 PT. Let me know if anything changes and I look forward to speaking then!

Best,

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:38 PM Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov> wrote:

Apologies for the slow reply but the invitation looks great.

Unfortunately I now have a conflict at 1:20 PT today, so either need to start our prep call earlier or reschedule. I am available all day until that time and from 2-2:30 PT. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:57 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov >; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org >

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Absolutely! We are grateful to you for joining! We are going to invite mainly nonprofits (CA-based and some national) and CA elected officials. We've been educating elected officials in CA about climate accountability for some time so we want to make sure folks know about and understand the recent filing. We would be delighted if you suggested groups to add. The more the merrier! No specific parameters we wanted this to be largely educational.
I am attaching the event description to this email. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with this and then we can move forward promoting it?
Thanks Jessica
PS - I am just confirming the monday times for a prep call but will be back to you ASAP!
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On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:53 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
Thanks again for organizing! Can you please tell us who you're inviting? I've gotten requests to speak with a number of NGOs, so it would be great to know who we'll already be briefing at this event. And if it would be appropriate for us to suggest groups to add, please let us know if you have parameters for invited groups (e.g., only orgs with legal teams).
Thanks,
Jessica

From: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov > Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:53 AM

To: Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>; Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>

Cc: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon Hi Iyla, Jessica and I are available for a prep call during the 10/16 and 10/17 windows in Jessica's earlier email – those times would be preferable if possible as I'll be out much of the previous week. Thanks, **Heather Lewis Deputy Attorney General Environment Section** California Department of Justice 1515 Clay St, 20th Floor Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 879-1008

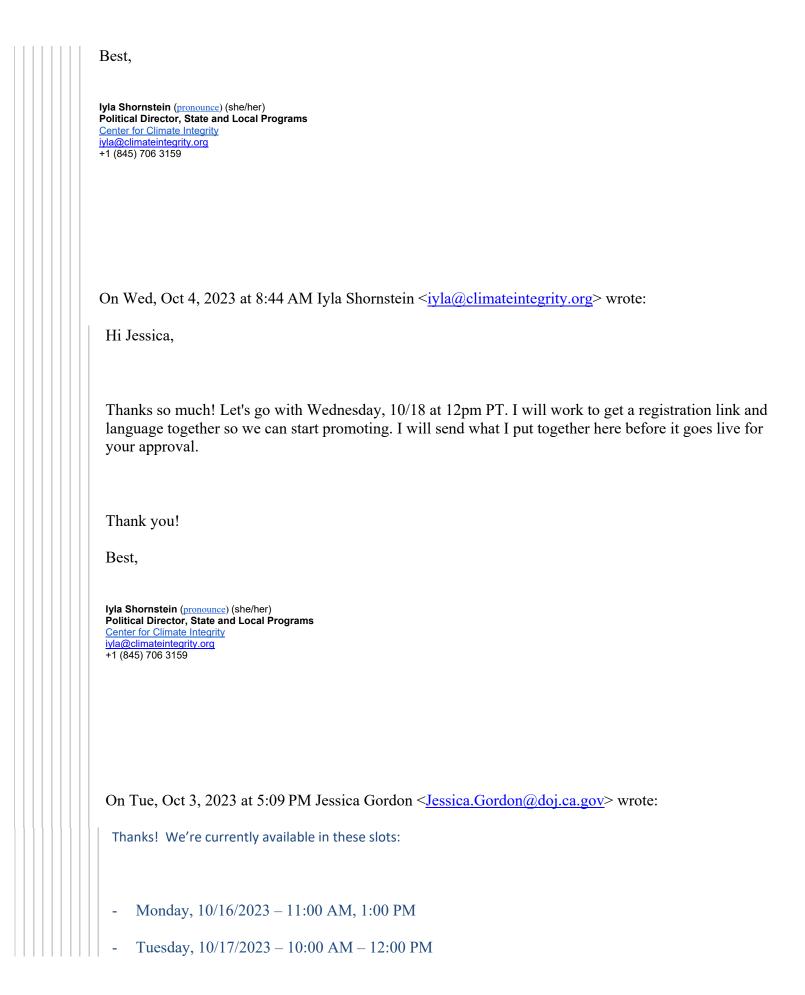
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Sorry for the double message! Realizing we should also get a prep call on the calendar. Kassie Siegel from Center for Biological Diversity and Michel Legendre from Corporate Accountability are helping us to organize this as well. Shall we aim to prep the week prior? Whatever works best for you!



	- Wednesday, 10/18/2023 – 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM
	From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>
	Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 6:43 AM To: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org Cc: Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov ; Heather Lewis Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon
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	Sorry for the late reply! Yes, we were thinking an hour.
	Thanks so much!
	Best,
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	On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 5:50 PM Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org wrote:
	I would imagine it will be an hour.

Iyla, is that what you're thinking?	
On Sep 29, 2023, at 3:49 I	PM, Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
Sounds good and nice to me	et you, Ilya. How long an event were you thinking? Thanks.
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Hi Jessica (and Heather),	
Thanks so much for gettin and Heather are able to pa	g back to me, and no worries! We're happy to hear that you rticipate.
PT? We are flexible, so ple	efing for the week of 10/16, sometime between 9 am-2 pm ease let us know what works best for you. I'm cc'ing my who is helping to organize behind the scenes.
Many thanks, Alyssa	
On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 2:4 wrote:	42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> >
	es for the slow reply, I'm adding Heather Lewis, a member of me on the briefing. Please send a few potential dates/times poking forward to it!

	Thanks,
	Jessica
	From: Jessica Gordon Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:51 AM To: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Subject: RE: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil</alyssa@climateintegrity.org>
	So sorry for the slow reply – it's been hectic, as you can probably imagine! We are discussing internally and hope to get back to you in the next day or so. Thank you for your interest and patience!
	From: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:26 AM To: Jessica Gordon <<u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> Subject: Re: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil</alyssa@climateintegrity.org>
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	Many thanks,
	On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:27 PM, Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov> wrote:



Thanks, Alyssa! Will get back to you ASAP.

On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:20 PM, Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> wrote:

Hi both,

I thought you would be interested in this piece my colleague Emily Sanders just published.

Also, I sent this message earlier (to Jessica), but know that you and others are caught up in the mayhem of Climate Week. Please let me know if this would be of interest, we'd love to get it scheduled and start promoting this week.

I spoke with Kassie from CBD, and we are interested in organizing a virtual briefing, ideally early next week (Monday or Tuesday) for elected officials, non-profits, and other members of the climate, environment, and justice communities. We'd love to have AG Bonta (or you or Ed or someone else from your office) join to share his perspective, and discuss why the state brought the suit, the specific claims, and how others can support as the case moves forward. Would the AG or someone else be interested and available?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

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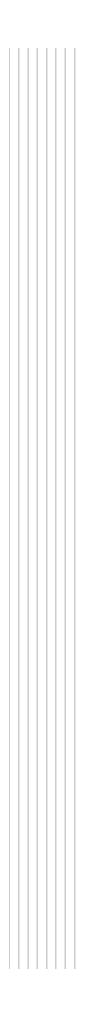
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Attorney General Rob Bonta's lawsuit against ExxonMobil and other oil giants signals a new era for climate accountability.

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The state of Californius launched a gard changing climate lawsuit against oil majors, bringing the weight of one of the world's largest economies and the populous state in the nation to bear against some of the biggest fossil fuel companies and the companies and the populous state in the nation to bear against the biggest fossil fuel companies arth.

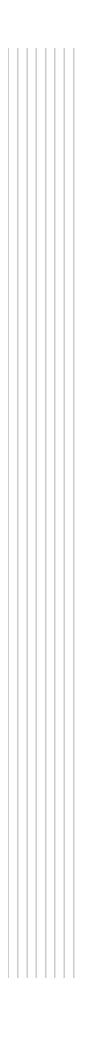
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role in climate char The Golden State' action could very be open the floodgate other states that much have been waiting make their own make t

Both Bonta and Governor Gavin Newsom indicated much while speak? Climate Week NY Sunday. Bonta said hopes California's "will be an inspirate to other states and entities to get involuding and join us, to sue be part of the effort hold the industry accountable."

"I just met with an governor a momen ago," Newsom said shortly before post photo with <u>Govern</u>



Wes Moore of

Maryland, where t

municipalities are already suing Big "We want to see the spread, we want me and more jurisdict

the United Nations
more countries to

in this direction."

The lawsuit, filed Friday in Californistate court, argues ExxonMobil, BP,

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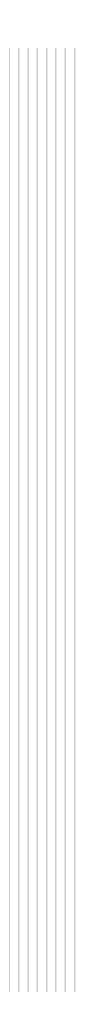
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"Californians and families, communi and small business should not have to all the costs of clir change alone," rea complaint, citing t billions of dollars residents have and spend to recover fi such disasters. "Th lawsuit seeks to ho those companies accountable for the they have told and damage they have caused."

In a first for state climate lawsuits, California's case I to create an abatent fund that fossil fue defendants would into to help resider foot the bill for adaptation and rec That remedy is base a strong California which was success used to create a \$3 million abatement for lead paint.



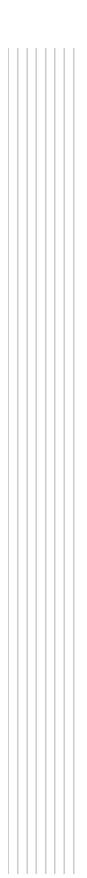
Here are some oth things to know abo California's case:

Bonta's lawsuit b on cases filed by o California municipalities.

In 2017 and 2018, California municipalities — S Francisco, Oaklan Santa Cruz, Richm Imperial Beach, ar counties of San M San Marin, and Sa Cruz — filed some the earliest climate liability lawsuits a the fossil fuel indu According to the attorney general's complaint, the stat lawsuit won't supe any of those pendi local actions, which expected to reach

The latest of those was <u>filed in Richm</u> the site of a major Chevron oil refine known for its chropollution, explosion and fires. The city.

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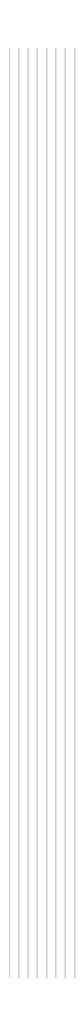


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But many resident Chevron, which fu the city's newspap (which it uses as a platform) and is its largest employer, continues to misle public about its operations and pus false climate solut that will worsen environmental just harms and continu oil and gas busines the community. Si the company built much-touted hydro plant at its "modernized" Richmond refinery 2018, emissions fl

incidents have

skyrocketed.



Screenshot from a on Chevron's web last year.

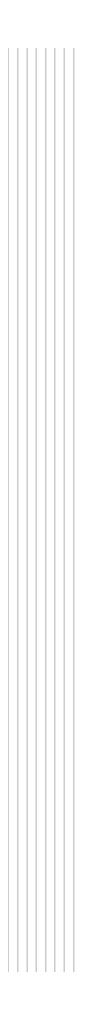
"There's a daily effect to create this misinformation campaign while we fighting to survive said Katt Ramos, Managing Director the Richmond Our Power coalition."

[Chevron is] actual doing is prolonging their life while cause us harm with unpresented to the company of the com

Chevron and the o oil companies' ong misinformation an greenwashing play major role in California's claims

California's comp puts a spotlight of companies' mode deception.

California's completed documents Big Oil modern greenwash and deception about

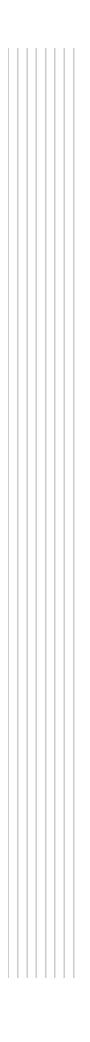


environmental ben of its operations.

"Through recent advertising campa and public stateme California and/or intended to reach California, includi not limited to onlin advertisements and social media posts Defendants falsely misleadingly portr these products as 'green,' and the Fo Fuel Defendants p themselves as clim friendly energy companies that are deeply engaged in finding solutions t climate change," r

Among many clair familiar to other clace accountability suit including public nuisance, false advertising, fraud, negligence, the case also brings a new of action under California law: misleading

the complaint.



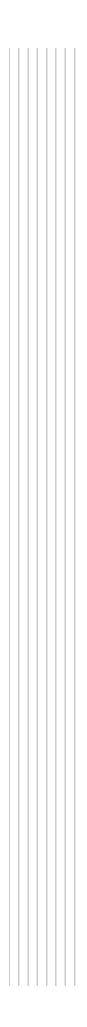
environmental marketing. Califor argues the companare violating the st law meant to prote consumers against greenwashing.

According to the complaint, the companies decepti promoted natural g a climate solution; deceptively marke fossil fuel product "low carbon," "emissions-reducing "clean" and/or "gr just as tobacco companies promot "low-tar" or "light cigarettes as health alternatives to givi smoking; marketed businesses as contributing to "cl solutions" despite negligible investm in clean energy as opposed to their increasing product oil and gas; and cl

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Just last week, the Street Journal repo never-before-seen documentation of Exxon's deception under the reign of former CEO Rex Tillerson, who ple the company's sup for climate actions the Paris Agreeme while working to o doubt on climate science behind the scenes. Exxon is tl lead defendant in California's case.

California's case latest sign of the evolving politics of taking on Big Oil

Both Bonta, who for the suit and has satis "seriously considering" a rungovernor, and New who is expected to preparing for a fut presidential run, and clearly embracing issue.



"The scale and sco what the state of California can do think can move the needle," Newsom David Gelles of th New York Times a opening ceremony Climate Week NY "We cannot address [climate change] u we get serious abo addressing the issu And the issue is fo fuels, the issue is t deceit from these companies."

It's the latest sign politicians see taking Dil as an increasingly popul move, as we saw dilast year's midtern elections.

A sign at Sunday's March to End Fos. Fuels in New York

It's a tipping point the legal fight for climate accountal



California is the firstate to file since to Supreme Court cleathe way for climate accountability suite against Big Oil to proceed toward tristate courts. On Subonta told reported the Supreme Courtuling "allows us to where we want to the merits, to hot them accountable their deceit."

The industry's atterto delay and derail cases have persisted failed, and now California's in the game, with all sign pointing to more lawsuits against B to come.

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From: Jessica Gordon

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 11:22 AM **To:** Kassie Siegel; Heather Lewis; Iyla Shornstein

Cc: Alyssa Johl

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Attachments: Public Briefing: California's Climate Accountability Lawsuit

Thanks, Kassie! We don't want to get into legal analysis, so let's add these. Thanks!

- The section of the complaint that talks about how the deception campaigns continue today, and about greenwashing, is so powerful. Can you talk a little bit more about greenwashing what is it and some of the examples in the complaint (pp. 82-87)?
- What can people/organizations do to support this lawsuit?

For logistics, confirming that the attached is the panelist invite? And my boss says that she registered about 10-15 minutes ago and hasn't received a link yet – is it coming or is there an issue? Thanks!

From: Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:29 AM

To: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>; Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>; Iyla Shornstein

<iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Cc: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Here are some other possibilities. Please feel free to share any thoughts now or when we hop on 10 min beforehand. Tremendous thanks again for taking the time to do this. Interest in and appreciation for this case is extremely high! - Kassie

- What can people/organizations do to support this lawsuit?
- How can people best follow this case or get updates about it?
- The section of the complaint that talks about how the deception campaigns continue today, and about greenwashing, is so powerful. Can you talk a little bit more about greenwashing what is it and some of the examples in the complaint (pp. 82-87)?
- Regarding the public nuisance claim, people often refer to a 2017 California appellate decision, People
 v. Con Agra, finding paint companies liable for their lead paint advertising. Could you tell us a little bit
 about that case and its implications for this case?
- Sometimes you hear that companies are defending themselves from other accountability cases on the basis of free speech protections. Can you talk a little bit more about California's regulation of commercial speech and the basic difference between my right to say what I want vs. a corporations' obligations when marketing their products to Californians?
- I thought it was really interesting that there is a special provision in California law that prohibits misleading environmental marketing can you tell us anything more about that provision, like maybe when it was enacted, and have there been other enforcement actions?
- The strict and negligent products liability claims are really interesting can you tell us more about that
 area of law in California, maybe some examples of how they have been previously used to protect the
 public?

Kassie Siegel, Director Climate Law Institute

Center for Biological Diversity

Phone: (951) 961-7972

From: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov > Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:19 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>> **Cc:** Kassie Siegel < <u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>>; Alyssa Johl < <u>alyssa@climateintegrity.org</u>>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Yes, that approach works for me, thanks Iyla. Also confirming that I received the panelist invite.

Thanks, Heather

From: Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:17 AM
To: lyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>

Cc: Kassie Siegel ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org; Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org; Heather Lewis

<Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks! I am fine with that, if it works for Heather and everyone else.

From: Iyla Shornstein <<u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:15 AM
To: Jessica Gordon <<u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>

Cc: Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>; Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>; Heather Lewis

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Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Great! I'll let Kassie send along a few additional questions.

One other suggestion -- Kassie and myself can drop questions into the "hosts/panelists" chat. Heather and Jessica can react with a 'thumbs up' emoji to the questions that would be good to answer in this setting. Then, I can send them privately to Alyssa. That way, Heather and Jessica only need to look at one chat and Alyssa only needs to look at one chat. The only people running between chats are Kassie and myself? Hopefully that didn't overcomplicate it! I am also fine with google or teams!

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 12:54 PM Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov wrote: Thanks! Here are a couple of questions we'd like to address. Do you have others already in mind? And I'm still looking for a doc we can all easily edit together, but alternatives are for us to look at google docs on personal devices simultaneously or to use a Teams chat. Q: Why did California file its climate accountability suit now? Q: Big cases like this one tend to move slowly. What do you see happening before the case is resolved? From: Iyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 9:27 AM To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov> Cc: Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>; Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>; Heather Lewis <Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov> Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon EXTERNAL EMAIL: This message was sent from outside DOJ. Please do not click links or open attachments that appear suspicious. Hi there, Most recent list of elected officials/offices registered to attend:

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City of Los Angeles - Yaroslavsky

ASM Schiavo

Assembly District 55, Majority Leader Isaac Bryan

Los Angeles County, Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
ASM Muratsuchi
ASM Holden
LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis
Los Angeles City - Raman
Asm. Bauer-Kahan
California Senate, Office of Senator Durazo
Office of the Governor
CA Senator Lena Gonzalez
California State Senate - Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Office of Rep. Katie Porter
State Senate - Lena Gonzalez
CA Senate - Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policy
Office of Senator Henry Stern
Office of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo
Office of Assemblymember Steve Bennett
Asm. Boerner
US House of Representatives - Katie Porter
California State Senate - Steve Padilla

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > wrote:

Hi folks,

I can send you an updated list in a bit as we've had a jump in registrations. I also want to confirm that you each received the panelist invite?

Thanks!

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On Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 9:43 AM Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > wrote:

Hi Jessica,

No problem! The offices listed below are represented in the registrations either by the officeholder themselves or their staff:

LA County- Janice Hahn
City of Concord
Sen. Menjivar
City of Los Angeles - Yaroslavsky
ASM Schiavo
Assembly District 55, Majority Leader Isaac Bryan
Los Angeles County, Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
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LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis
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California Senate, Office of Senator Durazo
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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 7:42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks again. Can you please tell me what elected officials are registered? Appreciate it.

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 2:10 PM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org; Heather Lewis

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Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi Jessica,

Thanks so much! We will reach out to those groups. Here is the public zoom registration link: https://climateintegrity-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN eNlpQsDiRYigqjkaF8-oow#/registration

Have a great day!

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 4:52 PM Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov wrote:

Thanks again for the great conversation earlier. Can you please add these groups? And can you please share the public zoom link? Appreciate it.

Jessica

- Democracy Forward Foundation
- APEN
- Audubon
- Nature Conservancy
- Coalition for Clean Air
- Clean Air Task Force
- Sierra Club CA
- CEJA
- Communities for a Better Environment
- State Energy & Environmental Impact Center at NYU Law
- Harvard Environmental & Energy Law Program

Thanks!

From: Jessica Gordon

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:24 PM

To: 'Iyla Shornstein' <<u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>; Kassie Siegel <<u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>> **Cc:** Heather Lewis <<u>Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Alyssa Johl <<u>alyssa@climateintegrity.org</u>>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks for rescheduling! I'm hoping we can discuss your anticipated format and which groups you have invited. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 11:09 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Kassie Siegel < <u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>> **Cc:** Heather Lewis < <u>Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Alyssa Johl < <u>alyssa@climateintegrity.org</u>>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi again,

Looks like we can start early. I will change the invite to a start time of 12:30 PT. Let me know if anything changes and I look forward to speaking then!

Best,

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:38 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Apologies for the slow reply but the invitation looks great.

Unfortunately I now have a conflict at 1:20 PT today, so either need to start our prep call earlier or reschedule. I am available all day until that time and from 2-2:30 PT. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:57 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov >; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org >

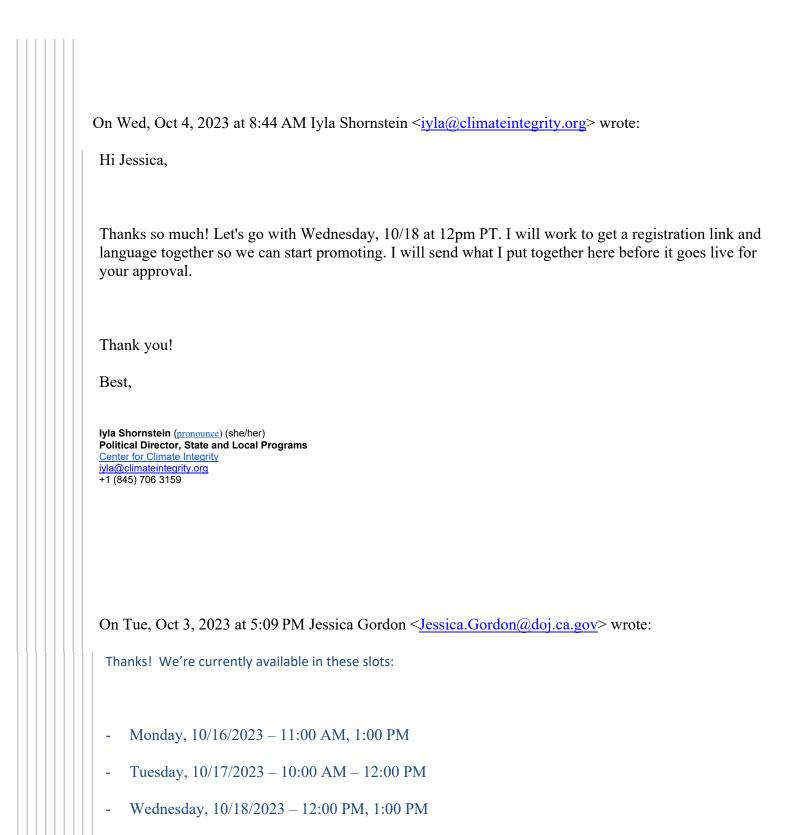
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Absolutely! We are grateful to you for joining! We are going to invite mainly nonprofits (CA-based and some national) and CA elected officials. We've been educating elected officials in CA about climate accountability for some time so we want to make sure folks know about and understand the recent filing. We would be delighted if you suggested groups to add. The more the merrier! No specific parameters -- we wanted this to be largely educational.

