

Kathy Kerridge - Crucial Benicia City Council meeting tomorrow, the 20th, on public health and safety

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Please come to an important City Council meeting tomorrow, Tuesday November 20, to push for the city to start to work on an Industrial Safety Ordinance. Valero will be reporting on the progress they have made, and the Council will decide whether they want to move forward with an Ordinance that will not rely on Valero to do the right thing, but will make sure by municipal ordinance that they do the right thing.

Right now the city is totally dependent on the County to implement state safety program 4 and the county is using an expert who has never worked with refineries, has no experience with the Air Board or Cal EPA and who usually represents industry. We deserve better.

Please come and demand that Benicia has a seat at the table, has community air monitors (not just fence line monitors) and that there is real public participation in planning for emergencies.

The Council meeting tomorrow starts at 6 with a Participatory Budget discussion. Please come early for that and make sure that Benicia puts its money where its mouth is. Remember that our general plan stresses sustainability. Is that how we will be spending our money? So come at 6 and stay through the rest of the meeting. Our health and safety depend on it.

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