





Pasadena A Letter from a Fellow Texan

To the residents of Pasadena,

First, I would like to express my gratitude to all those who shared their thoughts with me. When I started Crude Intentions, I was a concerned Texan who recognized the harm that Big Oil poses to our communities, environments, and ecosystem. I was determined to protect our state, and my resolve remains unchanged. Texas is our home, and they are inconsiderate guests.

This series was dearly important to me and deeply personal, but I worried that I would unintentionally make Pasadena a case study. You are not a case study; you are not statistics. You are a vibrant community of individuals who deserve transparency, economic independence from refineries, and access to clean air and water.

It is imperative that Chevron and other multibillion-dollar companies are held accountable for their actions. The community deserves to see the natural landscapes flourish and receive support from these companies that destroy rather than care for the areas they operate in.

We also must remember that this is not just about Chevron or the oil industry; this project is just a steppingstone.

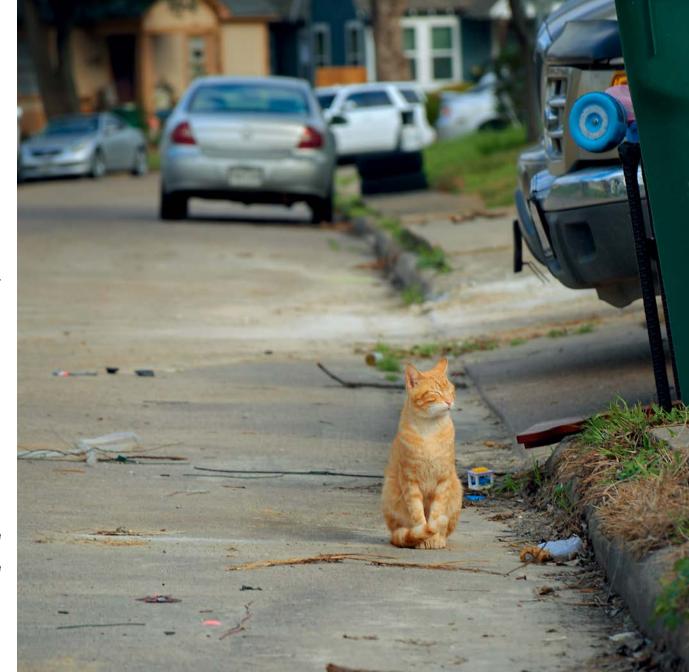
And so, I ask: What do you want to see for Texas? For Pasadena?



Double the Profits, a Hike in Salary

Chevron reported a recordbreaking \$36.5 billion profit for 2022. CEO Michael Wirth was compensated \$22.6 million in 2021, which was unfortunately down from the \$29 million he received in 2020. However. due to Chevron's excellent performance this past year, the board of directors approved an 8.8% increase in Wirth's base salary for 2023. Chevron ensures that they put their billiondollar profits to good use by giving back to the community. For example, in 2021, they donated 130 bicycles to children in the Pasadena ISD and hosted a market pantry in 2022 to provide over 150 families with basic necessities like blankets. reusable grocery bags, holiday kits, and pantry items. These were very generous donations that cost so little that they did not even make the slightest dent in their profit margins. Nevertheless, they can still claim to have done a good deed for the community that has consistently provided them with a dependable labor force across generations.

Sources: CNBC, U.S News, Reuters, Pasadena ISD, Houston Texans





Fines on Fines but it's all Fine

Chevron has accumulated roughly 369 environmental violations since 2000, totaling \$718,772,078, or about 2% of their 2022 profits alone. Some of these violations include alleged violations of the Clean Air Act requirements regarding flares that resulted in excess emissions of pollutants, including various hazardous air pollutants such as benzene and greenhouse gases. Flaring is not an uncommon occurrence in Pasadena, even unplanned ones. Recently, in July 2022, there was flaring at the Chevron refinery due to an "unplanned operational issue".



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Lobbying Against Climate Change

In 2022, Chevron spent \$6,820,000 on corporate lobbying. Disclosures indicated that the industry targeted a range of issues that directly affect oil and gas companies, including rules governing methane emissions, development on federal land and waters, and subsidies for carbon capture technology. Chevron was among the top emitters of methane and other greenhouse gases in the United States in 2022.

Net Zero Alignment with Paris Agreement

Chevron does not have a 'net zero' commitment or any commitment to align its activities with the goals of the Paris Agreement. Instead, Chevron uses vague wording on the top-line message of a 'lower carbon future', which does not equal net zero or show Paris alignment.

The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change.

Sources: The Guardian, Open Secrets, InfluenceMap, Client Earth, UNFCCC



Pasadena: Are we gonna become like district 12 from the Hunger games?? "I remember the first time I drove over to Pasadena. Crossing over a bridge, I looked up and thought 'dude, they're makin' their own clouds over here" -Reddit User kevykev1967



More and More CRUDE

In September 2022, Chevron announced its \$400 million plan to increase crude production and processing capacity in Pasadena. Fossil fuels, including the crude oil produced by Chevron at the Pasadena refinery, are the largest contributors to global climate change, accounting for over 75 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions and nearly 90 percent of all carbon dioxide emissions. Chevron has no plans to slow down its contribution to these emissions.



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Dumping Pollutants, but Legally

Chevron was among the six refineries that were pumping an average of 55 million gallons of wastewater containing harmful pollutants such as cyanide, arsenic, chromium, and selenium per day, according to EPA enforcement and compliance data, into the Houston Ship Channel that leads down into the Gulf of Mexico. This is legal. The EPA set minimum requirements when it was first established and left more stringent regulations up to the individual states. Two dozen environmental activist organizations have filed petitions to the EPA claiming that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is not doing enough to regulate these corporations as they are not required to document "the economic or social necessity of projects."

"I drive by the refineries everyday and it's so depressing. There's this evil glow that the refineries have on foggy mornings and nights. You can see from miles away the orange glow coming from the fire that they emit to let go of gas or whatever." -Reddit User cynicalbearfarts



Sources: The Texas Tribune, Houston Press