Thanks Jessica	ı
PS - I am just	confirming the monday times for a prep call but will be back to you ASAP!
lyla Shornstein (<u>pro</u> Political Director, S Center for Climate In	tate and Local Programs
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Thanks again f	4, 2023 at 8:53 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote: or organizing! Can you please tell us who you're inviting? I've gotten requests to speak wit Os, so it would be great to know who we'll already be briefing at this event. And if it would
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Jessica and I are available for a prep call during the 10/16 and 10/17 windows in Jessica's earlier email – those times would be preferable if possible as I'll be out much of the previous week.
Thanks,
Heather Lewis
Deputy Attorney General
Environment Section
California Department of Justice
1515 Clay St, 20th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 879-1008
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 6:38 AM To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov > Cc: Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org >; Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov > Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon
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Sorry for the double message! Realizing we should also get a prep call on the calendar. Kassie Siegel from Center for Biological Diversity and Michel Legendre from Corporate Accountability are helping us to organize this as well. Shall we aim to prep the week prior? Whatever works best for you!
Best,



	From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 6:43 AM To: Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Cc: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>; Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov> Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon
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	Hi folks!
	Sorry for the late reply! Yes, we were thinking an hour.
	Thanks so much!
	Best,
	Iyla Shornstein (pronounce) (she/her) Political Director, State and Local Programs Center for Climate Integrity iyla@climateintegrity.org +1 (845) 706 3159
	On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 5:50 PM Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org wrote:
	I would imagine it will be an hour.
	Iyla, is that what you're thinking?
	On Sep 29, 2023, at 3:49 PM, Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:

	Sounds good and nice to meet you, Ilya. How long an event were you thinking? Thanks.
	From: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 12:48 PM To: Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov> Cc: Heather Lewis Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov> ; Iyla Shornstein iyla@climateintegrity.org> Subject: community briefing re California v Exxon
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	Hi Jessica (and Heather),
	Thanks so much for getting back to me, and no worries! We're happy to hear that you and Heather are able to participate.
	Could we schedule the briefing for the week of 10/16, sometime between 9 am-2 pm PT? We are flexible, so please let us know what works best for you. I'm cc'ing my colleague Iyla Shornstein, who is helping to organize behind the scenes.
	Many thanks,
	Alyssa
	On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 2:42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
	Alyssa, with further apologies for the slow reply, I'm adding Heather Lewis, a member of the legal team who will join me on the briefing. Please send a few potential dates/times that work for you. We're looking forward to it!
	Thanks,
	Jessica

	From: Jessica Gordon Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:51 AM To: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org Subject: RE: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil
	So sorry for the slow reply – it's been hectic, as you can probably imagine! We are discussing internally and hope to get back to you in the next day or so. Thank you for your interest and patience!
	From: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:26 AM To: Jessica Gordon <jessica.gordon@doj.ca.gov> Subject: Re: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil</jessica.gordon@doj.ca.gov></alyssa@climateintegrity.org>
EXTERNAL EMAIL: This message was sent from outside DCJ.	Hi Jessica,
Please do not click links or open attachments that appear suspicious.	I wanted to circle back on this, as we'd love to get this scheduled. Have you been able to consult with AG Bonta or others in your office re interest/availability for a briefing next week?
	Many thanks,
	Alyssa
	On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:27 PM, Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
	Thanks, Alyssa! Will get back to you ASAP.
	On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:20 PM, Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> wrote:</alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

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Hi both,

I thought you would be interested in this piece my colleague Emily Sanders just published.

Also, I sent this message earlier (to Jessica), but know that you and others are caught up in the mayhem of Climate Week. Please let me know if this would be of interest, we'd love to get it scheduled and start promoting this week.

I spoke with Kassie from CBD, and we are interested in organizing a virtual briefing, ideally early next week (Monday or Tuesday) for elected officials, non-profits, and other members of the climate, environment, and justice communities. We'd love to have AG Bonta (or you or Ed or someone else from your office) join to share his perspective, and discuss why the state brought the suit, the specific claims, and how others can support as the case moves forward. Would the AG or someone else be interested and available?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

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<exxonknews@substack.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 18, 2023 at 1:49 PM

Subject: California opens the floodgates on Big

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To: <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

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Attorney General Rob Bonta's lawsuit against ExxonMobil and other oil giants signals a new era for climate accountability.

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The state of Califor just launched a game changing climate lawsuit against oil majors, bringing the weight of one of the world's largest economies and the populous state in the nation to bear again some of the biggest fossil fuel companie earth.

California's size an political influence and its position as t first major oil produ state to take the ind to court — give the lawsuit distinction a likely the most pow action to date to ho Big Oil companies accountable for lyir about their products role in climate char The Golden State's action could very li open the floodgates other states that mig have been waiting t make their own mo while Attorney Ger

Rob Bonta is the ni attorney general to



Big Oil, 16 attorney general signed on to latest legal brief in support of a climate accountability case.

Both Bonta and Governor Gavin
Newsom indicated much while speakin Climate Week NYO Sunday. Bonta said hopes California's raid to other states and centities to get involved and join us, to sue a be part of the effort hold the industry accountable."

"I just met with and governor a moment ago," Newsom said shortly before postiphoto with Governor Wes Moore of Maryland, where the municipalities are already suing Big C "We want to see this spread, we want more and more jurisdiction the United Nations more countries to min this direction."



The lawsuit, filed la Friday in California state court, argues t ExxonMobil, BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Sh and the American Petroleum Institute "aggressive[ly] promot[ed] the use fossil fuel products while "misrepresen and concealing the hazards of those products to deceive consumers and the public." As a result climate action was delayed for decades case argues, and Californians now fa regular onslaught o disasters — from de wildfires and droug to dangerous heat waves, hurricanes, floods.

"Californians and the families, community and small businesses should not have to be all the costs of climp change alone," read complaint, citing the billions of dollars



residents have and versidents have and versidents have and versident spend to recover from such disasters. "This lawsuit seeks to hold those companies accountable for the they have told and they have told and they have caused."

In a first for state climate lawsuits, California's case lost to create an abatem fund that fossil fuel defendants would printo to help resident foot the bill for adaptation and recording that remedy is based a strong California which was successfused to create a \$30 million abatement for lead paint.

Here are some othe things to know about California's case:

Bonta's lawsuit but on cases filed by ei California municipalities.

In 2017 and 2018, e California



municipalities — S Francisco, Oakland Santa Cruz, Richmo Imperial Beach, and counties of San Ma San Marin, and San Cruz — filed some the earliest climate liability lawsuits ag the fossil fuel indus According to the attorney general's complaint, the state lawsuit won't super any of those pendin local actions, which expected to reach tr first.

The latest of those of was filed in Richmon the site of a major. Chevron oil refiners known for its chron pollution, explosion and fires. The city, mostly made up of people of color, is a home to soaring rat cancer, cardiovascu disease, and childhon asthma.

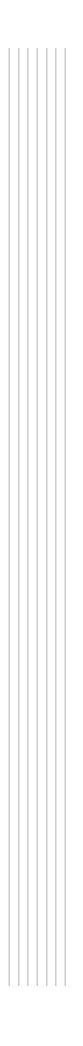
But many residents Chevron, which <u>fur</u> the city's newspape



(which it uses as a l platform) and is its largest employer, continues to mislea public about its operations and push false climate solution that will worsen environmental justi harms and continue oil and gas business the community. Sin the company built a much-touted hydro plant at its "modernized" Richmond refinery 2018, emissions fla incidents have skyrocketed.

Screenshot from a pon Chevron's webs last year.

"There's a daily eff to create this misinformation campaign while we fighting to survive,' said Katt Ramos, Managing Director the Richmond Our Power coalition. "W



[Chevron is] actual doing is prolonging their life while caus us harm with unprotechnology."

Chevron and the oth oil companies' ongo misinformation and greenwashing plays major role in California's claims.

California's comp puts a spotlight on companies' moder deception.

California's complated documents Big Oil's modern greenwashin and deception about environmental benefits operations.

"Through recent advertising campaig and public statement California and/or intended to reach California, including not limited to onling advertisements and social media posts, Defendants falsely misleadingly portratthese products as



'green,' and the Fost Fuel Defendants po themselves as climated friendly energy companies that are deeply engaged in finding solutions to climate change," rethe complaint.

Among many claim familiar to other cli accountability suits including public nuisance, false advertising, fraud, a negligence, the case also brings a new ca of action under California law: misleading environmental marketing. Californ argues the compani are violating the sta law meant to protect consumers against

According to the complaint, the companies deceptive promoted natural gas a climate solution; deceptively markets fossil fuel products

greenwashing.



"low carbon," "emissions-reducin "clean" and/or "gre just as tobacco companies promote "low-tar" or "light" cigarettes as healthy alternatives to givin smoking; marketed businesses as contributing to "clin solutions" despite t negligible investme in clean energy as opposed to their increasing producti oil and gas; and cla to be in alignment v international climat goals, all while protecting and grov their business in fos fuels.

Just last week, the V Street Journal repornever-before-seen documentation of Exxon's deception under the reign of former CEO Rex Tillerson, who pled the company's supp for climate actions to the Paris Agreement while working to ca



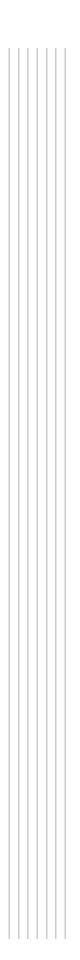
doubt on climate science behind the scenes. Exxon is the lead defendant in California's case.

California's case is latest sign of the evolving politics of taking on Big Oil.

Both Bonta, who fit the suit and has said is "seriously considering" a run governor, and New who is expected to preparing for a future presidential run, are clearly embracing the issue.

what the state of
California can do w
think can move the
needle," Newsom to
David Gelles of the
New York Times at
opening ceremony
Climate Week NYC
"We cannot address
[climate change] un
we get serious about
addressing the issue

And the issue is for fuels, the issue is th



deceit from these companies."

It's the latest sign the politicians see taking Big Oil as an increasingly population, as we saw dulast year's midterm elections.

A sign at Sunday's March to End Foss Fuels in New York

It's a tipping point the legal fight for climate accountab

California is the first state to file since the Supreme Court clear the way for climate accountability suits against Big Oil to proceed toward trial state courts. On Sur Bonta told reporters the Supreme Court' ruling "allows us to to where we want to the merits, to hold

them accountable for their deceit."

The industry's atterto delay and derail to delay and derail to cases have persister failed, and now California's in the game, with all signs pointing to more lawsuits against Big to come.

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From:Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>Sent:Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:29 AMTo:Heather Lewis; Jessica Gordon; Iyla Shornstein

Cc: Alyssa Johl

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Here are some other possibilities. Please feel free to share any thoughts now or when we hop on 10 min beforehand. Tremendous thanks again for taking the time to do this. Interest in and appreciation for this case is extremely high! - Kassie

- What can people/organizations do to support this lawsuit?
- How can people best follow this case or get updates about it?
- The section of the complaint that talks about how the deception campaigns continue today, and about greenwashing, is so powerful. Can you talk a little bit more about greenwashing what is it and some of the examples in the complaint (pp. 82-87)?
- Regarding the public nuisance claim, people often refer to a 2017 California appellate decision, People
 v. Con Agra, finding paint companies liable for their lead paint advertising. Could you tell us a little bit
 about that case and its implications for this case?
- Sometimes you hear that companies are defending themselves from other accountability cases on the
 basis of free speech protections. Can you talk a little bit more about California's regulation of
 commercial speech and the basic difference between my right to say what I want vs. a corporations'
 obligations when marketing their products to Californians?
- I thought it was really interesting that there is a special provision in California law that prohibits misleading environmental marketing can you tell us anything more about that provision, like maybe when it was enacted, and have there been other enforcement actions?
- The strict and negligent products liability claims are really interesting can you tell us more about that
 area of law in California, maybe some examples of how they have been previously used to protect the
 public?

Kassie Siegel, Director Climate Law Institute

Center for Biological Diversity

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From: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov> Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:19 AM

To: Jessica Gordon <Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>; Iyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org> **Cc:** Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>; Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Yes, that approach works for me, thanks Iyla. Also confirming that I received the panelist invite.

Thanks, Heather From: Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:17 AM
To: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Cc: Kassie Siegel ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org; Alyssa Johl ksiegel@biologicald

< Heather. Lewis@doj.ca.gov >

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks! I am fine with that, if it works for Heather and everyone else.

From: Iyla Shornstein <<u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:15 AM
To: Jessica Gordon <<u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>

Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org; Heather Lewis

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Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Great! I'll let Kassie send along a few additional questions.

One other suggestion -- Kassie and myself can drop questions into the "hosts/panelists" chat. Heather and Jessica can react with a 'thumbs up' emoji to the questions that would be good to answer in this setting. Then, I can send them privately to Alyssa. That way, Heather and Jessica only need to look at one chat and Alyssa only needs to look at one chat. The only people running between chats are Kassie and myself? Hopefully that didn't overcomplicate it! I am also fine with google or teams!

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 12:54 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks! Here are a couple of questions we'd like to address. Do you have others already in mind? And I'm still looking for a doc we can all easily edit together, but alternatives are for us to look at google docs on personal devices simultaneously or to use a Teams chat.

Q: Why did California file its climate accountability suit now?

Q: Big cases like this one tend to move slowly. What do you see happening before the case is resolved?

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 9:27 AM
To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org; Heather Lewis

<Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi there,

Most recent list of elected officials/offices registered to attend:

LA County- Janice Hahn
City of Concord
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City of Los Angeles - Yaroslavsky
ASM Schiavo
Assembly District 55, Majority Leader Isaac Bryan
Los Angeles County, Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
ASM Muratsuchi
ASM Holden
LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis
Los Angeles City - Raman
Asm. Bauer-Kahan
California Senate, Office of Senator Durazo
Office of the Governor
CA Senator Lena Gonzalez
California State Senate - Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Office of Rep. Katie Porter
State Senate - Lena Gonzalez
CA Senate - Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policy
Office of Senator Henry Stern
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California State Senate - Steve Padilla	

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>> wrote:

Hi folks,

I can send you an updated list in a bit as we've had a jump in registrations. I also want to confirm that you each received the panelist invite?

Thanks!

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On Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 9:43 AM Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>> wrote:

Hi Jessica,

No problem! The offices listed below are represented in the registrations either by the officeholder themselves or their staff:

LA County- Janice Hahn
City of Concord
Sen. Menjivar
City of Los Angeles - Yaroslavsky
ASM Schiavo
Assembly District 55, Majority Leader Isaac Bryan
Los Angeles County, Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
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ASM Holden
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Los Angeles City - Raman
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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 7:42 PM Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov wrote:

Thanks again. Can you please tell me what elected officials are registered? Appreciate it.

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org >

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 2:10 PM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org; Heather Lewis

<Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi Jessi	
	so much! We will reach out to those groups. Here is the public zoom registration ps://climateintegrity-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eNlpQsDiRYigqjkaF8-oow#/registration
Have a	great day!
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On Mor	a, Oct 16, 2023 at 4:52 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
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Harvard Environmental & Energy Law Program Thanks! From: Jessica Gordon Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:24 PM To: 'lyla Shornstein' <iyla@climateintegrity.org>; Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org> Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon Thanks for rescheduling! I'm hoping we can discuss your anticipated format and which groups you have invited. Thanks! From: Iyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 11:09 AM To: Jessica Gordon Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov; Kassie Siegel ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon EXTERNAL EMAIL: This message was sent from outside DOJ. Please do not click links or open attachments that appear suspicious. Hi again, Looks like we can start early. I will change the invite to a start time of 12:30 PT. Let me know if anything changes and I look forward to speaking then! Best,

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:38 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Apologies for the slow reply but the invitation looks great.

Unfortunately I now have a conflict at 1:20 PT today, so either need to start our prep call earlier or reschedule. I am available all day until that time and from 2-2:30 PT. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:57 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov >; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org >

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Absolutely! We are grateful to you for joining! We are going to invite mainly nonprofits (CA-based and some national) and CA elected officials. We've been educating elected officials in CA about climate accountability for some time so we want to make sure folks know about and understand the recent filing. We would be delighted if you suggested groups to add. The more the merrier! No specific parameters -- we wanted this to be largely educational.

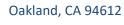
I am attaching the event description to this email. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with this and then we can move forward promoting it?

Thanks Jessica

PS - I am just confirming the monday times for a prep call but will be back to you ASAP!

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On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:53 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
Thanks again for organizing! Can you please tell us who you're inviting? I've gotten requests to speak with a number of NGOs, so it would be great to know who we'll already be briefing at this event. And if it would be appropriate for us to suggest groups to add, please let us know if you have parameters for invited groups (e.g., only orgs with legal teams).
Thanks,
Jessica
From: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov > Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:53 AM To: lyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org >; Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov > Cc: Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org > Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon
Hi Iyla,
Jessica and I are available for a prep call during the 10/16 and 10/17 windows in Jessica's earlier email – those times would be preferable if possible as I'll be out much of the previous week.
Thanks,
Heather Lewis
Deputy Attorney General
Environment Section
California Department of Justice
1515 Clay St, 20th Floor



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From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 6:38 AM
To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov >

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Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Sorry for the double message! Realizing we should also get a prep call on the calendar. Kassie Siegel from Center for Biological Diversity and Michel Legendre from Corporate Accountability are helping us to organize this as well. Shall we aim to prep the week prior? Whatever works best for you!

Best,

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On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:44 AM Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > wrote:

Hi Jessica,

Thanks so much! Let's go with Wednesday, 10/18 at 12pm PT. I will work to get a registration link and language together so we can start promoting. I will send what I put together here before it goes live for your approval.

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Pol Cer iyla	Shornstein (pronounce) (she/her) itical Director, State and Local Programs iter for Climate Integrity @climateintegrity.org (845) 706 3159
	Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 5:09 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote: nanks! We're currently available in these slots:
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-	Tuesday, 10/17/2023 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
-	Wednesday, 10/18/2023 – 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM
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	Sep 29, 2023 at 5:50 PM Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org wrote: d imagine it will be an hour.
Iyla, is	that what you're thinking?
	On Sep 29, 2023, at 3:49 PM, Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote
	Sounds good and nice to meet you, Ilya. How long an event were you thinking? Thanks.
	From: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 12:48 PM To: Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov Cc: Heather Lewis Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov ; Iyla Shornstein iyla@climateintegrity.org Subject: community briefing re California v Exxon
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Thanks so much for getting back to me, and no worries! We're happy to hear that you and Heather are able to participate. Could we schedule the briefing for the week of 10/16, sometime between 9 am-2 pm PT? We are flexible, so please let us know what works best for you. I'm cc'ing my colleague Iyla Shornstein, who is helping to organize behind the scenes. Many thanks, Alyssa On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 2:42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote: Alyssa, with further apologies for the slow reply, I'm adding Heather Lewis, a member of the legal team who will join me on the briefing. Please send a few potential dates/times that work for you. We're looking forward to it! Thanks, Jessica From: Jessica Gordon Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:51 AM To: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Subject: RE: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil So sorry for the slow reply – it's been hectic, as you can probably imagine! We are discussing internally and hope to get back to you in the next day or so. Thank you for your interest and patience! From: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:26 AM To: Jessica Gordon <Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov> Subject: Re: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil

EXTERNAL EMAIL: This message Hi Jessica, was sent from outside DCJ. Please do I wanted to circle back on this, as we'd love to get this scheduled. Have you nct click been able to consult with AG Bonta or others in your office re links or interest/availability for a briefing next week? open attachments that appear suspicious. Many thanks, Alyssa On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:27 PM, Jessica Gordon <Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov> wrote: Thanks, Alyssa! Will get back to you ASAP. On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:20 PM, Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> wrote: **EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This message Hi both, was sent from outside DOJ. Please do I thought you would be interested in this piece not click my colleague Emily Sanders just published. links or open attachments that appear suspicious. Also, I sent this message earlier (to Jessica), but know that you and others are caught up in the

mayhem of Climate Week. Please let me know if this would be of interest, we'd love to get it scheduled and start promoting this week. I spoke with Kassie from CBD, and we are interested in organizing a virtual briefing, ideally early next week (Monday or Tuesday) for elected officials, non-profits, and other members of the climate, environment, and justice communities. We'd love to have AG Bonta (or you or Ed or someone else from your office) join to share his perspective, and discuss why the state brought the suit, the specific claims, and how others can support as the case moves forward. Would the AG or someone else be interested and available?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

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<<u>exxonknews@substack.com</u>>

Date: Mon, Sep 18, 2023 at 1:49 PM

Subject: California opens the floodgates on Big

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To: <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

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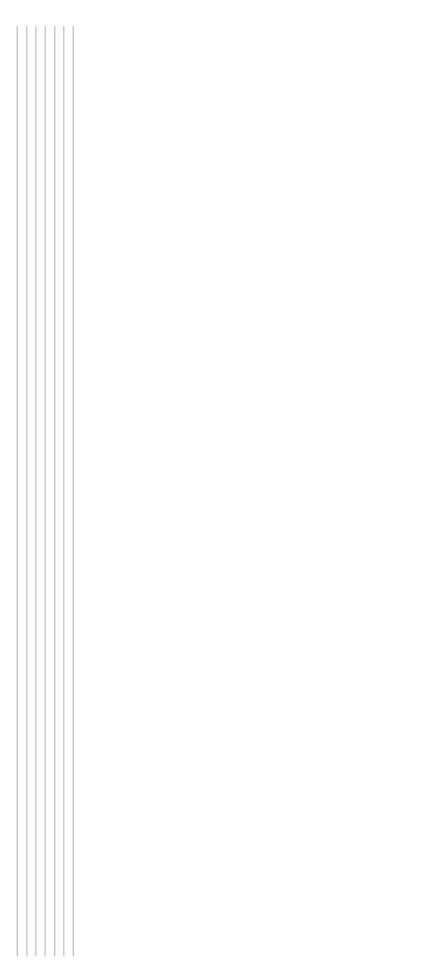
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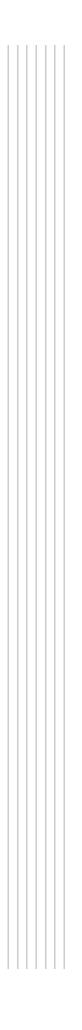
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The state of Califor just launched a game changing climate lawsuit against oil majors, bringing the weight of one of the world's largest economies and the populous state in the nation to bear again some of the biggest fossil fuel companie earth.



California's size an political influence and its position as t first major oil produ state to take the ind to court — give the lawsuit distinction a likely the most pow action to date to ho Big Oil companies accountable for lyir about their products role in climate char The Golden State's action could very li open the floodgates other states that mig have been waiting t make their own mo while Attorney Ger Rob Bonta is the ni attorney general to Big Oil, 16 attorney general signed on to latest legal brief in support of a climate accountability case.

Both Bonta and
Governor Gavin
Newsom indicated a
much while speakir
Climate Week NYC
Sunday. Bonta said
hopes California's r
"will be an inspiration



to other states and of entities to get involve and join us, to sue as be part of the effort hold the industry accountable."

"I just met with and governor a moment ago," Newsom said shortly before postiphoto with Governor Wes Moore of Maryland, where the municipalities are already suing Big C "We want to see this spread, we want more and more jurisdiction the United Nations more countries to min this direction."

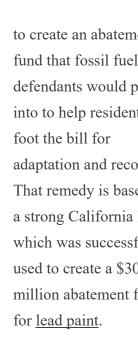
The lawsuit, filed la Friday in California state court, argues to ExxonMobil, BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Sh and the American Petroleum Institute "aggressive[ly] promot[ed] the use fossil fuel products while "misrepresent and concealing the



hazards of those products to deceive consumers and the public." As a result climate action was delayed for decades case argues, and Californians now faregular onslaught or disasters — from dewildfires and droug to dangerous heat waves, hurricanes, a floods.

"Californians and tl families, communit and small businesse should not have to all the costs of clim change alone," read complaint, citing th billions of dollars residents have and spend to recover fro such disasters. "Thi lawsuit seeks to hol those companies accountable for the they have told and t damage they have caused."

In a first for state climate lawsuits, California's case lo



Here are some othe things to know about California's case:

Bonta's lawsuit bu on cases filed by ei California municipalities.

In 2017 and 2018, et California municipalities — Sa Francisco, Oakland Santa Cruz, Richmo Imperial Beach, and counties of San Marin, and San Marin, and San Cruz — filed some the earliest climate liability lawsuits ag the fossil fuel indus According to the attorney general's complaint, the state



lawsuit won't super any of those pendin local actions, which expected to reach tr first.

The latest of those of was filed in Richmothe site of a major. Chevron oil refiner known for its chromological pollution, explosion and fires. The city, mostly made up of people of color, is a home to soaring rate cancer, cardiovascut disease, and childhothe asthma.

But many residents Chevron, which fur the city's newspape (which it uses as a l platform) and is its largest employer, continues to mislea public about its operations and push false climate solution that will worsen environmental justi harms and continue oil and gas business the community. Sin the company built a



much-touted hydrogoplant at its
"modernized"
Richmond refinery
2018, emissions flatincidents have
skyrocketed.

Screenshot from a pon Chevron's webs last year.

"There's a daily effet to create this misinformation campaign while we fighting to survive," said Katt Ramos, Managing Director the Richmond Our Power coalition. "V [Chevron is] actual doing is prolonging their life while cause us harm with unprotechnology."

Chevron and the oth oil companies' ongo misinformation and greenwashing plays major role in California's claims.



California's complete puts a spotlight on companies' moder deception.

California's complated documents Big Oil's modern greenwashin and deception about environmental benefits operations.

"Through recent advertising campaig and public statemer California and/or intended to reach California, includin not limited to onlin advertisements and social media posts, Defendants falsely misleadingly portra these products as 'green,' and the Fos Fuel Defendants po themselves as clima friendly energy companies that are deeply engaged in finding solutions to climate change," re the complaint.

Among many claim familiar to other cli accountability suits



including public
nuisance, false
advertising, fraud, a
negligence, the case
also brings a new co
of action under
California law:
misleading
environmental
marketing. Californ
argues the compania
are violating the stat
law meant to protect
consumers against
greenwashing.

According to the complaint, the companies deceptiv promoted natural ga a climate solution; deceptively market fossil fuel products "low carbon," "emissions-reducin "clean" and/or "gre just as tobacco companies promote "low-tar" or "light" cigarettes as healthy alternatives to givin smoking; marketed businesses as contributing to "clin solutions" despite t negligible investme



in clean energy as opposed to their increasing production oil and gas; and class to be in alignment with international climate goals, all while protecting and grow their business in for fuels.

Just last week, the ' Street Journal repor never-before-seen documentation of Exxon's deception under the reign of former CEO Rex Tillerson, who pled the company's supp for climate actions the Paris Agreemen while working to ca doubt on climate science behind the scenes. Exxon is the lead defendant in California's case.

California's case is latest sign of the evolving politics of taking on Big Oil.

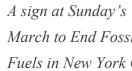
Both Bonta, who fit the suit and has said is "seriously



considering" a run a governor, and New who is expected to preparing for a future presidential run, are clearly embracing to issue.

"The scale and scop what the state of California can do w think can move the needle," Newsom to David Gelles of the New York Times at opening ceremony Climate Week NYO "We cannot address [climate change] ur we get serious abou addressing the issue And the issue is fos fuels, the issue is th deceit from these companies."

It's the latest sign the politicians see taking Big Oil as an increasingly population, as we saw during the last year's midterm elections.



It's a tipping point the legal fight for climate accountab

California is the first state to file since the Supreme Court clear the way for climate accountability suits against Big Oil to proceed toward trial state courts. On Sur Bonta told reporters the Supreme Court' ruling "allows us to to where we want to the merits, to hold them accountable for their deceit."

The industry's atterto delay and derail to delay and derail to cases have persistentialled, and now California's in the game, with all signs pointing to more lawsuits against Big to come.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:19 AM

To: Jessica Gordon; Iyla Shornstein **Cc:** Kassie Siegel; Alyssa Johl

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Yes, that approach works for me, thanks Iyla. Also confirming that I received the panelist invite.

Thanks, Heather

From: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov> **Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:17 AM **To:** Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Cc: Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>; Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>; Heather Lewis

<Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks! I am fine with that, if it works for Heather and everyone else.

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:15 AM
To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov >

Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org; Heather Lewis

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Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Great! I'll let Kassie send along a few additional questions.

One other suggestion -- Kassie and myself can drop questions into the "hosts/panelists" chat. Heather and Jessica can react with a 'thumbs up' emoji to the questions that would be good to answer in this setting. Then, I can send them privately to Alyssa. That way, Heather and Jessica only need to look at one chat and Alyssa only needs to look at one chat. The only people running between chats are Kassie and myself? Hopefully that didn't overcomplicate it! I am also fine with google or teams!

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 12:54 PM Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov wrote:

Thanks! Here are a couple of questions we'd like to address. Do you have others already in mind? And I'm still looking for a doc we can all easily edit together, but alternatives are for us to look at google docs on personal devices simultaneously or to use a Teams chat.
Q: Why did California file its climate accountability suit now?
Q: Big cases like this one tend to move slowly. What do you see happening before the case is resolved?
From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 9:27 AM To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov> Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org>; Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov> Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon
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Hi there,
Most recent list of elected officials/offices registered to attend:
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Sen. Menjivar
City of Los Angeles - Yaroslavsky
ASM Schiavo
Assembly District 55 Majority Leader Isaac Bryan

Los Angeles County, Supervisor Lindsey Horvath

ASM Muratsuchi

ASM Holden

LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis
Los Angeles City - Raman
Asm. Bauer-Kahan
California Senate, Office of Senator Durazo
Office of the Governor
CA Senator Lena Gonzalez
California State Senate - Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Office of Rep. Katie Porter
State Senate - Lena Gonzalez
CA Senate - Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policy
Office of Senator Henry Stern
Office of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo
Office of Assemblymember Steve Bennett
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US House of Representatives - Katie Porter
California State Senate - Steve Padilla

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > wrote:

Hi folks,

I can send you an updated list in a bit as we've had a jump in registrations. I also want to confirm that you each received the panelist invite?

Thanks!

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On Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 9:43 AM Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>> wrote:

Hi Jessica,

No problem! The offices listed below are represented in the registrations either by the officeholder themselves or their staff:

LA County- Janice Hahn		
City of Concord		
Sen. Menjivar		
City of Los Angeles - Yaroslavsky		
ASM Schiavo		
Assembly District 55, Majority Leader Isaac Bryan		
Los Angeles County, Supervisor Lindsey Horvath		
ASM Muratsuchi		
ASM Holden		
LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis		
Los Angeles City - Raman		
Asm. Bauer-Kahan		
California Senate, Office of Senator Durazo		
Office of the Governor		

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 7:42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 2:10 PM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org; Heather Lewis

<Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi Jessica,

Thanks so much! We will reach out to those groups. Here is the public zoom registration link: https://climateintegrity-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eNlpQsDiRYigqjkaF8-oow#/registration

Have a great day!

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 4:52 PM Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov wrote:

Thanks again for the great conversation earlier. Can you please add these groups? And can you please share the public zoom link? Appreciate it.

Jessica

- Democracy Forward Foundation
- APEN
- Audubon

- Nature Conservancy
- Coalition for Clean Air
- Clean Air Task Force
- Sierra Club CA
- CEJA
- Communities for a Better Environment
- State Energy & Environmental Impact Center at NYU Law
- Harvard Environmental & Energy Law Program

Thanks!

From: Jessica Gordon

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:24 PM

To: 'lyla Shornstein' <<u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>; Kassie Siegel <<u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>> **Cc:** Heather Lewis <<u>Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Alyssa Johl <<u>alyssa@climateintegrity.org</u>>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks for rescheduling! I'm hoping we can discuss your anticipated format and which groups you have invited. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 11:09 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Kassie Siegel < <u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>> **Cc:** Heather Lewis < <u>Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Alyssa Johl < <u>alyssa@climateintegrity.org</u>>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi again,

Looks like we can start early. I will change the invite to a start time of 12:30 PT. Let me know if anything changes and I look forward to speaking then!

Best,

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:38 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Apologies for the slow reply but the invitation looks great.

Unfortunately I now have a conflict at 1:20 PT today, so either need to start our prep call earlier or reschedule. I am available all day until that time and from 2-2:30 PT. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:57 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov >; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org >

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Absolutely! We are grateful to you for joining! We are going to invite mainly nonprofits (CA-based and some national) and CA elected officials. We've been educating elected officials in CA about climate accountability for some time so we want to make sure folks know about and understand the recent filing. We would be delighted if you suggested groups to add. The more the merrier! No specific parameters -- we wanted this to be largely educational.

I am attaching the event description to this email. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with this and then we can move forward promoting it?

Thanks Jessica
S - I am just confirming the monday times for a prep call but will be back to you ASAP!
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On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:53 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote: Thanks again for organizing! Can you please tell us who you're inviting? I've gotten requests to speak with number of NGOs, so it would be great to know who we'll already be briefing at this event. And if it would be appropriate for us to suggest groups to add, please let us know if you have parameters for invited groups (eachly orgs with legal teams).
Thanks,
Jessica
From: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov > Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:53 AM To: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org >; Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov > Cc: Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org > Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon
Hi Iyla,
Jessica and I are available for a prep call during the 10/16 and 10/17 windows in Jessica's earlier email – tho
times would be preferable if possible as I'll be out much of the previous week.

Heather Lewis

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From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>
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Sorry for the double message! Realizing we should also get a prep call on the calendar. Kassie Siegel from Center for Biological Diversity and Michel Legendre from Corporate Accountability are helping us to organize this as well. Shall we aim to prep the week prior? Whatever works best for you!

Best,

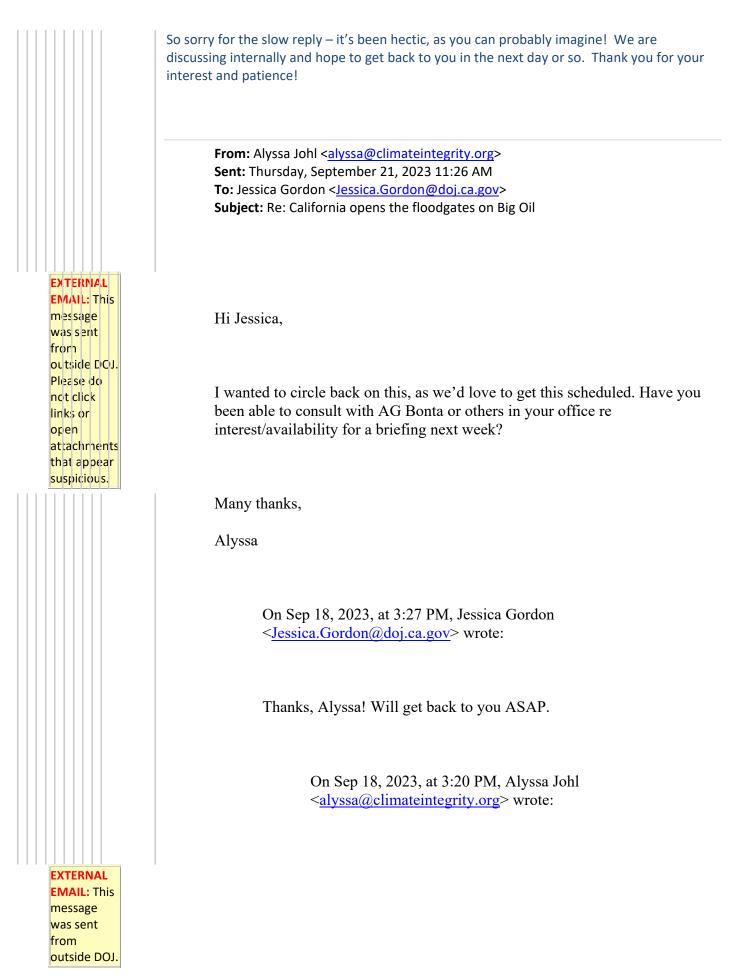
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lang	nks so much! Let's go with Wednesday, 10/18 at 12pm PT. I will work to get a registration guage together so we can start promoting. I will send what I put together here before it goes a rapproval.
Tha	nk you!
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On	Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 5:09 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
Tha	anks! We're currently available in these slots:
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-	Tuesday, 10/17/2023 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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	om: Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u> > nt: Monday, October 2, 2023 6:43 AM

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.	, Sep 29, 2023 at 5:50 PM Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org wrote: Id imagine it will be an hour.
Iyla, i	s that what you're thinking?
	On Sep 29, 2023, at 3:49 PM, Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
	Sounds good and nice to meet you, Ilya. How long an event were you thinking? Thanks.
	From: Alvssa Johl <alvssa@climateintegritv.org></alvssa@climateintegritv.org>

Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 12:48 PM

	To: Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > Cc: Heather Lewis < <u>Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov</u> >; Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u> > Subject: community briefing re California v Exxon
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	Hi Jessica (and Heather),
	Thanks so much for getting back to me, and no worries! We're happy to hear that you and Heather are able to participate.
	Could we schedule the briefing for the week of 10/16, sometime between 9 am-2 pm PT? We are flexible, so please let us know what works best for you. I'm cc'ing my colleague Iyla Shornstein, who is helping to organize behind the scenes.
	Many thanks,
	Alyssa
	On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 2:42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote: Alyssa, with further apologies for the slow reply, I'm adding Heather Lewis, a member of the legal team who will join me on the briefing. Please send a few potential dates/times that work for you. We're looking forward to it!
	Thanks, Jessica
	From: Jessica Gordon Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:51 AM To: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org Subject: RE: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil



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Hi both,

I thought you would be interested in this piece my colleague Emily Sanders just published.

Also, I sent this message earlier (to Jessica), but know that you and others are caught up in the mayhem of Climate Week. Please let me know if this would be of interest, we'd love to get it scheduled and start promoting this week.

I spoke with Kassie from CBD, and we are interested in organizing a virtual briefing, ideally early next week (Monday or Tuesday) for elected officials, non-profits, and other members of the climate, environment, and justice communities. We'd love to have AG Bonta (or you or Ed or someone else from your office) join to share his perspective, and discuss why the state brought the suit, the specific claims, and how others can support as the case moves forward. Would the AG or someone else be interested and available?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

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From: ExxonKnews

<exxonknews@substack.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 18, 2023 at 1:49 PM

Subject: California opens the floodgates on Big

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To: <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

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Attorney General Rob Bonta's lawsuit against ExxonMobil and other oil giants signals a new era for climate accountability.

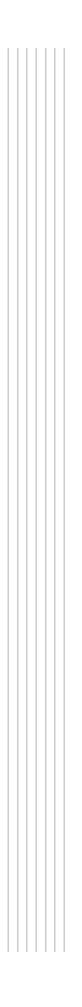
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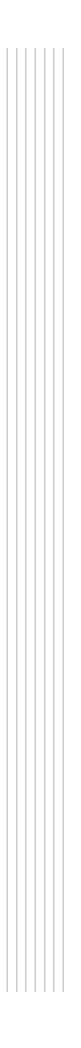
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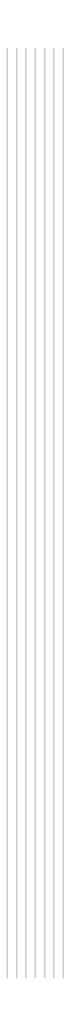


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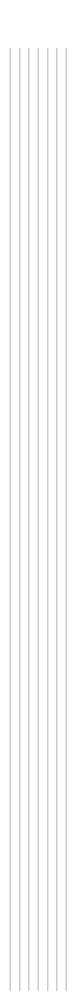
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lead defendant in California's case.

California's case is latest sign of the evolving politics of taking on Big Oil.

Both Bonta, who fit the suit and has said is "seriously considering" a run governor, and New who is expected to preparing for a future presidential run, are clearly embracing this issue.

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It's the latest sign the politicians see taking Big Oil as an increasingly population, as we saw dulast year's midterm elections.

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California is the first state to file since the Supreme Court clear the way for climate accountability suits against Big Oil to proceed toward trial state courts. On Sur Bonta told reporters the Supreme Court' ruling "allows us to to where we want to the merits, to hold them accountable for the state of the supreme court to the merits, to hold them accountable for the state of th

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From: Jessica Gordon

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:17 AM

To: Iyla Shornstein

Cc:Kassie Siegel; Alyssa Johl; Heather LewisSubject:RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks! I am fine with that, if it works for Heather and everyone else.

From: Iyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org> **Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:15 AM **To:** Jessica Gordon <Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>; Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>; Heather Lewis

<Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Great! I'll let Kassie send along a few additional questions.

One other suggestion -- Kassie and myself can drop questions into the "hosts/panelists" chat. Heather and Jessica can react with a 'thumbs up' emoji to the questions that would be good to answer in this setting. Then, I can send them privately to Alyssa. That way, Heather and Jessica only need to look at one chat and Alyssa only needs to look at one chat. The only people running between chats are Kassie and myself? Hopefully that didn't overcomplicate it! I am also fine with google or teams!

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 12:54 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks! Here are a couple of questions we'd like to address. Do you have others already in mind? And I'm still looking for a doc we can all easily edit together, but alternatives are for us to look at google docs on personal devices simultaneously or to use a Teams chat.

Q: Why did California file its climate accountability suit now?

Q: Big cases like this one tend to move slowly. What do you see happening before the case is resolved?

From: Iyla Shornstein <<u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 9:27 AM
To: Jessica Gordon <<u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>

Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org; Heather Lewis

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Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi there,

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ASM Schiavo
Assembly District 55, Majority Leader Isaac Bryan
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ASM Holden
LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis
Los Angeles City - Raman
Asm. Bauer-Kahan
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Office of the Governor
CA Senator Lena Gonzalez
California State Senate - Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Office of Rep. Katie Porter
State Senate - Lena Gonzalez
CA Senate - Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policy

Office of Senator Henry Stern					
Office of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo					
Office of Assemblymember Steve Bennett					
Asm. Boerner					
US House of Representatives - Katie Porter					
California State Senate - Steve Padilla					

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > wrote:

Hi folks,

I can send you an updated list in a bit as we've had a jump in registrations. I also want to confirm that you each received the panelist invite?

Thanks!

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On Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 9:43 AM Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > wrote:

Hi Jessica,

No problem! The offices listed below are represented in the registrations either by the officeholder themselves or their staff:

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 7:42 PM Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov > wrote:

Thanks again. Can you please tell me what elected officials are registered? Appreciate it.

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 2:10 PM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org>; Heather Lewis

<Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

Hi Jessica,

Thanks so much! We will reach out to those groups. Here is the public zoom registration link: https://climateintegrity-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN eNlpQsDiRYigqjkaF8-oow#/registration

Have a great day!

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 4:52 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks again for the great conversation earlier. Can you please add these groups? And can you please share the public zoom link? Appreciate it.

Jessica

- Democracy Forward Foundation
- APEN
- Audubon
- Nature Conservancy
- Coalition for Clean Air
- Clean Air Task Force
- Sierra Club CA
- CEJA
- Communities for a Better Environment

- State Energy & Environmental Impact Center at NYU Law
- Harvard Environmental & Energy Law Program

Thanks!

From: Jessica Gordon

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:24 PM

To: 'Iyla Shornstein' < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>; Kassie Siegel < <u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>> **Cc:** Heather Lewis < <u>Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Alyssa Johl < <u>alyssa@climateintegrity.org</u>>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks for rescheduling! I'm hoping we can discuss your anticipated format and which groups you have invited. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 11:09 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Kassie Siegel < <u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>> **Cc:** Heather Lewis < <u>Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Alyssa Johl < <u>alyssa@climateintegrity.org</u>>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi again,

Looks like we can start early. I will change the invite to a start time of 12:30 PT. Let me know if anything changes and I look forward to speaking then!

Best,

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:38 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Apologies for the slow reply but the invitation looks great.

Unfortunately I now have a conflict at 1:20 PT today, so either need to start our prep call earlier or reschedule. I am available all day until that time and from 2-2:30 PT. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:57 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Absolutely! We are grateful to you for joining! We are going to invite mainly nonprofits (CA-based and some national) and CA elected officials. We've been educating elected officials in CA about climate accountability for some time so we want to make sure folks know about and understand the recent filing. We would be delighted if you suggested groups to add. The more the merrier! No specific parameters -- we wanted this to be largely educational.

I am attaching the event description to this email. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with this and then we can move forward promoting it?

Thanks Jessica

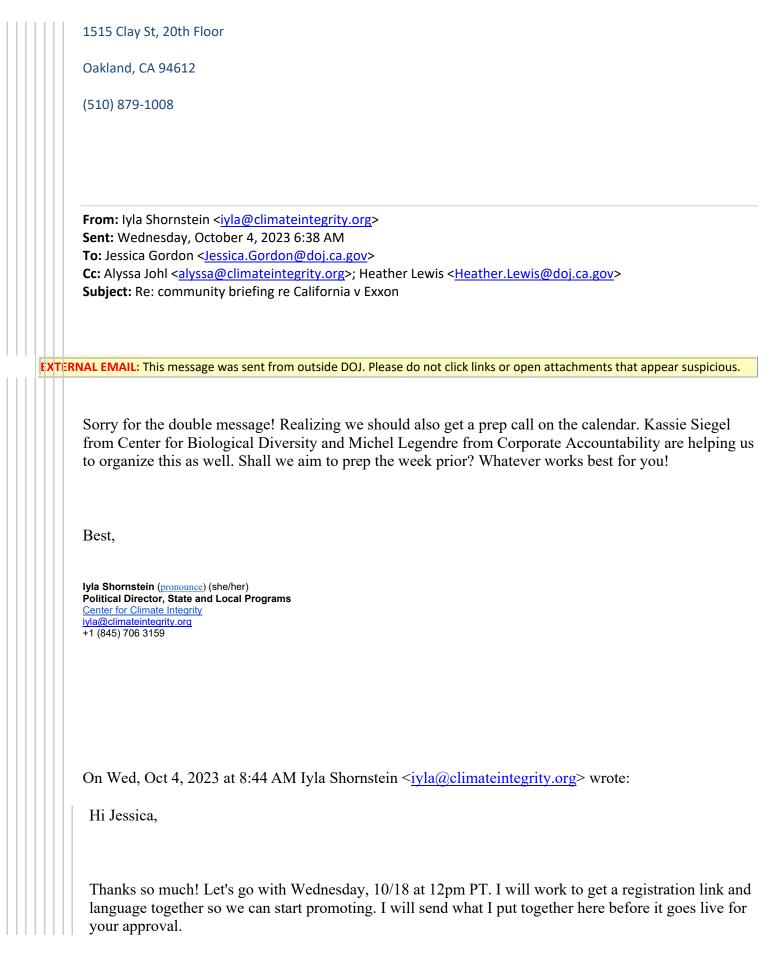
PS - I am just confirming the monday times for a prep call but will be back to you ASAP!

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On W	Ved, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:53 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
num appr	ks again for organizing! Can you please tell us who you're inviting? I've gotten requests to speak per of NGOs, so it would be great to know who we'll already be briefing at this event. And if it wo opriate for us to suggest groups to add, please let us know if you have parameters for invited group orgs with legal teams).
Than	ks,
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To: I	: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:53 AM yla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org >; Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov > lyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org > ect: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon
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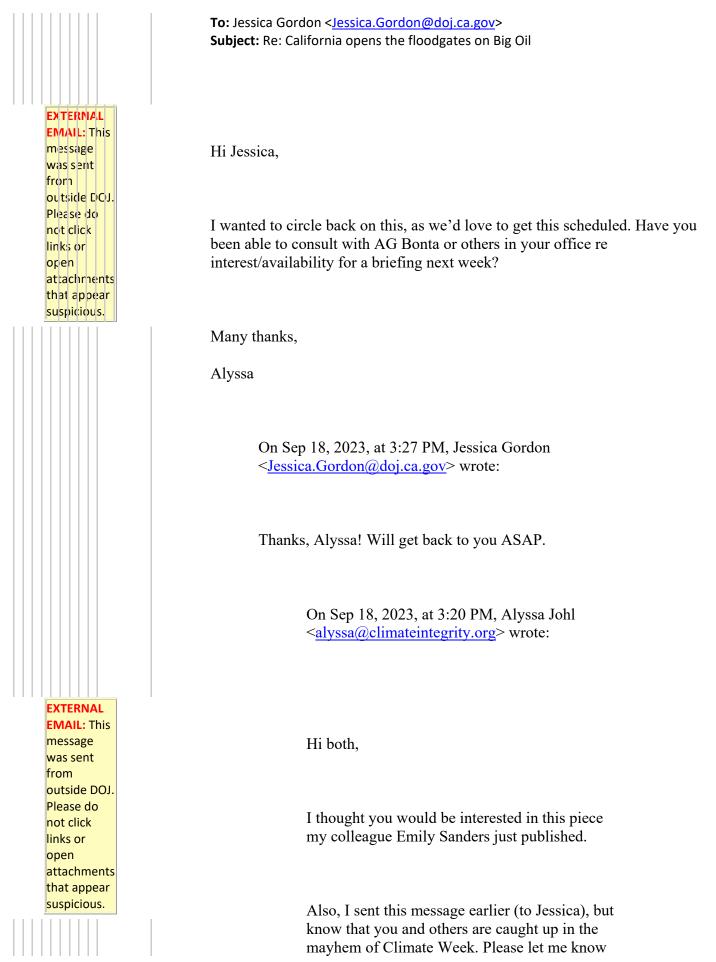


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On Fri,	Sep 29, 2023 at 5:50 PM Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org wrote:
I woul	d imagine it will be an hour.
Iyla, is	that what you're thinking?
	On Sep 29, 2023, at 3:49 PM, Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrot
	Sounds good and nice to meet you, Ilya. How long an event were you thinking? Thanks.
	From: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org
	Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 12:48 PM To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>
	Cc: Heather Lewis Heather Lewis@doj.ca.gov ; Iyla Shornstein Shornstein Shornst

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Hi Jessica (and Heather),
Thanks so much for getting back to me, and no worries! We're happy to hear that you and Heather are able to participate.
Could we schedule the briefing for the week of 10/16, sometime between 9 am-2 pm PT? We are flexible, so please let us know what works best for you. I'm cc'ing my colleague Iyla Shornstein, who is helping to organize behind the scenes.
Many thanks,
Alyssa
On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 2:42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
Alyssa, with further apologies for the slow reply, I'm adding Heather Lewis, a member of the legal team who will join me on the briefing. Please send a few potential dates/times that work for you. We're looking forward to it!
Thanks,
Jessica
From: Jessica Gordon Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:51 AM To: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Subject: RE: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil
So sorry for the slow reply – it's been hectic, as you can probably imagine! We are discussing internally and hope to get back to you in the next day or so. Thank you for your interest and patience!
From: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org > Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:26 AM



if this would be of interest, we'd love to get it scheduled and start promoting this week.

I spoke with Kassie from CBD, and we are interested in organizing a virtual briefing, ideally early next week (Monday or Tuesday) for elected officials, non-profits, and other members of the climate, environment, and justice communities. We'd love to have AG Bonta (or you or Ed or someone else from your office) join to share his perspective, and discuss why the state brought the suit, the specific claims, and how others can support as the case moves forward. Would the AG or someone else be interested and available?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

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<<u>exxonknews@substack.com</u>>

Date: Mon, Sep 18, 2023 at 1:49 PM

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To: <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

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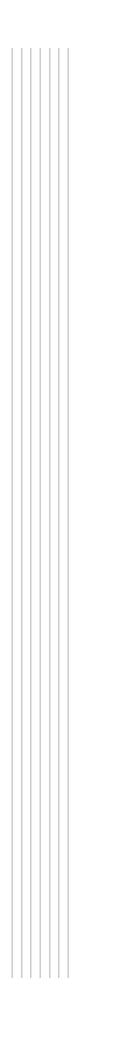
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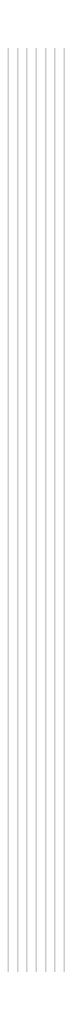
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Both Bonta and Governor Gavin Newsom indicated a much while speakin Climate Week NYO Sunday. Bonta said hopes California's a "will be an inspiration of the control of the



to other states and of entities to get involand join us, to sue a be part of the effort hold the industry accountable."

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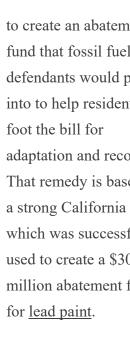
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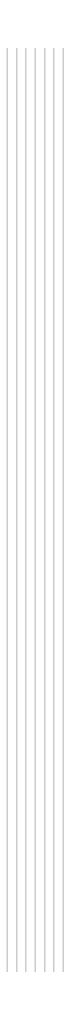
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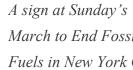
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The industry's atterto delay and derail to delay and derail to cases have persistent failed, and now California's in the game, with all signs pointing to more lawsuits against Big to come.

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From: lyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:15 AM

To: Jessica Gordon

Cc:Kassie Siegel; Alyssa Johl; Heather LewisSubject:Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Great! I'll let Kassie send along a few additional questions.

One other suggestion -- Kassie and myself can drop questions into the "hosts/panelists" chat. Heather and Jessica can react with a 'thumbs up' emoji to the questions that would be good to answer in this setting. Then, I can send them privately to Alyssa. That way, Heather and Jessica only need to look at one chat and Alyssa only needs to look at one chat. The only people running between chats are Kassie and myself? Hopefully that didn't overcomplicate it! I am also fine with google or teams!

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 12:54 PM Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov wrote:

Thanks! Here are a couple of questions we'd like to address. Do you have others already in mind? And I'm still looking for a doc we can all easily edit together, but alternatives are for us to look at google docs on personal devices simultaneously or to use a Teams chat.

Q: Why did California file its climate accountability suit now?

Q: Big cases like this one tend to move slowly. What do you see happening before the case is resolved?

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 9:27 AM
To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>; Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>; Heather Lewis

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi there,

Most recent list of elected officials/offices registered to attend:

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City of Los Angeles - Yaroslavsky
ASM Schiavo
Assembly District 55, Majority Leader Isaac Bryan
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ASM Holden
LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis
Los Angeles City - Raman
Asm. Bauer-Kahan
California Senate, Office of Senator Durazo
Office of the Governor
CA Senator Lena Gonzalez
California State Senate - Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Office of Rep. Katie Porter
State Senate - Lena Gonzalez
CA Senate - Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policy
Office of Senator Henry Stern
Office of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo
Office of Assemblymember Steve Bennett
Asm. Boerner
US House of Representatives - Katie Porter
California State Senate - Steve Padilla

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM Iyla Shorn	stein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u> > wrote:
Hi folks,	
I can send you an updated list in a bit as we've each received the panelist invite?	had a jump in registrations. I also want to confirm that you
Thanks!	
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On Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 9:43 AM Iyla Shorns	tein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u> > wrote:
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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 7:42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks again. Can you please tell me what elected officials are registered? Appreciate it.

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 2:10 PM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org >; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org >; Heather Lewis

<Heather.Lewis@doi.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi Jessica,

Thanks so much! We will reach out to those groups. Here is the public zoom registration link: https://climateintegrity-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eNlpQsDiRYigqjkaF8-oow#/registration				
Have a	great day!			
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On Mor	n, Oct 16, 2023 at 4:52 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:			
	again for the great conversation earlier. Can you please add these groups? And can you please share the com link? Appreciate it.			
Jessica				
-	Democracy Forward Foundation			
-	APEN			
-	Audubon			
-	Nature Conservancy			
-	Coalition for Clean Air			
-	Clean Air Task Force			
-	Sierra Club CA			
-	CEJA			

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State Energy & Environmental Impact Center at NYU Law

Thanks!

From: Jessica Gordon

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:24 PM

To: 'lyla Shornstein' <<u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>; Kassie Siegel <<u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>> **Cc:** Heather Lewis <Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>; Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks for rescheduling! I'm hoping we can discuss your anticipated format and which groups you have invited. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 11:09 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Kassie Siegel < <u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>> **Cc:** Heather Lewis < <u>Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Alyssa Johl < <u>alyssa@climateintegrity.org</u>>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi again,

Looks like we can start early. I will change the invite to a start time of 12:30 PT. Let me know if anything changes and I look forward to speaking then!

Best,

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:38 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Apologies for the slow reply but the invitation looks great.

Unfortunately I now have a conflict at 1:20 PT today, so either need to start our prep call earlier or reschedule. I am available all day until that time and from 2-2:30 PT. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:57 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Absolutely! We are grateful to you for joining! We are going to invite mainly nonprofits (CA-based and some national) and CA elected officials. We've been educating elected officials in CA about climate accountability for some time so we want to make sure folks know about and understand the recent filing. We would be delighted if you suggested groups to add. The more the merrier! No specific parameters -- we wanted this to be largely educational.

I am attaching the event description to this email. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with this and then we can move forward promoting it?

Thanks Jessica

PS - I am just confirming the monday times for a prep call but will be back to you ASAP!

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On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:53 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:		
Thanks again for organizing! Can you please tell us who you're inviting? I've gotten requests to speak with a number of NGOs, so it would be great to know who we'll already be briefing at this event. And if it would be appropriate for us to suggest groups to add, please let us know if you have parameters for invited groups (e.g., only orgs with legal teams).		
Thanks,		
Jessica		
From: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov > Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:53 AM To: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org >; Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov > Cc: Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org > Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon		
Hi Iyla,		
Jessica and I are available for a prep call during the 10/16 and 10/17 windows in Jessica's earlier email – those times would be preferable if possible as I'll be out much of the previous week.		
Thanks,		
Heather Lewis		
Deputy Attorney General		
Environment Section		
California Department of Justice		
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Oakland, CA 94612		
(510) 879-1008		

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from Center fo	double message! Realizing we should also get a prep call on the calendar. Kassie Siegel or Biological Diversity and Michel Legendre from Corporate Accountability are helping us is as well. Shall we aim to prep the week prior? Whatever works best for you!
Best,	
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On Wed, Oct 4 Hi Jessica,	4, 2023 at 8:44 AM Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u> > wrote:
	uch! Let's go with Wednesday, 10/18 at 12pm PT. I will work to get a registration link and ether so we can start promoting. I will send what I put together here before it goes live for l.
Thank you!	
Best,	
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	On Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 5:09 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
	Thanks! We're currently available in these slots:
	- Monday, 10/16/2023 – 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM
	- Tuesday, 10/17/2023 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
	- Wednesday, 10/18/2023 – 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM
	From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 6:43 AM
	To: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Cc: Jessica Gordon <jessica.gordon@doj.ca.gov>; Heather Lewis <heather.lewis@doj.ca.gov></heather.lewis@doj.ca.gov></jessica.gordon@doj.ca.gov>
	Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon
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	Hi folks!
	Sorry for the late reply! Yes, we were thinking an hour.
	Thanks so much!

I	Best,
	yla Shornstein (pronounce) (she/her) Political Director, State and Local Programs Center for Climate Integrity yla@climateintegrity.org +1 (845) 706 3159
	On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 5:50 PM Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org wrote: I would imagine it will be an hour.
	Iyla, is that what you're thinking?
	On Sep 29, 2023, at 3:49 PM, Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
	Sounds good and nice to meet you, Ilya. How long an event were you thinking? Thanks.
	From: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 12:48 PM To: Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov Cc: Heather Lewis Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov ; Iyla Shornstein iyla@climateintegrity.org Subject: community briefing re California v Exxon
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	Hi Jessica (and Heather),
	Thanks so much for getting back to me, and no worries! We're happy to hear that you and Heather are able to participate.

Could we schedule the briefing for the week of 10/16, sometime between 9 am-2 pm PT? We are flexible, so please let us know what works best for you. I'm cc'ing my colleague Iyla Shornstein, who is helping to organize behind the scenes. Many thanks, Alyssa On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 2:42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote: Alyssa, with further apologies for the slow reply, I'm adding Heather Lewis, a member of the legal team who will join me on the briefing. Please send a few potential dates/times that work for you. We're looking forward to it! Thanks, Jessica From: Jessica Gordon Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:51 AM To: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Subject: RE: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil So sorry for the slow reply – it's been hectic, as you can probably imagine! We are discussing internally and hope to get back to you in the next day or so. Thank you for your interest and patience! From: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:26 AM To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov> Subject: Re: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil

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Hi Jessica,

I wanted to circle back on this, as we'd love to get this scheduled. Have you been able to consult with AG Bonta or others in your office re interest/availability for a briefing next week?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:27 PM, Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks, Alyssa! Will get back to you ASAP.

On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:20 PM, Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> wrote:

Hi both,

I thought you would be interested in this piece my colleague Emily Sanders just published.

Also, I sent this message earlier (to Jessica), but know that you and others are caught up in the mayhem of Climate Week. Please let me know if this would be of interest, we'd love to get it scheduled and start promoting this week.

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I spoke with Kassie from CBD, and we are interested in organizing a virtual briefing, ideally early next week (Monday or Tuesday) for elected officials, non-profits, and other members of the climate, environment, and justice communities. We'd love to have AG Bonta (or you or Ed or someone else from your office) join to share his perspective, and discuss why the state brought the suit, the specific claims, and how others can support as the case moves forward. Would the AG or someone else be interested and available?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

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<<u>exxonknews@substack.com</u>>

Date: Mon, Sep 18, 2023 at 1:49 PM

Subject: California opens the floodgates on Big

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To: <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

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Emily Sanders is the Center for Climate Integrity's editorial lead. Catch up with on Twitter here.

Attorney General Rob Bonta's lawsuit against ExxonMobil and other oil giants signals a new era for climate accountability.

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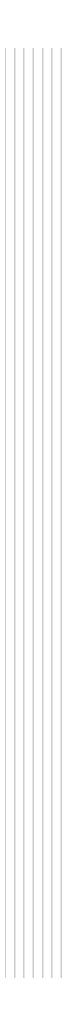
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The state of Califor just launched a game changing climate lawsuit against oil majors, bringing the weight of one of the world's largest economies and the populous state in the nation to bear again some of the biggest fossil fuel companie earth.

California's size and political influence and its position as the first major oil production.



state to take the ind to court — give the lawsuit distinction a likely the most pow action to date to ho Big Oil companies accountable for lyir about their products role in climate char The Golden State's action could very li open the floodgates other states that mig have been waiting t make their own mo while Attorney Ger Rob Bonta is the ni attorney general to Big Oil, 16 attorney general signed on to <u>latest legal brief</u> in support of a climate accountability case.

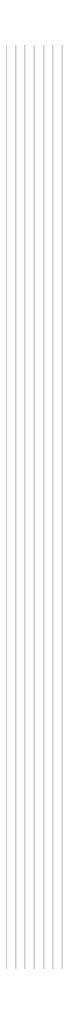
Both Bonta and Governor Gavin Newsom indicated much while speakin Climate Week NYO Sunday. Bonta said hopes California's a "will be an inspirate to other states and centities to get involuded and join us, to sue a be part of the effort



hold the industry accountable."

"I just met with and governor a moment ago," Newsom said shortly before postiphoto with Governor Wes Moore of Maryland, where the municipalities are already suing Big C "We want to see this spread, we want more and more jurisdiction the United Nations more countries to min this direction."

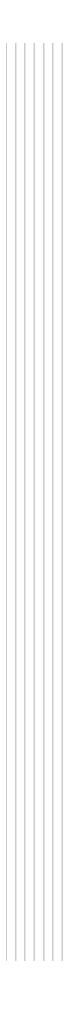
The lawsuit, filed la Friday in California state court, argues t ExxonMobil, BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Sh and the American Petroleum Institute "aggressive[ly] promot[ed] the use fossil fuel products while "misrepresen and concealing the hazards of those products to deceive consumers and the public." As a result



climate action was delayed for decades case argues, and Californians now faregular onslaught or disasters — from dewildfires and droug to dangerous heat waves, hurricanes, a floods.

"Californians and tl families, communit and small businesse should not have to all the costs of clim change alone," read complaint, citing th billions of dollars residents have and spend to recover fro such disasters. "Thi lawsuit seeks to hol those companies accountable for the they have told and t damage they have caused."

In a first for state climate lawsuits, California's case lo to create an abatem fund that fossil fuel defendants would p into to help residen



foot the bill for adaptation and record That remedy is based a strong California which was successfused to create a \$30 million abatement for lead paint.

Here are some othe things to know about California's case:

Bonta's lawsuit bu on cases filed by ei California municipalities.

In 2017 and 2018, 6 California municipalities — S Francisco, Oakland Santa Cruz, Richmo Imperial Beach, and counties of San Ma San Marin, and San Cruz — filed some the earliest climate liability lawsuits ag the fossil fuel indus According to the attorney general's complaint, the state lawsuit won't super any of those pendin local actions, which

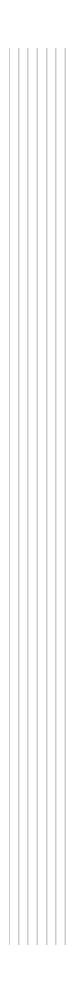


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The latest of those of was filed in Richmothe site of a major. Chevron oil refiner known for its chron pollution, explosion and fires. The city, mostly made up of people of color, is a home to soaring rate cancer, cardiovascut disease, and childhothe asthma.

But many residents Chevron, which fur the city's newspape (which it uses as a l platform) and is its largest employer, continues to mislea public about its operations and push false climate solution that will worsen environmental justi harms and continue oil and gas business the community. Sin the company built a much-touted hydro plant at its

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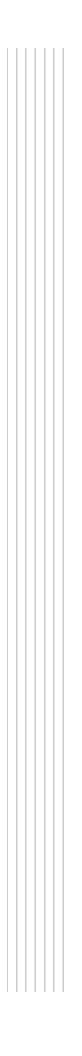
Richmond refinery 2018, emissions flaincidents have skyrocketed.

Screenshot from a pon Chevron's webs last year.

"There's a daily effect to create this misinformation campaign while we fighting to survive," said Katt Ramos, Managing Director the Richmond Our Power coalition. "V [Chevron is] actual doing is prolonging their life while cause us harm with unprotechnology."

Chevron and the off oil companies' ong misinformation and greenwashing plays major role in California's claims

California's comp puts a spotlight on



companies' moder deception.

California's compladocuments Big Oil' modern greenwashi and deception about environmental benefits operations.

"Through recent advertising campaig and public statemer California and/or intended to reach California, includin not limited to onlin advertisements and social media posts, Defendants falsely misleadingly portra these products as 'green,' and the Fos Fuel Defendants po themselves as clima friendly energy companies that are deeply engaged in finding solutions to climate change," re the complaint.

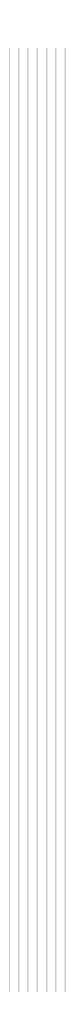
Among many claim familiar to other cli accountability suits including public nuisance, false



advertising, fraud, a negligence, the case also brings a new confection under California law: misleading environmental marketing. California argues the companiance violating the stallaw meant to protect consumers against greenwashing.

According to the complaint, the companies deceptiv promoted natural ga a climate solution; deceptively market fossil fuel products "low carbon," "emissions-reducin "clean" and/or "gre just as tobacco companies promote "low-tar" or "light" cigarettes as health alternatives to givin smoking; marketed businesses as contributing to "clin solutions" despite t negligible investme in clean energy as

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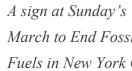
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From: Jessica Gordon

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 9:54 AM

To: Iyla Shornstein

Cc: Kassie Siegel; Alyssa Johl; Heather Lewis

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks! Here are a couple of questions we'd like to address. Do you have others already in mind? And I'm still looking for a doc we can all easily edit together, but alternatives are for us to look at google docs on personal devices simultaneously or to use a Teams chat.

Q: Why did California file its climate accountability suit now?

Q: Big cases like this one tend to move slowly. What do you see happening before the case is resolved?

From: Iyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org> **Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2023 9:27 AM **To:** Jessica Gordon <Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Kassie Siegel ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org; Alyssa Johl ksiegel@biologicald

<Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi there,

Most recent list of elected officials/offices registered to attend:

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City of Concord							
Sen. Menjivar							
City of Los Angeles - Yaroslavsky							
ASM Schiavo							
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Los Angeles County, Supervisor Lindsey Horvath							
ASM Muratsuchi							
ASM Holden							
LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis							
Los Angeles City - Raman							
Asm. Bauer-Kahan							
California Senate, Office of Senator Durazo							
Office of the Governor							

CA Senator Lena Gonzalez
California State Senate - Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Office of Rep. Katie Porter
State Senate - Lena Gonzalez
CA Senate - Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policy
Office of Senator Henry Stern
Office of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo
Office of Assemblymember Steve Bennett
Asm. Boerner
US House of Representatives - Katie Porter
California State Senate - Steve Padilla

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>> wrote: Hi folks,

I can send you an updated list in a bit as we've had a jump in registrations. I also want to confirm that you each received the panelist invite?

Thanks!

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On Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 9:43 AM Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>> wrote:

Hi Jessica,

No problem! The offices listed below are represented in the registrations either by the officeholder themselves or their staff:

LA County- Janice Hahn
City of Concord
Sen. Menjivar
City of Los Angeles - Yaroslavsky
ASM Schiavo

Assembly District 55, Majority Leader Isaac Bryan
Los Angeles County, Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
ASM Muratsuchi
ASM Holden
LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis
Los Angeles City - Raman
Asm. Bauer-Kahan
California Senate, Office of Senator Durazo
Office of the Governor

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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 7:42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks again. Can you please tell me what elected officials are registered? Appreciate it.

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 2:10 PM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org; Heather Lewis

<Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi Jessica,

Thanks so much! We will reach out to those groups. Here is the public zoom registration link: https://climateintegrity-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN eNlpQsDiRYigqjkaF8-oow#/registration

Have a great day!

On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 4:52 PM Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov wrote:

Thanks again for the great conversation earlier. Can you please add these groups? And can you please share the public zoom link? Appreciate it.

Jessica

- Democracy Forward Foundation
- APEN
- Audubon
- Nature Conservancy
- Coalition for Clean Air
- Clean Air Task Force
- Sierra Club CA
- CEJA
- Communities for a Better Environment
- State Energy & Environmental Impact Center at NYU Law
- Harvard Environmental & Energy Law Program

Thanks!

From: Jessica Gordon

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:24 PM

To: 'lyla Shornstein' <iyla@climateintegrity.org>; Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>

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	ks for rescheduling! I'm hoping we can discuss your anticipated format and which groups you have ed. Thanks!
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From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org >

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:57 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov >; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org >

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Absolutely! We are grateful to you for joining! We are going to invite mainly nonprofits (CA-based and some national) and CA elected officials. We've been educating elected officials in CA about climate accountability for some time so we want to make sure folks know about and understand the recent filing. We would be delighted if you suggested groups to add. The more the merrier! No specific parameters -- we wanted this to be largely educational.

I am attaching the event description to this email. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with this and then we can move forward promoting it?

Thanks Jessica

PS - I am just confirming the monday times for a prep call but will be back to you ASAP!

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On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:53 PM Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov> wrote:

Thanks again for organizing! Can you please tell us who you're inviting? I've gotten requests to speak with a number of NGOs, so it would be great to know who we'll already be briefing at this event. And if it would be

appropriate for us to suggest groups to add, please let us know if you have parameters for invited groups (e.g., only orgs with legal teams).
Thanks,
Jessica
From: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov > Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:53 AM To: lyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org >; Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov > Cc: Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org > Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon
Hi Iyla,
Jessica and I are available for a prep call during the 10/16 and 10/17 windows in Jessica's earlier email – those times would be preferable if possible as I'll be out much of the previous week.
Thanks,
Heather Lewis
Deputy Attorney General
Environment Section
California Department of Justice
1515 Clay St, 20th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 879-1008

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 6:38 AM

	To: Jessica Gordon < Cc: Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org; Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov> Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon
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	Sorry for the double message! Realizing we should also get a prep call on the calendar. Kassie Siegel from Center for Biological Diversity and Michel Legendre from Corporate Accountability are helping us to organize this as well. Shall we aim to prep the week prior? Whatever works best for you!
	Best,
	lyla Shornstein (pronounce) (she/her) Political Director, State and Local Programs Center for Climate Integrity iyla@climateintegrity.org +1 (845) 706 3159
	On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:44 AM Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > wrote:
	Hi Jessica,
	Thanks so much! Let's go with Wednesday, 10/18 at 12pm PT. I will work to get a registration link and language together so we can start promoting. I will send what I put together here before it goes live for your approval.
	Thank you!
	Best,

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	n Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 5:09 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
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On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 5:50 PM Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> wrote:

I would imagine it will be an hour.

Iyla, is that what you're thinking?

On Sep 29, 2023, at 3:49 PM, Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov wrote:

Sounds good and nice to meet you, Ilya. How long an event were you thinking? Thanks.

From: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 12:48 PM
To: Jessica Gordon <Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov >; Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org >

Subject: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi Jessica (and Heather),

Thanks so much for getting back to me, and no worries! We're happy to hear that you and Heather are able to participate.

Could we schedule the briefing for the week of 10/16, sometime between 9 am-2 pm PT? We are flexible, so please let us know what works best for you. I'm cc'ing my colleague Iyla Shornstein, who is helping to organize behind the scenes.

Many thanks, Alyssa On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 2:42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote: Alyssa, with further apologies for the slow reply, I'm adding Heather Lewis, a member of the legal team who will join me on the briefing. Please send a few potential dates/times that work for you. We're looking forward to it! Thanks, Jessica From: Jessica Gordon Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:51 AM To: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Subject: RE: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil So sorry for the slow reply – it's been hectic, as you can probably imagine! We are discussing internally and hope to get back to you in the next day or so. Thank you for your interest and patience! From: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:26 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov> Subject: Re: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil

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Hi Jessica, I wanted to circle back on this, as we'd love to get this scheduled. Have you been able to consult with AG Bonta or others in your office re interest/availability for a briefing next week? Many thanks, Alyssa On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:27 PM, Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote: Thanks, Alyssa! Will get back to you ASAP. On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:20 PM, Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> wrote: **EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This message Hi both, was sent from outside DOJ. Please do I thought you would be interested in this piece not click my colleague Emily Sanders just published. links or open attachments that appear suspicious. Also, I sent this message earlier (to Jessica), but know that you and others are caught up in the mayhem of Climate Week. Please let me know if this would be of interest, we'd love to get it scheduled and start promoting this week.

I spoke with Kassie from CBD, and we are interested in organizing a virtual briefing, ideally early next week (Monday or Tuesday) for elected officials, non-profits, and other members of the climate, environment, and justice communities. We'd love to have AG Bonta (or you or Ed or someone else from your office) join to share his perspective, and discuss why the state brought the suit, the specific claims, and how others can support as the case moves forward. Would the AG or someone else be interested and available?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

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From: ExxonKnews

<exxonknews@substack.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 18, 2023 at 1:49 PM

Subject: California opens the floodgates on Big

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To: <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

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California opens the floodgates on Big Oil

Emily Sanders is the Center for Climate Integrity's editorial lead. Catch up with on Twitter here.

Attorney General Rob Bonta's lawsuit against ExxonMobil and other oil giants signals a new era for climate accountability.

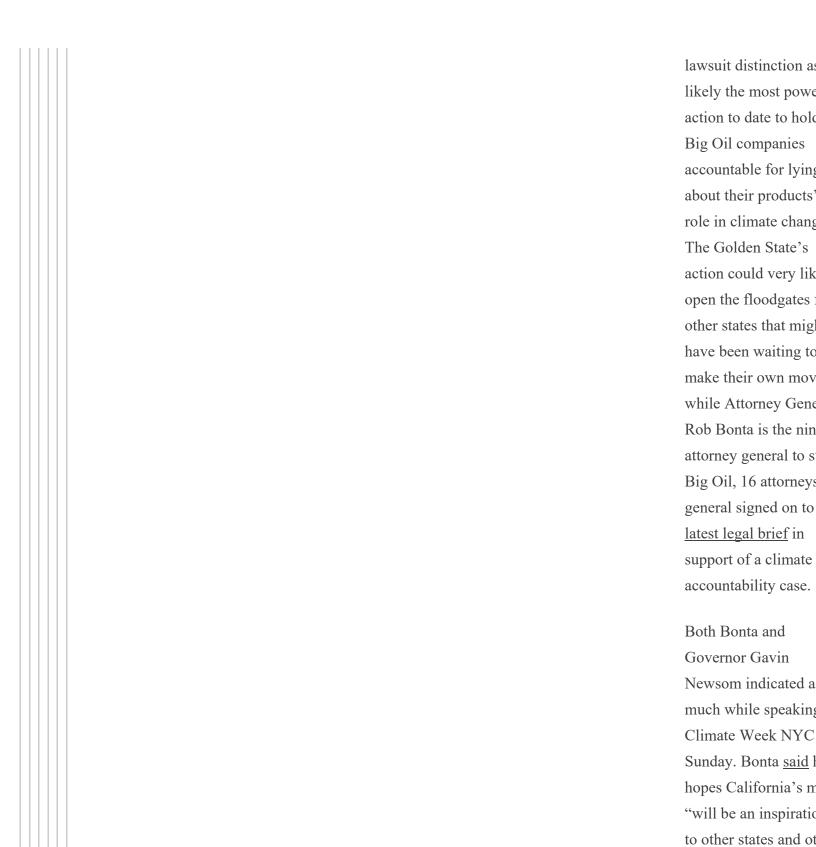
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The state of Californijust launched a game changing climate lawsuit against oil majors, bringing the weight of one of the world's largest economies and the nation to bear agains some of the biggest fossil fuel companie earth.

California's size and political influence — and its position as the first major oil product state to take the inducto court — give the



entities to get involv and join us, to sue an be part of the effort

hold the industry accountable."

"I just met with anot governor a moment ago," Newsom said, shortly before posting photo with Governor Wes Moore of Maryland, where the municipalities are already suing Big Of "We want to see this spread, we want more and more jurisdiction the United Nations a more countries to more countries to more in this direction."

The lawsuit, filed lat Friday in California state court, argues th ExxonMobil, BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, She and the American Petroleum Institute "aggressive[ly] promot[ed] the use of fossil fuel products" while "misrepresent and concealing the hazards of those products to deceive consumers and the public." As a result,

climate action was delayed for decades, case argues, and Californians now fact regular onslaught of disasters — from dewildfires and drought to dangerous heat waves, hurricanes, a floods.

"Californians and th families, communities and small businesses should not have to b all the costs of clima change alone," reads complaint, citing the billions of dollars residents have and w spend to recover from such disasters. "This lawsuit seeks to hold those companies accountable for the l they have told and the damage they have caused."

In a first for state climate lawsuits, California's case loo to create an abateme fund that fossil fuel defendants would painto to help residents

foot the bill for adaptation and recove That remedy is based a strong California lawhich was successful used to create a \$305 million abatement for lead paint.

Here are some other things to know abou California's case:

Bonta's lawsuit bui on cases filed by eig California municipalities.

In 2017 and 2018, ei California municipalities — Sa Francisco, Oakland, Santa Cruz, Richmon Imperial Beach, and counties of San Mate San Marin, and Sant Cruz — filed some of the earliest climate liability lawsuits aga the fossil fuel indust According to the attorney general's complaint, the state' lawsuit won't supers any of those pending

local actions, which

expected to reach tri first.

The latest of those can was filed in Richmon the site of a major. Chevron oil refinery known for its chronic pollution, explosions and fires. The city, mostly made up of people of color, is all home to soaring rate cancer, cardiovascul disease, and childhow asthma.

But many residents s Chevron, which fund the city's newspaper (which it uses as a P platform) and is its largest employer, continues to mislead public about its operations and push false climate solution that will worsen environmental justic harms and continue oil and gas business the community. Since the company built a much-touted hydrog plant at its

"modernized"

Richmond refinery in 2018, emissions flarincidents have skyrocketed.

Screenshot from a pe on Chevron's websit last year.

"There's a daily effect to create this misinformation campaign while we's fighting to survive," said Katt Ramos, Managing Director at the Richmond Our Power coalition. "W [Chevron is] actually doing is prolonging their life while causi us harm with unprove technology."

Chevron and the oth oil companies' ongo misinformation and greenwashing plays major role in California's claims.

California's complaint on a spotlight on



advertising campaig and public statement California and/or intended to reach California, including not limited to online advertisements and social media posts, Defendants falsely a misleadingly portray these products as 'green,' and the Foss Fuel Defendants por themselves as climat friendly energy companies that are deeply engaged in finding solutions to climate change," rea the complaint.

Among many claims familiar to other clin accountability suits, including public nuisance, false

advertising, fraud, an negligence, the case also brings a new car of action under California law: misleading environmental marketing. California argues the companier are violating the stat law meant to protect consumers against greenwashing.

According to the complaint, the companies deceptive promoted natural gas a climate solution; deceptively markete fossil fuel products a "low carbon," "emissions-reducing "clean" and/or "gree just as tobacco companies promoted "low-tar" or "light" cigarettes as healthy alternatives to giving smoking; marketed t businesses as contributing to "clim solutions" despite th negligible investmer in clean energy as

opposed to their

increasing production oil and gas; and claim to be in alignment with international climate goals, all while protecting and grown their business in fossifuels.

Just last week, the W Street Journal report never-before-seen documentation of Exxon's deception under the reign of former CEO Rex Tillerson, who pledg the company's suppo for climate actions li the Paris Agreement while working to cas doubt on climate science behind the scenes. Exxon is the lead defendant in California's case.

California's case is latest sign of the evolving politics of taking on Big Oil.

Both Bonta, who file the suit and has said is "seriously considering" a run for governor, and Newson

who is expected to be preparing for a future presidential run, are clearly embracing the issue.

"The scale and scope what the state of California can do we think can move the needle," Newsom to David Gelles of the New York Times at opening ceremony o Climate Week NYC "We cannot address [climate change] unl we get serious about addressing the issue. And the issue is foss fuels, the issue is the deceit from these companies."

It's the latest sign the politicians see taking Big Oil as an increasingly popular move, as we saw during last year's midterm elections.

A sign at Sunday's March to End Fossil Fuels in New York C

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Office of Senator Henry Stern
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Thanks!

From: Jessica Gordon

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:24 PM

To: 'Iyla Shornstein' < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>; Kassie Siegel < <u>ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org</u>> **Cc:** Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks for rescheduling! I'm hoping we can discuss your anticipated format and which groups you have invited. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>
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Hi again,

Looks like we can start early. I will change the invite to a start time of 12:30 PT. Let me know if anything changes and I look forward to speaking then!

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Apologies for the slow reply but the invitation looks great.

Unfortunately I now have a conflict at 1:20 PT today, so either need to start our prep call earlier or reschedule. I am available all day until that time and from 2-2:30 PT. Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:57 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov >; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org >

Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Absolutely! We are grateful to you for joining! We are going to invite mainly nonprofits (CA-based and some national) and CA elected officials. We've been educating elected officials in CA about climate accountability for some time so we want to make sure folks know about and understand the recent filing. We would be delighted if you suggested groups to add. The more the merrier! No specific parameters -- we wanted this to be largely educational.

I am attaching the event description to this email. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with this and then we can move forward promoting it?
Thanks Jessica
PS - I am just confirming the monday times for a prep call but will be back to you ASAP!
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On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:53 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
Thanks again for organizing! Can you please tell us who you're inviting? I've gotten requests to speak with a number of NGOs, so it would be great to know who we'll already be briefing at this event. And if it would be appropriate for us to suggest groups to add, please let us know if you have parameters for invited groups (e.g., only orgs with legal teams).
Thanks,
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To: lyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org >; Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov > Cc: Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org > Subject: P.F. community briefing to California v. Favor
Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Hi Iyla,

	Jessica and I are available for a prep call during the 10/16 and 10/17 windows in Jessica's earlier email – those times would be preferable if possible as I'll be out much of the previous week.
	Thanks,
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	Deputy Attorney General
	Environment Section
	California Department of Justice
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	Oakland, CA 94612
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	Sorry for the double message! Realizing we should also get a prep call on the calendar. Kassie Siegel from Center for Biological Diversity and Michel Legendre from Corporate Accountability are helping us to organize this as well. Shall we aim to prep the week prior? Whatever works best for you!
	Best,
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On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:44 AM Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u> > wrote:
Hi Jessica,
Thanks so much! Let's go with Wednesday, 10/18 at 12pm PT. I will work to get a registration link and language together so we can start promoting. I will send what I put together here before it goes live for your approval.
Thank you!
Best,
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On Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 5:09 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
Thanks! We're currently available in these slots:
- Monday, 10/16/2023 – 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM
- Tuesday, 10/17/2023 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Wednesday, 10/18/2023 – 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM

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On Fri, S	Sep 29, 2023 at 5:50 PM Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org wrote:
I would	imagine it will be an hour.
Ivla is	that what you're thinking?

	Sourius good and filee to fileet you, flya. How long an event were you trimking: Thanks.
	From: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 12:48 PM To: Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov Cc: Heather Lewis Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov ; Iyla Shornstein iyla@climateintegrity.org Subject: community briefing re California v Exxon
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	Hi Jessica (and Heather),
	Thanks so much for getting back to me, and no worries! We're happy to hear that you and Heather are able to participate.
	Could we schedule the briefing for the week of 10/16, sometime between 9 am-2 pm PT? We are flexible, so please let us know what works best for you. I'm cc'ing my colleague Iyla Shornstein, who is helping to organize behind the scenes.
	Many thanks, Alyssa
	On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 2:42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote: Alyssa, with further apologies for the slow reply, I'm adding Heather Lewis, a member of the legal team who will join me on the briefing. Please send a few potential dates/times that work for you. We're looking forward to it!
	Thanks, Jessica

	From: Jessica Gordon Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:51 AM To: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org Subject: RE: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil
	So sorry for the slow reply – it's been hectic, as you can probably imagine! We are discussing internally and hope to get back to you in the next day or so. Thank you for your interest and patience!
	From: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:26 AM To: Jessica Gordon Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov> Subject: Re: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil
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outside DOJ. Please clo not click links or open attachments that appear	I wanted to circle back on this, as we'd love to get this scheduled. Have you been able to consult with AG Bonta or others in your office re interest/availability for a briefing next week?
<mark>suspicious. </mark>	Many thanks,
	Alyssa
	On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:27 PM, Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
	Thanks, Alyssa! Will get back to you ASAP.
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Hi both,

I thought you would be interested in this piece my colleague Emily Sanders just published.

Also, I sent this message earlier (to Jessica), but know that you and others are caught up in the mayhem of Climate Week. Please let me know if this would be of interest, we'd love to get it scheduled and start promoting this week.

I spoke with Kassie from CBD, and we are interested in organizing a virtual briefing, ideally early next week (Monday or Tuesday) for elected officials, non-profits, and other members of the climate, environment, and justice communities. We'd love to have AG Bonta (or you or Ed or someone else from your office) join to share his perspective, and discuss why the state brought the suit, the specific claims, and how others can support as the case moves forward. Would the AG or someone else be interested and available?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

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From: ExxonKnews

<exxonknews@substack.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 18, 2023 at 1:49 PM

Subject: California opens the floodgates on Big

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To: <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

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California opens the floodgates on Big Oil

Attorney General Rob Bonta's lawsuit against ExxonMobil and other oil giants signals a new era for climate accountability.

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The state of Californ just launched a game changing climate lawsuit against oil majors, bringing the weight of one of the world's largest economies and the n

populous state in the nation to bear agains some of the biggest fossil fuel companies earth.

California's size and political influence and its position as th first major oil produ state to take the indu to court — give the lawsuit distinction as likely the most power action to date to hold Big Oil companies accountable for lying about their products role in climate chang The Golden State's action could very lik open the floodgates other states that mig have been waiting to make their own mov while Attorney Gene Rob Bonta is the nin attorney general to s Big Oil, 16 attorneys general signed on to latest legal brief in support of a climate

Both Bonta and Governor Gavin

accountability case.

Newsom indicated a much while speaking Climate Week NYC Sunday. Bonta said I hopes California's m "will be an inspiration to other states and of entities to get involve and join us, to sue and be part of the effort to hold the industry accountable."

"I just met with anot governor a moment ago," Newsom said, shortly before posting photo with Governor Wes Moore of Maryland, where the municipalities are already suing Big Of "We want to see this spread, we want more and more jurisdiction the United Nations a more countries to more countries to more in this direction."

The lawsuit, filed lat Friday in California state court, argues th ExxonMobil, BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, She and the American

Petroleum Institute "aggressive[ly] promot[ed] the use of fossil fuel products" while "misrepresent and concealing the hazards of those products to deceive consumers and the public." As a result, climate action was delayed for decades, case argues, and Californians now fac regular onslaught of disasters — from de wildfires and drough to dangerous heat waves, hurricanes, a floods.

"Californians and the families, communities and small businesses should not have to be all the costs of climate change alone," reads complaint, citing the billions of dollars residents have and we spend to recover from such disasters. "This lawsuit seeks to hold those companies accountable for the lathey have told and the

damage they have caused."

In a first for state climate lawsuits, California's case look to create an abatemetrough that fossil fuel defendants would part into to help residents foot the bill for adaptation and recover That remedy is based a strong California lawhich was successful used to create a \$305 million abatement for lead paint.

Here are some other things to know abou California's case:

Bonta's lawsuit bui on cases filed by eig California municipalities.

In 2017 and 2018, ei California municipalities — Sa Francisco, Oakland, Santa Cruz, Richmor Imperial Beach, and counties of San Mate San Marin, and Sant Cruz — filed some of

the earliest climate liability lawsuits agas the fossil fuel indust According to the attorney general's complaint, the state' lawsuit won't supers any of those pending local actions, which expected to reach tri first.

The latest of those constraints was filed in Richmon the site of a major. Chevron oil refinery known for its chronic pollution, explosions and fires. The city, mostly made up of people of color, is all home to soaring rate cancer, cardiovascul disease, and childhon asthma.

But many residents so Chevron, which <u>functory</u> the city's newspaper (which it uses as a Paplatform) and is its largest employer, continues to mislead public about its operations and push false climate solution

that will worsen environmental justice harms and continue oil and gas business the community. Since the company built a much-touted hydrog plant at its "modernized" Richmond refinery i 2018, emissions flar incidents have skyrocketed.

Screenshot from a per on Chevron's websit last year.

"There's a daily effect to create this misinformation campaign while we' fighting to survive," said Katt Ramos, Managing Director at the Richmond Our Power coalition. "W [Chevron is] actually doing is prolonging their life while causi us harm with unprove technology."

Chevron and the oth oil companies' ongo misinformation and greenwashing plays major role in California's claims.

California's complar puts a spotlight on companies' modern deception.

California's complaid documents Big Oil's modern greenwashir and deception about environmental benefits operations.

"Through recent advertising campaig and public statement California and/or intended to reach California, including not limited to online advertisements and social media posts, Defendants falsely a misleadingly portray these products as 'green,' and the Foss Fuel Defendants por themselves as climat friendly energy companies that are deeply engaged in

finding solutions to climate change," rea the complaint.

Among many claims familiar to other clin accountability suits, including public nuisance, false advertising, fraud, an negligence, the case also brings a new car of action under California law: misleading environmental marketing. Californi argues the companie are violating the stat law meant to protect consumers against greenwashing.

According to the complaint, the companies deceptive promoted natural gas a climate solution; deceptively markete fossil fuel products a "low carbon," "emissions-reducing "clean" and/or "gree just as tobacco companies promoted "low-tar" or "light"

cigarettes as healthy alternatives to giving smoking; marketed t businesses as contributing to "clim solutions" despite th negligible investmer in clean energy as opposed to their increasing productio oil and gas; and clair to be in alignment w international climate goals, all while protecting and grow their business in foss fuels.

Just last week, the W Street Journal report never-before-seen documentation of Exxon's deception under the reign of former CEO Rex Tillerson, who pledg the company's suppo for climate actions li the Paris Agreement while working to cas doubt on climate science behind the scenes. Exxon is the lead defendant in California's case.

California's case is latest sign of the evolving politics of taking on Big Oil.

Both Bonta, who file the suit and has said is "seriously considering" a run for governor, and News who is expected to be preparing for a future presidential run, are clearly embracing the issue.

"The scale and scope what the state of California can do we think can move the needle," Newsom to David Gelles of the New York Times at opening ceremony o Climate Week NYC "We cannot address [climate change] unl we get serious about addressing the issue. And the issue is foss fuels, the issue is the deceit from these companies."

It's the latest sign th politicians see taking Big Oil as an

increasingly popular move, as we saw dur last year's midterm elections.

A sign at Sunday's March to End Fossil Fuels in New York O

It's a tipping point the legal fight for climate accountabil

California is the first state to file since the Supreme Court clear the way for climate accountability suits against Big Oil to proceed toward trial state courts. On Sund Bonta told reporters the Supreme Court's ruling "allows us to to where we want to to the merits, to hold them accountable for

The industry's attemto delay and derail the cases have persistent failed, and now
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game, with all signs pointing to more lawsuits against Big to come.

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Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:24 PM

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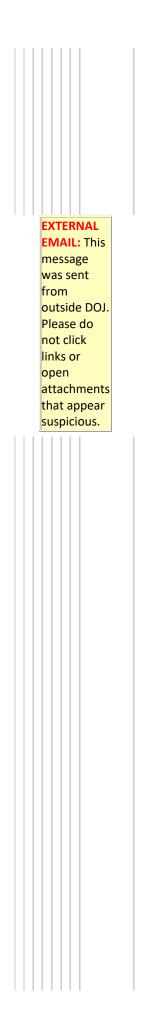
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	Hi Jessica (and Heather),
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	Could we schedule the briefing for the week of 10/16, sometime between 9 am-2 pm PT? We are flexible, so please let us know what works best for you. I'm cc'ing my colleague Iyla Shornstein, who is helping to organize behind the scenes.
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	Alyssa
	On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 2:42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
	Alyssa, with further apologies for the slow reply, I'm adding Heather Lewis, a member of the legal team who will join me on the briefing. Please send a few potential dates/times that work for you. We're looking forward to it!

	Thanks,
	Jessica
	From: Jessica Gordon Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:51 AM To: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org Subject: RE: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil
	So sorry for the slow reply – it's been hectic, as you can probably imagine! We are discussing internally and hope to get back to you in the next day or so. Thank you for your interest and patience!
	From: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:26 AM To: Jessica Gordon <jessica.gordon@doj.ca.gov> Subject: Re: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil</jessica.gordon@doj.ca.gov></alyssa@climateintegrity.org>
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	Many thanks,
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	On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:27 PM, Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov > wrote:



Thanks, Alyssa! Will get back to you ASAP.

On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:20 PM, Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> wrote:

Hi both,

I thought you would be interested in this piece my colleague Emily Sanders just published.

Also, I sent this message earlier (to Jessica), but know that you and others are caught up in the mayhem of Climate Week. Please let me know if this would be of interest, we'd love to get it scheduled and start promoting this week.

I spoke with Kassie from CBD, and we are interested in organizing a virtual briefing, ideally early next week (Monday or Tuesday) for elected officials, non-profits, and other members of the climate, environment, and justice communities. We'd love to have AG Bonta (or you or Ed or someone else from your office) join to share his perspective, and discuss why the state brought the suit, the specific claims, and how others can support as the case moves forward. Would the AG or someone else be interested and available?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

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<<u>exxonknews@substack.com</u>>

Date: Mon, Sep 18, 2023 at 1:49 PM

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Attorney General Rob Bonta's lawsuit against ExxonMobil and other oil giants signals a new era for climate accountability.

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California's size and political influence and its position as the first major oil produc state to take the indus to court — give the lawsuit distinction as likely the most power action to date to hold Big Oil companies accountable for lying about their products' role in climate change The Golden State's action could very like open the floodgates for other states that migh have been waiting to make their own move while Attorney Gener Rob Bonta is the nint attorney general to su

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<u>latest legal brief</u> in support of a climate accountability case.

Both Bonta and Governor Gavin
Newsom indicated as much while speaking
Climate Week NYC of Sunday. Bonta said he hopes California's mo "will be an inspiration to other states and other entities to get involve and join us, to sue and be part of the effort to hold the industry accountable."

"I just met with anoth governor a moment ago," Newsom said, shortly before posting photo with Governor Wes Moore of Maryland, where thre municipalities are already suing Big Oil "We want to see this spread, we want more and more jurisdiction the United Nations and more countries to more in this direction."

<u>The lawsuit</u>, filed late Friday in California

state court, argues tha ExxonMobil, BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Shell and the American Petroleum Institute "aggressive[ly] promot[ed] the use of fossil fuel products" while "misrepresenting and concealing the hazards of those products to deceive consumers and the public." As a result, climate action was delayed for decades, case argues, and Californians now face regular onslaught of disasters — from dea wildfires and drought to dangerous heat waves, hurricanes, an

"Californians and the families, communitie and small businesses should not have to be all the costs of climat change alone," reads complaint, citing the billions of dollars residents have and wis spend to recover from

floods.

such disasters. "This lawsuit seeks to hold those companies accountable for the lie they have told and the damage they have caused."

In a first for state climate lawsuits,
California's case look to create an abatement fund that fossil fuel defendants would pay into to help residents foot the bill for adaptation and recover That remedy is based a strong California law which was successful used to create a \$305 million abatement fur for lead paint.

Here are some other things to know about California's case:

Bonta's lawsuit built on cases filed by eigh California municipalities.

In 2017 and 2018, eig California municipalities — San Francisco, Oakland,

Santa Cruz, Richmon Imperial Beach, and t counties of San Mate San Marin, and Santa Cruz — filed some of the earliest climate liability lawsuits agai the fossil fuel industr According to the attorney general's complaint, the state's lawsuit won't superse any of those pending local actions, which a expected to reach tria first.

The latest of those can was filed in Richmon the site of a major Chevron oil refinery known for its chronic pollution, explosions, and fires. The city, mostly made up of people of color, is als home to soaring rates cancer, cardiovascula disease, and childhoo asthma.

But many residents sa Chevron, which <u>funds</u> <u>the city's newspaper</u> (which it uses as a PR platform) and is its

largest employer, continues to mislead public about its operations and push f false climate solution that will worsen environmental justice harms and continue it oil and gas business i the community. Since the company built a much-touted hydroge plant at its "modernized" Richmond refinery in 2018, emissions flarin incidents have skyrocketed.

Screenshot from a poon Chevron's website last year.

"There's a daily efforto create this misinformation campaign while we're fighting to survive," said Katt Ramos, Managing Director at the Richmond Our Power coalition. "Wh [Chevron is] actually doing is prolonging

their life while causin us harm with unprove technology."

Chevron and the other oil companies' ongoin misinformation and greenwashing plays a major role in California's claims.

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California's complaind documents Big Oil's modern greenwashing and deception about the environmental benefit of its operations.

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themselves as climate friendly energy companies that are deeply engaged in finding solutions to climate change," read the complaint.

Among many claims familiar to other clim accountability suits, including public nuisance, false advertising, fraud, an negligence, the case also brings a new cau of action under California law: misleading environmental marketing. California argues the companies are violating the state law meant to protect consumers against greenwashing.

According to the complaint, the companies deceptivel promoted natural gas a climate solution; deceptively marketed fossil fuel products as "low carbon," "emissions-reducing,"

"clean" and/or "green just as tobacco companies promoted "low-tar" or "light" cigarettes as healthy alternatives to giving smoking; marketed th businesses as contributing to "clima solutions" despite the negligible investment in clean energy as opposed to their increasing production oil and gas; and clain to be in alignment wi international climate goals, all while protecting and growing their business in fossi fuels.

Just last week, the Wastreet Journal reported never-before-seen documentation of Exxon's deception under the reign of former CEO Rex Tillerson, who pledges the company's support for climate actions like the Paris Agreement while working to cast doubt on climate science behind the

scenes. Exxon is the lead defendant in California's case.

California's case is t latest sign of the evolving politics of taking on Big Oil.

Both Bonta, who filed the suit and has said has said has said has said has "seriously considering" a run for governor, and Newso who is expected to be preparing for a future presidential run, are clearly embracing this issue.

"The scale and scope what the state of California can do we think can move the needle," Newsom told David Gelles of the New York Times at the opening ceremony of Climate Week NYC. "We cannot address [climate change] unleaded we get serious about addressing the issue. And the issue is fossible fuels, the issue is the

deceit from these companies."

It's the latest sign that politicians see taking Big Oil as an increasingly popular move, as we saw durit last year's midterm elections.

A sign at Sunday's March to End Fossil Fuels in New York Ci

It's a tipping point f the legal fight for climate accountabili

California is the first state to file since the Supreme Court cleared the way for climate accountability suits against Big Oil to proceed toward trial is state courts. On Sund Bonta told reporters to the Supreme Court's ruling "allows us to go to where we want to go to the merits, to hold

them accountable for their deceit."

The industry's attempt to delay and derail the cases have persistently failed, and now California's in the game, with all signs pointing to more lawsuits against Big Coto come.

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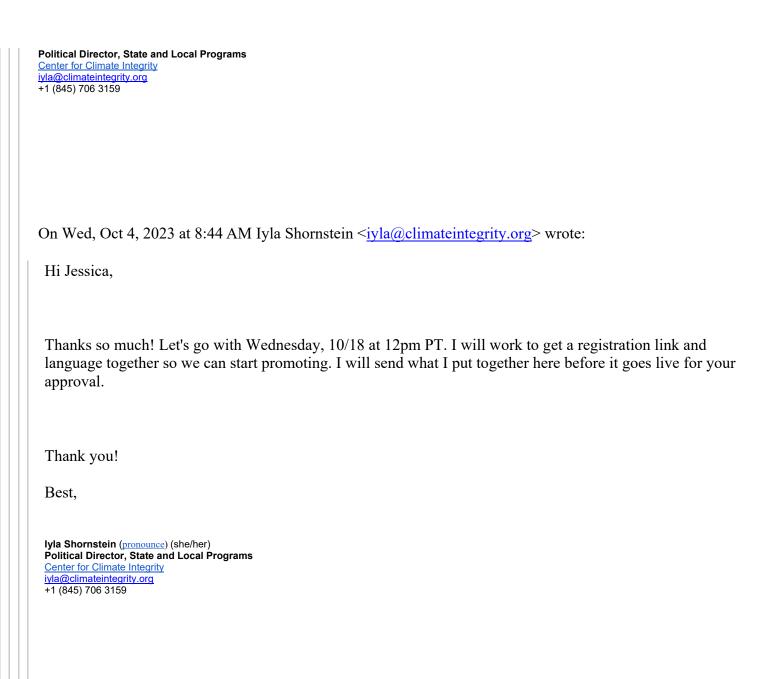
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Both Bonta, who filed the suit and has said he is "seriously considering" a run for governor, and Newsom who is expected to be preparing for a future presidential run, are clearly embracing this issue.

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A sign at Sunday's March to End Fossil Fuels in New York City

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Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 11:44 AM

To: Jessica Gordon

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Yes, I'll share the link with our contacts at the city attorneys' offices.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 11:36 AM

To: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov >

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Heather, can you please let the CA locals know about the webinar and share this link if they want to register? Thanks!

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 2:10 PM

To: Jessica Gordon <Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org; Heather Lewis

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Thanks so much! We will reach out to those groups. Here is the public zoom registration link: https://climateintegrity-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN eNlpQsDiRYigqjkaF8-oow#/registration

Have a great day!

Iyla Shornstein (pronounce) (she/her)
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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 4:52 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks again for the great conversation earlier. Can you please add these groups? And can you please share the public zoom link? Appreciate it.

Jessica

- Democracy Forward Foundation

- APEN
- Audubon
- Nature Conservancy
- Coalition for Clean Air
- Clean Air Task Force
- Sierra Club CA
- CEJA
- Communities for a Better Environment
- State Energy & Environmental Impact Center at NYU Law
- Harvard Environmental & Energy Law Program

Thanks!

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Thanks for rescheduling! I'm hoping we can discuss your anticipated format and which groups you have invited. Thanks!

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Best,

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Unfortunately I now have a conflict at 1:20 PT today, so either need to start our prep call earlier or reschedule. I am available all day until that time and from 2-2:30 PT. Thanks!

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Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:57 AM

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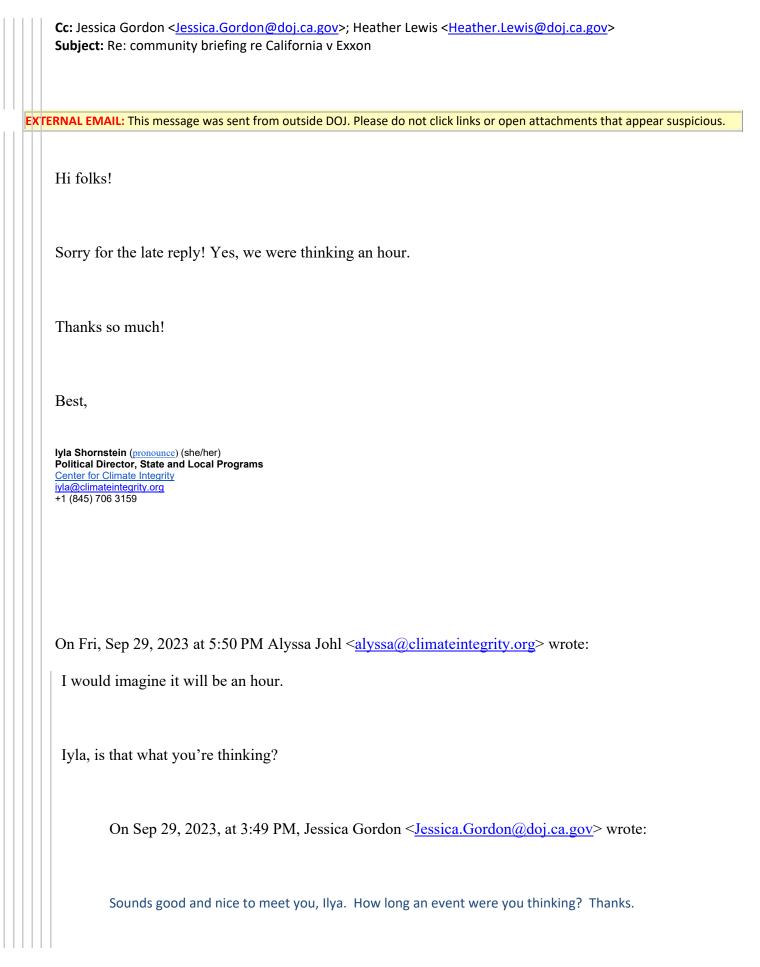
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Absolutely! We are grateful to you for joining! We are going to invite mainly nonprofits (CA-based and some national) and CA elected officials. We've been educating elected officials in CA about climate accountability for some time so we want to make sure folks know about and understand the recent filing. We would be delighted if you suggested groups to add. The more the merrier! No specific parameters -- we wanted this to be largely educational.

I am attaching the event description to this email. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with this and then we can move forward promoting it?

Thanks Jessica

PS - I am just confirming the monday times for a prep call but will be back to you ASAP!	
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Thanks again for organizing! Can you please tell us who you're inviting? I've gotten requests to speak with a number of NGOs, so it would be great to know who we'll already be briefing at this event. And if it would be appropriate for us to suggest groups to add, please let us know if you have parameters for invited groups (e.g., only orgs with legal teams).	
Thanks, Jessica	
Jessica	
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Hi Iyla,	
Jessica and I are available for a prep call during the 10/16 and 10/17 windows in Jessica's earlier email – those times would be preferable if possible as I'll be out much of the previous week.	
Thanks,	

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Hi Jessica,

Thanks so much! Let's go with Wednesday, 10/18 at 12pm PT. I will work to get a registration link and language together so we can start promoting. I will send what I put together here before it goes live for your approval.

Thank you!

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Thanks! We're currently available in these slots:

- Monday, 10/16/2023 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM
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Many thanks,			
Alyssa			
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So sorry for the slow reply – it's been hectic, as you can probably imagine! We are discussing internally and hope to get back to you in the next day or so. Thank you for your interest and patience! From: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:26 AM To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov> Subject: Re: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil **EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This message Hi Jessica, was sent from outside DOJ. Please do I wanted to circle back on this, as we'd love to get this scheduled. Have you been not click able to consult with AG Bonta or others in your office re interest/availability for a links or briefing next week? open attachments that appear suspicious. Many thanks, Alyssa On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:27 PM, Jessica Gordon <Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov> wrote: Thanks, Alyssa! Will get back to you ASAP. On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:20 PM, Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> wrote: **EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This message was sent from outside DOJ.

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Hi both,

I thought you would be interested in this piece my colleague Emily Sanders just published.

Also, I sent this message earlier (to Jessica), but know that you and others are caught up in the mayhem of Climate Week. Please let me know if this would be of interest, we'd love to get it scheduled and start promoting this week.

I spoke with Kassie from CBD, and we are interested in organizing a virtual briefing, ideally early next week (Monday or Tuesday) for elected officials, non-profits, and other members of the climate, environment, and justice communities. We'd love to have AG Bonta (or you or Ed or someone else from your office) join to share his perspective, and discuss why the state brought the suit, the specific claims, and how others can support as the case moves forward. Would the AG or someone else be interested and available?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

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From: ExxonKnews

<exxonknews@substack.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 18, 2023 at 1:49 PM

Subject: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil

To: <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

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Attorney General Rob Bonta's lawsuit against ExxonMobil and other oil giants signals a new era for climate accountability.

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The state of California just launched a game-changing climate lawsuit against oil majors, bringing the weight of one of the world's largest economies and the mo

populous state in the nation to bear against some of the biggest fossil fuel companies of earth.

California's size and political influence and its position as the first major oil producii state to take the indust to court — give the lawsuit distinction as likely the most powerf action to date to hold Big Oil companies accountable for lying about their products' role in climate change The Golden State's action could very likel open the floodgates for other states that might have been waiting to make their own moves while Attorney Genera Rob Bonta is the ninth attorney general to sue Big Oil, 16 attorneys general signed on to the latest legal brief in support of a climate

Both Bonta and Governor Gavin

accountability case.

Newsom indicated as much while speaking a Climate Week NYC of Sunday. Bonta said he hopes California's more "will be an inspiration to other states and other entities to get involved and join us, to sue and be part of the effort to hold the industry accountable."

"I just met with another governor a moment ago," Newsom said, shortly before posting photo with Governor Wes Moore of Maryland, where three municipalities are already suing Big Oil. "We want to see this spread, we want more and more jurisdictions the United Nations and more countries to move in this direction."

The lawsuit, filed late
Friday in California
state court, argues that
ExxonMobil, BP,
Chevron,
ConocoPhillips, Shell,
and the American

Petroleum Institute "aggressive[ly] promot[ed] the use of fossil fuel products" while "misrepresenting and concealing the hazards of those products to deceive consumers and the public." As a result, climate action was delayed for decades, th case argues, and Californians now face regular onslaught of disasters — from dead wildfires and droughts to dangerous heat waves, hurricanes, and floods.

"Californians and their families, communities, and small businesses should not have to bear all the costs of climate change alone," reads the complaint, citing the billions of dollars residents have and will spend to recover from such disasters. "This lawsuit seeks to hold those companies accountable for the lies they have told and the

damage they have caused."

In a first for state climate lawsuits,
California's case looks to create an abatement fund that fossil fuel defendants would pay into to help residents foot the bill for adaptation and recover That remedy is based of a strong California law which was successfully used to create a \$305 million abatement function lead paint.

Here are some other things to know about California's case:

Bonta's lawsuit build on cases filed by eigh California municipalities.

In 2017 and 2018, eight California
municipalities — San
Francisco, Oakland,
Santa Cruz, Richmond
Imperial Beach, and the
counties of San Mateo
San Marin, and Santa
Cruz — filed some of

the earliest climate liability lawsuits again the fossil fuel industry According to the attorney general's complaint, the state's lawsuit won't supersed any of those pending local actions, which are expected to reach trial first.

The latest of those case was filed in Richmond the site of a major. Chevron oil refinery known for its chronic pollution, explosions, and fires. The city, mostly made up of people of color, is also home to soaring rates of cancer, cardiovascular disease, and childhood asthma.

But many residents say Chevron, which <u>funds</u> the city's newspaper (which it uses as a PR platform) and is its largest employer, continues to mislead the public about its operations and push for false climate solutions

that will worsen environmental justice harms and continue its oil and gas business in the community. Since the company built a much-touted hydrogen plant at its "modernized" Richmond refinery in 2018, emissions flaring incidents have skyrocketed.

Screenshot from a pos on Chevron's website last year.

"There's a daily effort to create this misinformation campaign while we're fighting to survive," said Katt Ramos, Managing Director at the Richmond Our Power coalition. "What [Chevron is] actually doing is prolonging their life while causing us harm with unprover technology."

Chevron and the other oil companies' ongoin misinformation and greenwashing plays a major role in California's claims.

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California opens the floodgates on Big Oil

Attorney General Rob Bonta's lawsuit against ExxonMobil and other oil giants signals a new era for climate accountability.

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The state of California just launched a game-changing climate lawsuit against oil majors, bringing the weight of one of the world's largest economies and the mos populous state in the nation to bear against some of the biggest

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California's size and political influence and its position as the first major oil producin state to take the industr to court — give the lawsuit distinction as likely the most powerfu action to date to hold Big Oil companies accountable for lying about their products' role in climate change. The Golden State's action could very likely open the floodgates for other states that might have been waiting to make their own moves; while Attorney General Rob Bonta is the ninth attorney general to sue Big Oil, 16 attorneys general signed on to the latest legal brief in support of a climate

Both Bonta and Governor Gavin Newsom indicated as

accountability case.

Sunday. Bonta said he hopes California's move "will be an inspiration to other states and other entities to get involved and join us, to sue and be part of the effort to hold the industry accountable."

"I just met with another governor a moment ago," Newsom said, shortly before posting a photo with Governor Wes Moore of Maryland, where three municipalities are already suing Big Oil. "We want to see this spread, we want more and more jurisdictions, the United Nations and more countries to move in this direction."

The lawsuit, filed late
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"Californians and their families, communities, and small businesses should not have to bear all the costs of climate change alone," reads the complaint, citing the billions of dollars residents have and will spend to recover from such disasters. "This lawsuit seeks to hold those companies accountable for the lies they have told and the

In a first for state climate lawsuits,
California's case looks to create an abatement fund that fossil fuel defendants would pay into to help residents foot the bill for adaptation and recovery. That remedy is based of a strong California law, which was successfully used to create a \$305 million abatement fund for lead paint.

Here are some other things to know about California's case:

Bonta's lawsuit builds on cases filed by eight California municipalities.

In 2017 and 2018, eight California
municipalities — San
Francisco, Oakland,
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The latest of those case was filed in Richmond, the site of a major Chevron oil refinery known for its chronic pollution, explosions, and fires. The city, mostly made up of people of color, is also home to soaring rates o cancer, cardiovascular disease, and childhood asthma.

But many residents say
Chevron, which <u>funds</u>
the city's newspaper
(which it uses as a PR
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oil and gas business in the community. Since the company built a much-touted hydrogen plant at its "modernized" Richmond refinery in 2018, emissions flaring incidents have skyrocketed.

Screenshot from a post on Chevron's website last year.

"There's a daily effort to create this misinformation campaign while we're fighting to survive," said Katt Ramos, Managing Director at the Richmond Our Power coalition. "What [Chevron is] actually doing is prolonging their life while causing us harm with unproven technology."

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California's complaint puts a spotlight on the companies' modern deception.

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"Through recent advertising campaigns and public statements in California and/or intended to reach California, including bu not limited to online advertisements and social media posts, Defendants falsely and misleadingly portray these products as 'green,' and the Fossil Fuel Defendants portray themselves as climatefriendly energy companies that are deeply engaged in

Among many claims familiar to other climate accountability suits, including public nuisance, false advertising, fraud, and negligence, the case also brings a new cause of action under California law: misleading environmental marketing. California argues the companies are violating the state's law meant to protect consumers against greenwashing.

According to the complaint, the companies deceptively promoted natural gas as a climate solution; deceptively marketed fossil fuel products as "low carbon," "emissions-reducing," "clean" and/or "green," just as tobacco companies promoted "low-tar" or "light" cigarettes as healthy alternatives to giving up smoking; marketed their businesses as

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Just last week, the Wall Street Journal reported never-before-seen documentation of Exxon's deception under the reign of former CEO Rex Tillerson, who pledged the company's support for climate actions like the Paris Agreement while working to cast doubt on climate science behind the scenes. Exxon is the lead defendant in California's case.

Both Bonta, who filed the suit and has said he is "seriously considering" a run for governor, and Newsom who is expected to be preparing for a future presidential run, are clearly embracing this issue.

"The scale and scope of what the state of California can do we think can move the needle," Newsom told David Gelles of the New York Times at the opening ceremony of Climate Week NYC. "We cannot address [climate change] unless we get serious about addressing the issue. And the issue is fossil fuels, the issue is the deceit from these companies."

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A sign at Sunday's March to End Fossil Fuels in New York City

It's a tipping point for the legal fight for climate accountability

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The industry's attempts to delay and derail the cases have persistently failed, and now California's in the

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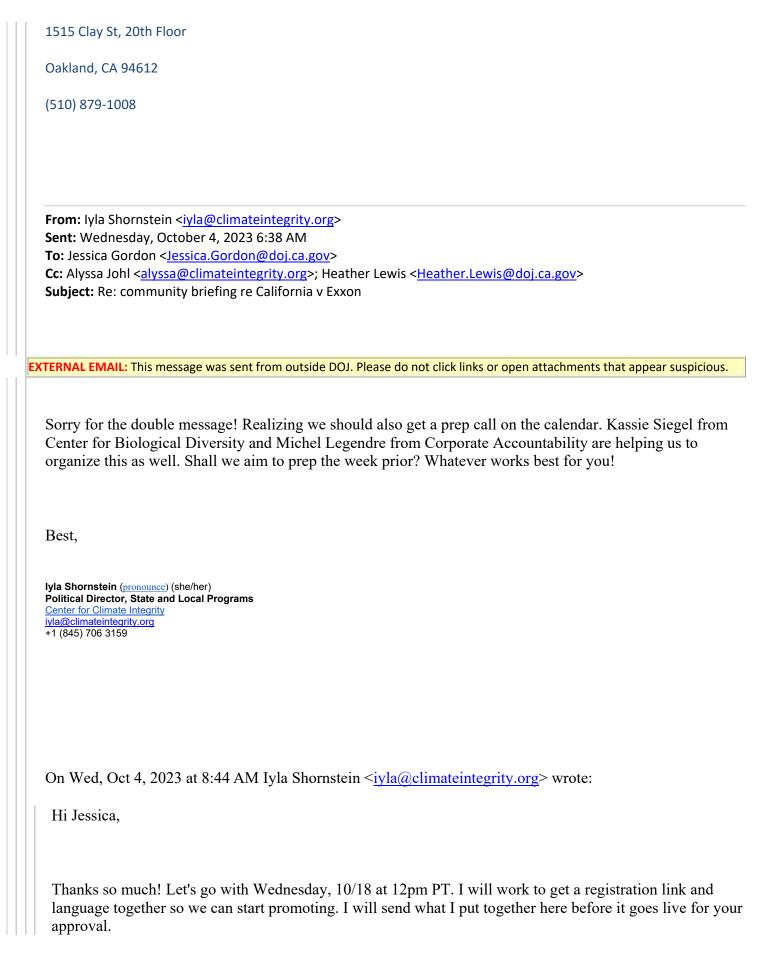
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Jessica

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- Audubon
- Nature Conservancy
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Unfortunately I now have a conflict at 1:20 PT today, so either need to start our prep call earlier or reschedule. I am available all day until that time and from 2-2:30 PT. Thanks!

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Absolutely! We are grateful to you for joining! We are going to invite mainly nonprofits (CA-based and some national) and CA elected officials. We've been educating elected officials in CA about climate accountability for some time so we want to make sure folks know about and understand the recent filing. We would be delighted if you suggested groups to add. The more the merrier! No specific parameters -- we wanted this to be largely educational.

I am attaching the event description to this email. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with this and then we can move forward promoting it?

Thanks Jessica

PS - I am just confirming the monday times for a prep call but will be back to you ASAP!

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Thanks again for organizing! Can you please tell us who you're inviting? I've gotten requests to speak with a number of NGOs, so it would be great to know who we'll already be briefing at this event. And if it would be appropriate for us to suggest groups to add, please let us know if you have parameters for invited groups (e.g., only orgs with legal teams).

Thanks,

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Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 9:53 AM

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Jessica and I are available for a prep call during the 10/16 and 10/17 windows in Jessica's earlier email – those times would be preferable if possible as I'll be out much of the previous week.

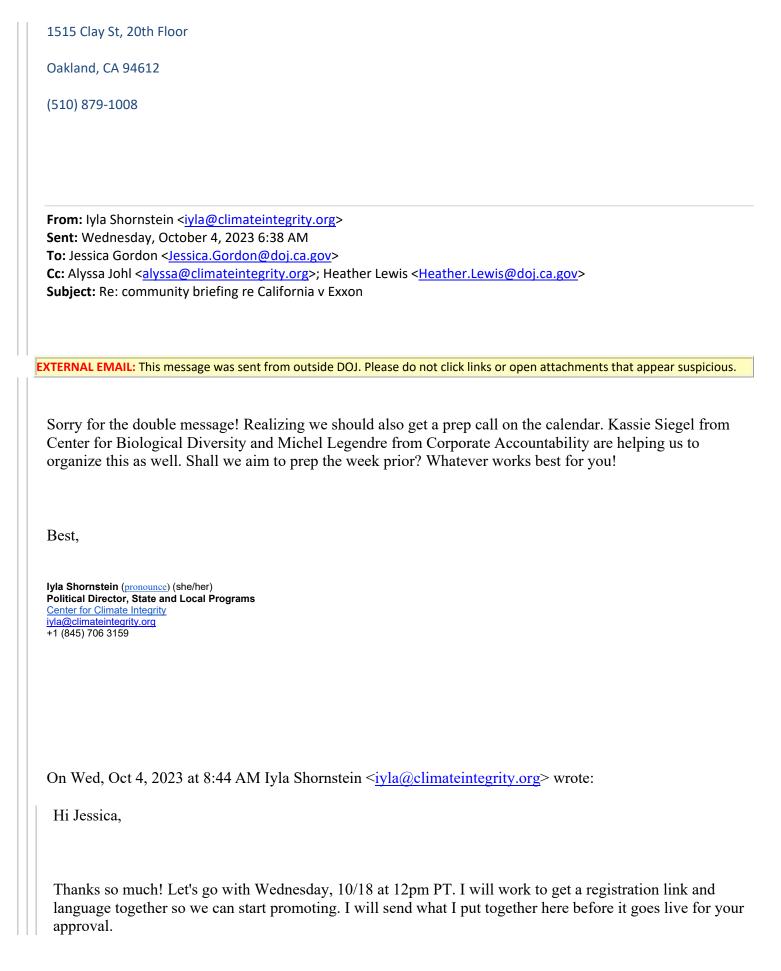
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	- Tuesday, 10/17/2023 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 5:50 PM Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org wrote:
I would imagine it will be an hour.
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Sounds good and nice to meet you, Ilya. How long an event were you thinking? Thanks.
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	or the slow reply – it's been hectic, as you can probably imagine! We are discussing and hope to get back to you in the next day or so. Thank you for your interest and

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Many thanks,

Alyssa

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"Californians and their families, communities, and small businesses should not have to bear all the costs of climate change alone," reads the complaint, citing the billions of dollars residents have and will spend to recover from such disasters. "This lawsuit seeks to hold those companies accountable for the lies they have told and the

damage they have caused."

In a first for state climate lawsuits,
California's case looks to create an abatement fund that fossil fuel defendants would pay into to help residents foot the bill for adaptation and recovery. That remedy is based on a strong California law, which was successfully used to create a \$305 million abatement fund for lead paint.

Here are some other things to know about California's case:

Bonta's lawsuit builds on cases filed by eight California municipalities.

In 2017 and 2018, eight California
municipalities — San
Francisco, Oakland,
Santa Cruz, Richmond,
Imperial Beach, and the
counties of San Mateo,
San Marin, and Santa
Cruz — filed some of

the earliest climate liability lawsuits against the fossil fuel industry. According to the attorney general's complaint, the state's lawsuit won't supersede any of those pending local actions, which are expected to reach trial first.

The latest of those cases was <u>filed in Richmond</u>, the site of a major Chevron oil refinery known for its chronic pollution, explosions, and fires. The city, mostly made up of people of color, is also home to soaring rates of cancer, cardiovascular disease, and childhood asthma.

But many residents say
Chevron, which <u>funds</u>
the city's newspaper
(which it uses as a PR
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that will worsen environmental justice harms and continue its oil and gas business in the community. Since the company built a much-touted hydrogen plant at its "modernized" Richmond refinery in 2018, emissions flaring incidents have skyrocketed.

Screenshot from a post on Chevron's website last year.

"There's a daily effort to create this misinformation campaign while we're fighting to survive," said Katt Ramos, Managing Director at the Richmond Our Power coalition. "What [Chevron is] actually doing is prolonging their life while causing us harm with unproven technology."

Chevron and the other oil companies' ongoing misinformation and greenwashing plays a major role in California's claims.

California's complaint puts a spotlight on the companies' modern deception.

California's complaint documents Big Oil's modern greenwashing and deception about the environmental benefits of its operations.

"Through recent advertising campaigns and public statements in California and/or intended to reach California, including but not limited to online advertisements and social media posts, Defendants falsely and misleadingly portray these products as 'green,' and the Fossil Fuel Defendants portray themselves as climatefriendly energy companies that are deeply engaged in

finding solutions to climate change," reads the complaint.

Among many claims familiar to other climate accountability suits, including public nuisance, false advertising, fraud, and negligence, the case also brings a new cause of action under California law: misleading environmental marketing. California argues the companies are violating the state's law meant to protect consumers against greenwashing.

According to the complaint, the companies deceptively promoted natural gas as a climate solution; deceptively marketed fossil fuel products as "low carbon," "emissions-reducing," "clean" and/or "green," just as tobacco companies promoted "low-tar" or "light"

cigarettes as healthy alternatives to giving up smoking; marketed their businesses as contributing to "climate solutions" despite their negligible investments in clean energy as opposed to their increasing production of oil and gas; and claimed to be in alignment with international climate goals, all while protecting and growing their business in fossil fuels.

Just last week, the Wall Street Journal reported never-before-seen documentation of Exxon's deception under the reign of former CEO Rex Tillerson, who pledged the company's support for climate actions like the Paris Agreement while working to cast doubt on climate science behind the scenes. Exxon is the lead defendant in California's case.

California's case is the latest sign of the evolving politics of taking on Big Oil.

Both Bonta, who filed the suit and has said he is "seriously considering" a run for governor, and Newsom, who is expected to be preparing for a future presidential run, are clearly embracing this issue.

"The scale and scope of what the state of California can do we think can move the needle," Newsom told David Gelles of the New York Times at the opening ceremony of Climate Week NYC. "We cannot address [climate change] unless we get serious about addressing the issue. And the issue is fossil fuels, the issue is the deceit from these companies."

It's the latest sign that politicians see taking on Big Oil as an

increasingly popular move, as we saw during last year's midterm elections.

A sign at Sunday's

March to End Fossil

Fuels in New York City.

It's a tipping point for the legal fight for climate accountability.

California is the first state to file since the Supreme Court cleared the way for climate accountability suits against Big Oil to proceed toward trial in state courts. On Sunday, Bonta told reporters that the Supreme Court's ruling "allows us to get to where we want to go, to the merits, to hold them accountable for their deceit."

The industry's attempts to delay and derail the cases have persistently failed, and now California's in the

game, with all signs pointing to more lawsuits against Big Oil to come.

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	Best,	
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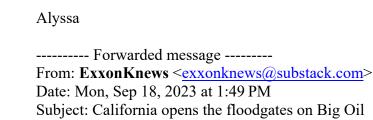
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Attorney General Rob Bonta's lawsuit against ExxonMobil and other oil giants signals a new era for climate accountability.

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The state of California just launched a game-changing climate lawsuit against oil majors, bringing the weight of one of the world's largest economies and the most populous state in the nation to bear against some of the biggest fossil fuel companies on earth.

California's size and political influence — and its position as the first major oil producing state to take the industry to court — give the lawsuit distinction as

likely the most powerful action to date to hold Big Oil companies accountable for lying about their products' role in climate change. The Golden State's action could very likely open the floodgates for other states that might have been waiting to make their own moves; while Attorney General Rob Bonta is the ninth attorney general to sue Big Oil, 16 attorneys general signed on to the latest legal brief in support of a climate accountability case.

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hopes California's move
"will be an inspiration
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"I just met with another governor a moment ago," Newsom said, shortly before posting a photo with Governor

Wes Moore of

Maryland, where three municipalities are already suing Big Oil.

"We want to see this spread, we want more and more jurisdictions, the United Nations and more countries to move in this direction."

The lawsuit, filed late Friday in California state court, argues that ExxonMobil, BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Shell, and the American Petroleum Institute "aggressive[ly] promot[ed] the use of fossil fuel products" while "misrepresenting and concealing the hazards of those products to deceive consumers and the public." As a result, climate action was delayed for decades, the case argues, and

Californians now face a regular onslaught of disasters — from deadly wildfires and droughts to dangerous heat waves, hurricanes, and floods.

"Californians and their families, communities, and small businesses should not have to bear all the costs of climate change alone," reads the complaint, citing the billions of dollars residents have and will spend to recover from such disasters. "This lawsuit seeks to hold those companies accountable for the lies they have told and the damage they have caused."

In a first for state climate lawsuits,
California's case looks to create an abatement fund that fossil fuel defendants would pay into to help residents foot the bill for adaptation and recovery.
That remedy is based on

a strong California law, which was successfully used to create a \$305 million abatement fund for <u>lead paint</u>.

Here are some other things to know about California's case:

Bonta's lawsuit builds on cases filed by eight California municipalities.

In 2017 and 2018, eight California municipalities — San Francisco, Oakland, Santa Cruz, Richmond, Imperial Beach, and the counties of San Mateo, San Marin, and Santa Cruz — filed some of the earliest climate liability lawsuits against the fossil fuel industry. According to the attorney general's complaint, the state's lawsuit won't supersede any of those pending local actions, which are expected to reach trial first.

The latest of those cases was <u>filed in Richmond</u>, the site of a major Chevron oil refinery known for its chronic pollution, explosions, and fires. The city, mostly made up of people of color, is also home to soaring rates of cancer, cardiovascular disease, and childhood asthma.

But many residents say Chevron, which <u>funds</u> the city's newspaper (which it uses as a PR platform) and is its largest employer, continues to mislead the public about its operations and push for false climate solutions that will worsen environmental justice harms and continue its oil and gas business in the community. Since the company built a much-touted hydrogen plant at its "modernized" Richmond refinery in 2018, emissions flaring

<u>incidents</u> have skyrocketed.

Screenshot from a post on Chevron's website last year.

"There's a daily effort to create this misinformation campaign while we're fighting to survive," said Katt Ramos, Managing Director at the Richmond Our Power coalition. "What [Chevron is] actually doing is prolonging their life while causing us harm with unproven technology."

Chevron and the other oil companies' ongoing misinformation and greenwashing plays a major role in California's claims.

California's complaint puts a spotlight on the companies' modern deception.

California's complaint documents Big Oil's modern greenwashing and deception about the environmental benefits of its operations.

"Through recent advertising campaigns and public statements in California and/or intended to reach California, including but not limited to online advertisements and social media posts, Defendants falsely and misleadingly portray these products as 'green,' and the Fossil Fuel Defendants portray themselves as climatefriendly energy companies that are deeply engaged in finding solutions to climate change," reads the complaint.

Among many claims familiar to other climate accountability suits, including public nuisance, false advertising, fraud, and negligence, the case

also brings a new cause of action under California law: misleading environmental marketing. California argues the companies are violating the state's law meant to protect consumers against greenwashing.

According to the complaint, the companies deceptively promoted natural gas as a climate solution; deceptively marketed fossil fuel products as "low carbon," "emissions-reducing," "clean" and/or "green," just as tobacco companies promoted "low-tar" or "light" cigarettes as healthy alternatives to giving up smoking; marketed their businesses as contributing to "climate solutions" despite their negligible investments in clean energy as opposed to their increasing production of oil and gas; and claimed

to be in alignment with international climate goals, all while protecting and growing their business in fossil fuels.

Just last week, the Wall Street Journal reported never-before-seen documentation of Exxon's deception under the reign of former CEO Rex Tillerson, who pledged the company's support for climate actions like the Paris Agreement while working to cast doubt on climate science behind the scenes. Exxon is the lead defendant in California's case.

California's case is the latest sign of the evolving politics of taking on Big Oil.

Both Bonta, who filed the suit and has said he is "seriously considering" a run for governor, and Newsom, who is expected to be preparing for a future

presidential run, are clearly embracing this issue.

"The scale and scope of what the state of California can do we think can move the needle," Newsom told David Gelles of the New York Times at the opening ceremony of Climate Week NYC. "We cannot address [climate change] unless we get serious about addressing the issue. And the issue is fossil fuels, the issue is the deceit from these companies."

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The latest of those cases was <u>filed in Richmond</u>, the site of a major Chevron oil refinery known for its chronic pollution, explosions, and fires. The city, mostly made up of people of color, is also home to soaring rates of cancer, cardiovascular

disease, and childhood asthma.

But many residents say Chevron, which <u>funds</u> the city's newspaper (which it uses as a PR platform) and is its largest employer, continues to mislead the public about its operations and push for false climate solutions that will worsen environmental justice harms and continue its oil and gas business in the community. Since the company built a much-touted hydrogen plant at its "modernized" Richmond refinery in 2018, emissions flaring incidents have skyrocketed.

Screenshot from a post on Chevron's website last year.

"There's a daily effort to create this misinformation

campaign while we're fighting to survive," said Katt Ramos, Managing Director at the Richmond Our Power coalition. "What [Chevron is] actually doing is prolonging their life while causing us harm with unproven technology."

Chevron and the other oil companies' ongoing misinformation and greenwashing plays a major role in California's claims.

California's complaint puts a spotlight on the companies' modern deception.

California's complaint documents Big Oil's modern greenwashing and deception about the environmental benefits of its operations.

"Through recent advertising campaigns and public statements in California and/or intended to reach California, including but

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Among many claims familiar to other climate accountability suits, including public nuisance, false advertising, fraud, and negligence, the case also brings a new cause of action under California law: misleading environmental marketing. California argues the companies are violating the state's law meant to protect consumers against greenwashing.

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California's case is the latest sign of the evolving politics of taking on Big Oil.

Both Bonta, who filed the suit and has said he is "seriously considering" a run for governor, and Newsom, who is expected to be preparing for a future presidential run, are clearly embracing this issue.

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A sign at Sunday's March to End Fossil Fuels in New York City.

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California is the first state to file since the Supreme Court <u>cleared</u> the way for climate accountability suits against Big Oil to proceed toward trial in state courts. On Sunday,

Bonta told reporters that the Supreme Court's ruling "allows us to get to where we want to go, to the merits, to hold them accountable for their deceit."

The industry's attempts to delay and derail the cases have persistently failed, and now California's in the game, with all signs pointing to more lawsuits against Big Oil to come.

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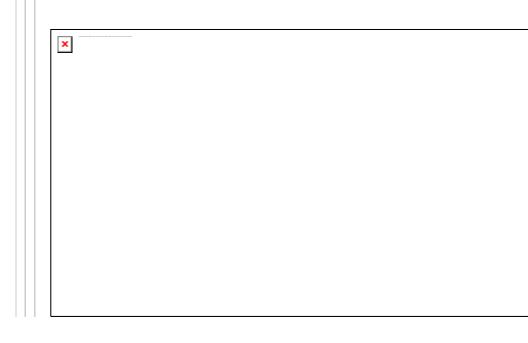
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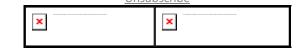
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I spoke with Kassie from CBD, and we are interested in organizing a virtual briefing, ideally early next week (Monday or Tuesday) for elected officials, non-profits, and other members of the climate, environment, and justice communities. We'd love to have AG Bonta (or you or Ed or someone else from your office) join to share his perspective, and discuss why the state brought the suit, the specific claims, and how others can support as the case moves forward. Would the AG or someone else be interested and available?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

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Attorney General Rob Bonta's lawsuit against ExxonMobil and other oil giants signals a new era for climate accountability.

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The state of California just launched a game-changing climate lawsuit against oil majors, bringing the weight of one of the world's largest economies and the most populous state in the nation to bear against some of the biggest fossil fuel companies on earth.

California's size and political influence — and its position as the first major oil producing state to take the industry to court — give the lawsuit distinction as likely the most powerful action to date to hold Big Oil companies accountable for lying about their products' role in climate change. The Golden State's action could very likely open the floodgates for other states that might have been waiting to make their own moves; while Attorney General Rob Bonta is the ninth attorney general to sue Big Oil, 16 attorneys general signed on to the <u>latest legal brief</u> in support of a climate accountability case.

Both Bonta and Governor Gavin Newsom indicated as much while speaking at Climate Week NYC on Sunday. Bonta <u>said</u> he hopes California's move "will be an inspiration to other states and other entities to get involved and join us, to sue and be part of the effort to hold the industry accountable."

"I just met with another governor a moment ago," Newsom said, shortly before posting a photo with <u>Governor Wes Moore of Maryland</u>, where three municipalities are already suing Big Oil. "We want to see this spread, we want more and more jurisdictions, the United Nations and more countries to move in this direction."

The lawsuit, filed late Friday in California state court, argues that ExxonMobil, BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Shell, and the American Petroleum Institute "aggressive[I] promot[ed] the use of fossil fuel products" while "misrepresenting and concealing the hazards of those products to deceive consumers and the public." As a result, climate action was delayed for decades, the case argues, and Californians now face a regular onslaught of disasters — from deadly wildfires and droughts to dangerous heat wave hurricanes, and floods.

"Californians and their families, communities, and small businesses should not have to bear all the costs of climate change alone," reads the complaint, citing the billions of dollars residents have and will spend to recover from such disasters. "This lawsuit seeks to hold those companies accountable for the lies they have told and the damage they have caused."

In a first for state climate lawsuits, California's case looks to create an abatement fur that fossil fuel defendants would pay into to help residents foot the bill for adaptation and recovery. That remedy is based on a strong California law, which was successfully used to create a \$305 million abatement fund for <u>lead paint</u>.

Here are some other things to know about California's case:

Bonta's lawsuit builds on cases filed by eight California municipalities.

In 2017 and 2018, eight California municipalities — San Francisco, Oakland, Santa Cruz, Richmond, Imperial Beach, and the counties of San Mateo, San Marin, and Santa Cruz — filed some of the earliest climate liability lawsuits against the fossil fu industry. According to the attorney general's complaint, the state's lawsuit won't supersede any of those pending local actions, which are expected to reach trial first.

The latest of those cases was <u>filed in Richmond</u>, the site of a major Chevron oil refinery known for its chronic pollution, explosions, and fires. The city, mostly made up of people of color, is also home to soaring rates of cancer, cardiovascular disease, and childhood asthma.

But many residents say Chevron, which <u>funds the city's newspaper</u> (which it uses as PR platform) and is its largest employer, continues to mislead the public about its operations and push for false climate solutions that will worsen environmental justice harms and continue its oil and gas business in the community. Since the company built a <u>much-touted</u> hydrogen plant at its "<u>modernized</u>" Richmond refinery in 2018, <u>emissions flaring incidents</u> have skyrocketed.



Chevron representatives offered details on hydrogen fueling station capabilities at the Richmond Road to Zero Day.

Screenshot from a post on Chevron's website last year.

"There's a daily effort to create this misinformation campaign while we're fighting to survive," said Katt Ramos, Managing Director at the Richmond Our Power coalition "What [Chevron is] actually doing is prolonging their life while causing us harm with unproven technology."

Chevron and the other oil companies' ongoing misinformation and greenwashing plays a major role in California's claims.

California's complaint puts a spotlight on the companies' modern deception.

California's complaint documents Big Oil's modern greenwashing and deception about the environmental benefits of its operations.

"Through recent advertising campaigns and public statements in California and/or intended to reach California, including but not limited to online advertisements and social media posts, Defendants falsely and misleadingly portray these products as 'green,' and the Fossil Fuel Defendants portray themselves as climate-friendly energ companies that are deeply engaged in finding solutions to climate change," reads the complaint.

Among many claims familiar to other climate accountability suits, including public nuisance, false advertising, fraud, and negligence, the case also brings a new cause o action under California law: misleading environmental marketing. California argues the companies are violating the state's law meant to protect consumers against greenwashing.

According to the complaint, the companies deceptively promoted natural gas as a climate solution; deceptively marketed fossil fuel products as "low carbon," "emissions-reducing," "clean" and/or "green," just as tobacco companies promoted "low-tar" or "light" cigarettes as healthy alternatives to giving up smoking; marketed their businesses as contributing to "climate solutions" despite their negligible investments in clean energy as opposed to their increasing production of oil and gas; and claimed to be in alignment with international climate goals, all while protecting and growing their business in fossil fuels.

Just last week, the Wall Street Journal <u>reported</u> never-before-seen documentation of Exxon's deception under the reign of former CEO Rex Tillerson, who pledged the company's support for climate actions like the Paris Agreement while working to ca doubt on climate science behind the scenes. Exxon is the lead defendant in California's case.

California's case is the latest sign of the evolving politics of taking on Big Oil.

Both Bonta, who filed the suit and has said he is "<u>seriously considering</u>" a run for governor, and Newsom, who <u>is expected to be preparing for a future presidential run</u> are clearly embracing this issue.

"The scale and scope of what the state of California can do we think can move the needle," Newsom told David Gelles of the New York Times at the opening ceremon of Climate Week NYC. "We cannot address [climate change] unless we get serious about addressing the issue. And the issue is fossil fuels, the issue is the deceit from these companies."

It's the latest sign that politicians see taking on Big Oil as an increasingly popular move, as we saw during <u>last year's midterm elections</u>.



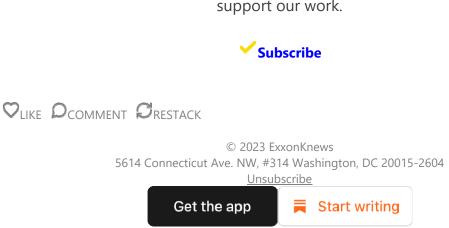
A sign at Sunday's March to End Fossil Fuels in New York City.

It's a tipping point for the legal fight for climate accountability.

California is the first state to file since the Supreme Court <u>cleared the way</u> for climat accountability suits against Big Oil to proceed toward trial in state courts. On Sunday Bonta <u>told reporters</u> that the Supreme Court's ruling "allows us to get to where we want to go, to the merits, to hold them accountable for their deceit."

The industry's attempts to delay and derail the cases have persistently failed, and not California's in the game, with all signs pointing to more lawsuits against Big Oil to come.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 11:35 AM

To: Iyla Shornstein

Cc:Kassie Siegel; Heather Lewis; Alyssa JohlSubject:RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks!

An additional question is: "what has Big Oil's reaction to your lawsuit been like? Is it what you expected?"

From: Iyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org> **Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2023 11:33 AM **To:** Jessica Gordon <Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

Cc: Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>; Heather Lewis <Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov>; Alyssa Johl

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Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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That should be the panelist invite! I don't think you registered separately so that should be it.

And yes, everything is being approved right now!

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 2:22 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks, Kassie! We don't want to get into legal analysis, so let's add these. Thanks!

- The section of the complaint that talks about how the deception campaigns continue today, and about greenwashing, is so powerful. Can you talk a little bit more about greenwashing what is it and some of the examples in the complaint (pp. 82-87)?
- What can people/organizations do to support this lawsuit?

For logistics, confirming that the attached is the panelist invite? And my boss says that she registered about 10-15 minutes ago and hasn't received a link yet – is it coming or is there an issue? Thanks!

From: Kassie Siegel ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org

Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:29 AM

To: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov >; Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov >; Iyla Shornstein

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Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Here are some other possibilities. Please feel free to share any thoughts now or when we hop on 10 min beforehand. Tremendous thanks again for taking the time to do this. Interest in and appreciation for this case is extremely high! - Kassie

- What can people/organizations do to support this lawsuit?
- · How can people best follow this case or get updates about it?
- The section of the complaint that talks about how the deception campaigns continue today, and about greenwashing, is so powerful. Can you talk a little bit more about greenwashing what is it and some of the examples in the complaint (pp. 82-87)?
- Regarding the public nuisance claim, people often refer to a 2017 California appellate decision, People v. Con Agra, finding paint companies liable for their lead paint advertising. Could you tell us a little bit about that case and its implications for this case?
- Sometimes you hear that companies are defending themselves from other accountability cases on the basis of free speech protections. Can you talk a little bit more about California's regulation of commercial speech and the basic difference between my right to say what I want vs. a corporations' obligations when marketing their products to Californians?
- I thought it was really interesting that there is a special provision in California law that prohibits misleading environmental marketing can you tell us anything more about that provision, like maybe when it was enacted, and have there been other enforcement actions?
- The strict and negligent products liability claims are really interesting can you tell us more about that area of law in California, maybe some examples of how they have been previously used to protect the public?

Kassie Siegel, Director

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From: Heather Lewis < Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov > Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:19 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>> **Cc:** Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>; Alyssa Johl < alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Yes, that approach works for me, thanks Iyla. Also confirming that I received the panelist invite.

Thanks,

Heather

From: Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:17 AM
To: Iyla Shornstein < <u>iyla@climateintegrity.org</u>>

Cc: Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>; Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>; Heather Lewis

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Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon

Thanks! I am fine with that, if it works for Heather and everyone else.

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 10:15 AM
To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

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Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Great! I'll let Kassie send along a few additional questions.

One other suggestion -- Kassie and myself can drop questions into the "hosts/panelists" chat. Heather and Jessica can react with a 'thumbs up' emoji to the questions that would be good to answer in this setting. Then, I can send them privately to Alyssa. That way, Heather and Jessica only need to look at one chat and Alyssa only needs to look at one chat. The only people running between chats are Kassie and myself? Hopefully that didn't overcomplicate it! I am also fine with google or teams!

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On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 12:54 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks! Here are a couple of questions we'd like to address. Do you have others already in mind? And I'm still looking for a doc we can all easily edit together, but alternatives are for us to look at google docs on personal devices simultaneously or to use a Teams chat.

Q: Why did California file its climate accountability suit now?

Q: Big cases like this one tend to move slowly. What do you see happening before the case is resolved?

From: Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org > Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 9:27 AM
To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov >

Cc: Kassie Siegel <ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org>; Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>; Heather Lewis

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ASM Holden
LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis
Los Angeles City - Raman
Asm. Bauer-Kahan
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CA Senator Lena Gonzalez
California State Senate - Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Office of Rep. Katie Porter
State Senate - Lena Gonzalez
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From: Jessica Gordon

Thanks!

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 12:24 PM

To: 'Iyla Shornstein' < iyla@climateintegrity.org >; Kassie Siegel < ksiegel@biologicaldiversity.org >

	Subject: RE: community briefing re California v Exxon
	Thanks for rescheduling! I'm hoping we can discuss your anticipated format and which groups you have invited. Thanks!
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	Looks like we can start early. I will change the invite to a start time of 12:30 PT. Let me know if ar changes and I look forward to speaking then!
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Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 6:57 AM

To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

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Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Absolutely! We are grateful to you for joining! We are going to invite mainly nonprofits (CA-based and some national) and CA elected officials. We've been educating elected officials in CA about climate accountability for some time so we want to make sure folks know about and understand the recent filing. We would be delighted if you suggested groups to add. The more the merrier! No specific parameters -- we wanted this to be largely educational.

I am attaching the event description to this email. Can you let me know if you are comfortable with this and then we can move forward promoting it?

Thanks Jessica

PS - I am just confirming the monday times for a prep call but will be back to you ASAP!

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On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:53 PM Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov> wrote:

Thanks again for organizing! Can you please tell us who you're inviting? I've gotten requests to speak with a number of NGOs, so it would be great to know who we'll already be briefing at this event. And if it would be

	e for us to suggest groups to add, please let us know if you have parameters for invited grou ith legal teams).
Thanks,	
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	I are available for a prep call during the 10/16 and 10/17 windows in Jessica's earlier emailed be preferable if possible as I'll be out much of the previous week.
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	On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 8:44 AM Iyla Shornstein < iyla@climateintegrity.org> wrote:
	Hi Jessica,
	Thanks so much! Let's go with Wednesday, 10/18 at 12pm PT. I will work to get a registration link and language together so we can start promoting. I will send what I put together here before it goes live for your approval.
	Thank you!

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	On Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 5:09 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u> > wrote:
	Thanks! We're currently available in these slots:
	- Monday, 10/16/2023 – 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM
	- Tuesday, 10/17/2023 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
	- Wednesday, 10/18/2023 – 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM
	From: Iyla Shornstein <i<u>yla@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 6:43 AM To: Alyssa Johl <<u>alyssa@climateintegrity.org</u>> Cc: Jessica Gordon <<u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>>; Heather Lewis <<u>Heather.Lewis@doj.ca.gov</u>> Subject: Re: community briefing re California v Exxon</i<u>
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On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 5:50 PM Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> wrote:

I would imagine it will be an hour.

Iyla, is that what you're thinking?

On Sep 29, 2023, at 3:49 PM, Jessica Gordon < Jessica. Gordon@doj.ca.gov> wrote:

Sounds good and nice to meet you, Ilya. How long an event were you thinking? Thanks.

From: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 12:48 PM
To: Jessica Gordon <Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov>

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Subject: community briefing re California v Exxon

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Hi Jessica (and Heather),

Thanks so much for getting back to me, and no worries! We're happy to hear that you and Heather are able to participate.

Could we schedule the briefing for the week of 10/16, sometime between 9 am-2 pm PT? We are flexible, so please let us know what works best for you. I'm cc'ing my colleague Iyla Shornstein, who is helping to organize behind the scenes.

Many thanks, Alyssa On Fri, Sep 29, 2023 at 2:42 PM Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote: Alyssa, with further apologies for the slow reply, I'm adding Heather Lewis, a member of the legal team who will join me on the briefing. Please send a few potential dates/times that work for you. We're looking forward to it! Thanks, Jessica From: Jessica Gordon Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 10:51 AM To: Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org Subject: RE: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil So sorry for the slow reply – it's been hectic, as you can probably imagine! We are discussing internally and hope to get back to you in the next day or so. Thank you for your interest and patience! From: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:26 AM To: Jessica Gordon < Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov> Subject: Re: California opens the floodgates on Big Oil

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Hi Jessica,

I wanted to circle back on this, as we'd love to get this scheduled. Have you been able to consult with AG Bonta or others in your office re interest/availability for a briefing next week?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:27 PM, Jessica Gordon < <u>Jessica.Gordon@doj.ca.gov</u>> wrote:

Thanks, Alyssa! Will get back to you ASAP.

On Sep 18, 2023, at 3:20 PM, Alyssa Johl alyssa@climateintegrity.org wrote:

Hi both,

I thought you would be interested in this piece my colleague Emily Sanders just published.

Also, I sent this message earlier (to Jessica), but know that you and others are caught up in the mayhem of Climate Week. Please let me know if this would be of interest, we'd love to get it scheduled and start promoting this week.

I spoke with Kassie from CBD, and we are interested in organizing a virtual briefing, ideally early next week (Monday or Tuesday) for elected officials, non-profits, and other members of the climate, environment, and justice communities. We'd love to have AG Bonta (or you or Ed or someone else from your office) join to share his perspective, and discuss why the state brought the suit, the specific claims, and how others can support as the case moves forward. Would the AG or someone else be interested and available?

Many thanks,

Alyssa

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<<u>exxonknews@substack.com</u>>

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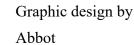
Attorney General Rob Bonta's lawsuit against ExxonMobil and other oil giants signals a new era for climate accountability.

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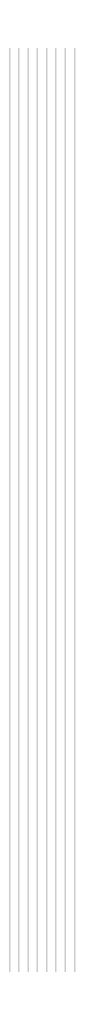
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The state of California just launched a garchanging climate lawsuit against oil majors, bringing the weight of one of the world's largest economies and the populous state in the

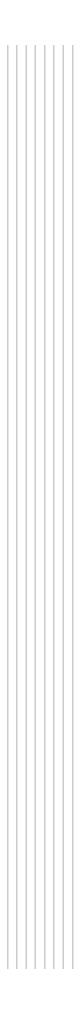


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California's size a political influence and its position as first major oil prod state to take the into court — give th lawsuit distinction likely the most por action to date to he Big Oil companies accountable for ly about their produc role in climate cha The Golden State' action could very l open the floodgate other states that m have been waiting make their own me while Attorney Ge Rob Bonta is the n attorney general to Big Oil, 16 attorne general signed on latest legal brief in

Both Bonta and Governor Gavin Newsom indicated

support of a climate accountability case

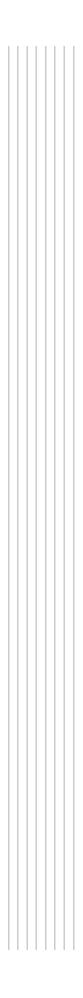


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Climate Week NY
Sunday. Bonta said
hopes California's
"will be an inspira
to other states and
entities to get invo
and join us, to sue
be part of the effort
hold the industry
accountable."

"I just met with an governor a momer ago," Newsom sais shortly before post photo with Govern Wes Moore of Maryland, where the municipalities are already suing Big "We want to see the spread, we want mand more jurisdict the United Nations more countries to in this direction."

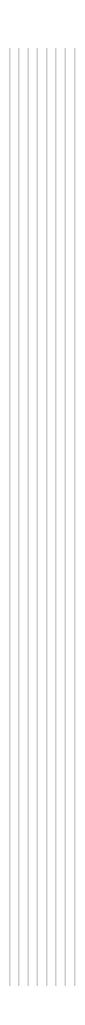
The lawsuit, filed Friday in Californi state court, argues ExxonMobil, BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, SI

and the American
Petroleum Institute



"aggressive[ly] promot[ed] the use fossil fuel product while "misreprese and concealing the hazards of those products to deceiv consumers and the public." As a resul climate action was delayed for decade case argues, and Californians now t regular onslaught disasters — from o wildfires and drou to dangerous heat waves, hurricanes, floods.

"Californians and families, communiand small business should not have to all the costs of clin change alone," reacomplaint, citing the billions of dollars residents have and spend to recover from such disasters. "The lawsuit seeks to how those companies accountable for the they have told and



damage they have caused."

In a first for state climate lawsuits, California's case I to create an abatent fund that fossil fue defendants would into to help resider foot the bill for adaptation and rec That remedy is base a strong California which was success used to create a \$3 million abatement for lead paint.

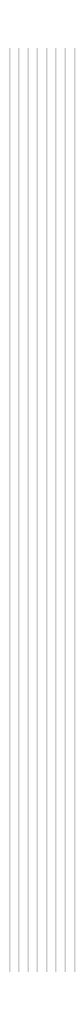
Here are some oth things to know about California's case:

Bonta's lawsuit b on cases filed by o California municipalities.

In 2017 and 2018,
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municipalities — S
Francisco, Oakland
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San Marin, and Sa Cruz — filed some

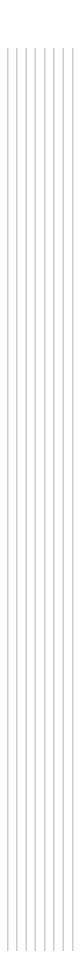
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the earliest climated liability lawsuits at the fossil fuel induced According to the attorney general's complaint, the state lawsuit won't superany of those pendiducal actions, which expected to reach the first.

The latest of those was filed in Richm the site of a major Chevron oil refine known for its chropollution, explosion and fires. The city mostly made up of people of color, is home to soaring racancer, cardiovasce disease, and childhasthma.

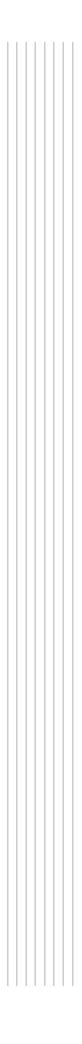
But many resident. Chevron, which <u>fu</u> the city's newspap (which it uses as a platform) and is its largest employer, continues to misles public about its operations and pust false climate solutions.



that will worsen environmental just harms and continuoil and gas busines the community. Si the company built much-touted hydroplant at its "modernized" Richmond refinery 2018, emissions fluincidents have skyrocketed.

Screenshot from a on Chevron's web last year.

"There's a daily effect to create this misinformation campaign while we fighting to survive said Katt Ramos, Managing Director the Richmond Our Power coalition. "[Chevron is] actual doing is prolonging their life while cause was harm with unpresented to the company of the coality of the cause of the cau



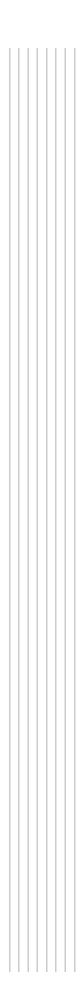
Chevron and the o oil companies' ong misinformation and greenwashing play major role in California's claims

California's comp puts a spotlight of companies' mode deception.

California's completed documents Big Oil modern greenwash and deception above environmental bent of its operations.

"Through recent advertising campa and public stateme California and/or intended to reach California, includi not limited to onlin advertisements and social media posts Defendants falsely misleadingly portr these products as 'green,' and the Fo Fuel Defendants p themselves as clim friendly energy companies that are

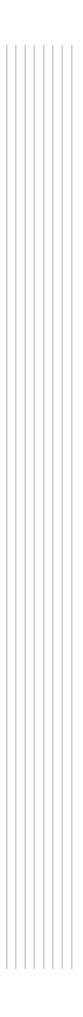
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finding solutions to climate change," r the complaint.

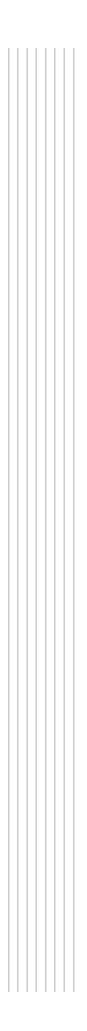
Among many clair familiar to other cl accountability suit including public nuisance, false advertising, fraud, negligence, the cas also brings a new of action under California law: misleading environmental marketing. Califor argues the compar are violating the st law meant to prote consumers against greenwashing.

According to the complaint, the companies decepti promoted natural ga climate solution; deceptively market fossil fuel products "low carbon," "emissions-reducing "clean" and/or "grajust as tobacco companies promoto "low-tar" or "light"



cigarettes as health alternatives to givi smoking; marketed businesses as contributing to "cl solutions" despite negligible investm in clean energy as opposed to their increasing product oil and gas; and cl to be in alignment international clima goals, all while protecting and gro their business in fo fuels.

Just last week, the Street Journal repo never-before-seen documentation of Exxon's deception under the reign of former CEO Rex Tillerson, who ple the company's sup for climate actions the Paris Agreeme while working to o doubt on climate science behind the scenes. Exxon is the lead defendant in California's case.



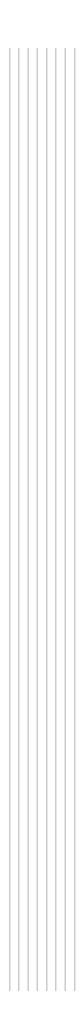
California's case latest sign of the evolving politics of taking on Big Oil

Both Bonta, who for the suit and has satis "seriously considering" a rungovernor, and New who is expected to preparing for a fut presidential run, and clearly embracing issue.

"The scale and sco what the state of California can do think can move the needle," Newsom David Gelles of th New York Times a opening ceremony Climate Week NY "We cannot address [climate change] u we get serious abo addressing the issu And the issue is fo fuels, the issue is t deceit from these

It's the latest sign politicians see taki Big Oil as an

companies."



move, as we saw d last year's midtern elections.

A sign at Sunday's

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Fuels in New York

It's a tipping point the legal fight for climate accountal

California is the firstate to file since to Supreme Court cleather way for climate accountability suitagainst Big Oil to proceed toward tristate courts. On Subonta told reported the Supreme Courtuing "allows us to where we want to the merits, to hot them accountables."

The industry's atte to delay and derail cases have persiste failed, and now California's in the

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game, with all sign pointing to more lawsuits against B to come.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 1:28 PM

To: Iyla Shornstein; Jessica Gordon; Heather Lewis; Michel Legendre; Alyssa Johl

Cc: Christopher Townsend-Diaz

Subject: RE: THANK YOU

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Hi, Alyssa,

We're available today from 12:30-1, 1:30-2 and after 3 and tomorrow before 10, 11:30-1, and after 3 PT. What works for you? Thanks!

Jessica

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Thanks, Heather. I think it's good for us both to join – I will reply.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 12:13 PM

To: Heather Lewis

Subject: Reminder: Public Briefing: California's Climate Accountability Lawsuit starts in 1 day

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From: Iyla Shornstein <iyla@climateintegrity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 1:23 PM

To: Jessica Gordon; Heather Lewis; Kassie Siegel; Michel Legendre; Alyssa Johl

Cc: Christopher Townsend-Diaz

Subject: THANK YOU

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Jessica and Heather — a HUGE thank you from all of us at CCI and beyond. We have already received so much positive feedback from attendees who felt that the call was educational, substantive, and inspiring. We really appreciate you sharing your time with us to help folks understand the details of this monumentally important lawsuit.

Kassie and Michel — Thank you SO much for partnering with us to make this all happen. Because of your efforts and organizing, we had an incredible turnout of nonprofits, elected officials, activists, and beyond. We appreciate your comments and the work you put in to make this such a success.

Tomorrow, Christopher and I will get an email out to folks who attended with a few informational links. Jessica and Heather — we will also work on compiling the questions that we were not able to get to and attach the respective contact info so you can follow up, if you wish.

Thanks again to all for helping give the context and spotlight that this issue deserves.

Warmly,

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From: Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>
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Hi Jessica and Heather,

Are either/both of you available to talk sometime this week or late next week (Thu or Fri)? We have a question that has come up since the briefing. We would like to hear your thoughts and also share an update.

Many thanks, Alyssa

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