

From: Megan Anaya [mailto:megan.anaya@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:28 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Public Comment on City Council Special Meeting Agenda Item 21-0317

-EXTERNAL-

My name is Megan Anaya, and I am a member of Centro CHA and a Long Beach resident of the 8th District.

I fully support the city's initiative in providing an Emergency Site at the Long Beach Convention Center to provide a temporary shelter to unaccompanied migrant children. These children have faced unimaginable situations at a time where seeking asylum was difficult due to the villainization projected on their communities by our previous administration. We stand together in solidarity to provide a safe shelter to these children, as it is the humanitarian and responsible thing to do. Centro CHA is prepared to work with the city as an ally to provide any support needed.

As many know, we are diligently working to provide urgent COVID relief to the Long Beach Latino community in the form of health, economic, education, and social services. There is a crucial need for timely support and dedicated resources directed toward our migrant and Native Latino communities, we hope this movement can serve as a base for the support of all Latino in Long Beach.

Thank you,
Megan Anaya

From: Laura Brewer [mailto:sec4lvna@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:02 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Using our convention to house illegal immigrant children

-EXTERNAL-

I am in opposition of this. . here are my comments:

This is in no way a “temporary crisis” . . . this is just the tip of the iceberg!

Didn't local officials say that immigration is a “federal issue”? And weren't local police told not to ask about immigration status nor cooperate with ICE? So let's be consistent . . . this is a federal issue and we should not get involved as a city. Let the Biden Administration either enforce our federal laws or use only federal facilities to house the result of the problem they allowed to occur. Military bases? District of Columbia parks? The front lawn of the White House? Any other ideas? Our city police should not be diverted if problems occur as a result.

Laura Brewer

From: Laura Brewer [mailto:sec4lvna@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:06 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Immigrants held in our convention Center

-EXTERNAL-

I think in advance of allowing immigrants "in" there should be a list of American citizen able and willing to take the kids into their homes, care for them and financially be responsible for them. Ik to claim them as A dependent. Only that number should be allowed in. That way "all is good" and no increased taxes for hard working Americans . . . except of course for the cost of their education if in public schools. And no costs for foster care placement. Thoughts?

Laura Brewer

From: Laura Brewer [mailto:sec4lvna@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 1:45 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Against housing illegal children in our convention center with a solution.

-EXTERNAL-

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A dependent. Only that number should be allowed in. That way “all is good” and no increased taxes for hard working Americans . . . except of course for the cost of their education if in public schools. And no costs for foster care placement.

The City of Long Beach should not use our resources (ie police, EMT and local hospitals already at capacity) for a federal issue that has been allowed to become a crisis . . . and getting worse by the day. Thoughts?

Laura Brewer

-----Original Message-----

From: Judy Clarke [mailto:jjclarke@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:16 AM

To: Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Using Convention Center

-EXTERNAL-

To Long Beach City Council,

As a resident, my vote is a definite NO to use the Convention Center for housing illegals.

I do believe that everyone is entitled to the pursuit of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I feel deeply for those trying to enter our country especially the children! But for them, the life here will not be much better than where they came from.

However, I would like you to consider the following points.

Airlines say when the oxygen mask drops "put yours on first so you will be able to help others". You are no good dead! Think about this: Long Beach has the obligation to take care of Long Beach and its residents first and then it would be able to reach out to others. We are not/cannot take care of our own now! Homeless invade our parks, our streets, our underpasses, our doorways. Many people are unemployed and have lost their homes or apartments. Many hundreds are going to food banks to feed their families.

The city has worked hard and is succeeding at containing COVID using many restrictions-masks, spacing, store closures and especially vaccines. It is beginning to pay off. However, we haven't vaccinated all of Long Beach's residents yet! You want to add hundreds more people now?

The Convention Center is a definite income/money maker for the city. If you turn this over to the government, you have no way of knowing when it will be returned and how much it will cost the city.

What effect will this have on the city. It is a good, generous and noble thought, but not realistic.

Finally we DO have laws that govern the city and country. One is that if you enter the country illegally you are breaking the law and should be deported. Another is child endangerment (by parents). Elected officials SHOULD uphold the law!

Thank you,

Judy Clarke

District 5

Sent from my iPad

From: Pattie Davidson [mailto:pdavidson@jfcslongbeach.org]

Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:08 PM

To: Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Letter of support for yesterday's decision to lodge migrant children

-EXTERNAL-

Good afternoon! Attached please find a letter of support from our agency regarding your decision to move forward with using the Long Beach Convention Center as a shelter for migrant youth.

JFCS is proud to serve the Long Beach community as we all collectively strive to heal the community, one person, one family at a time.

Most cordially,

Pattie Davidson

Director of Development & Communications

JFCS of Long Beach & West Orange County

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A community healed, one person, one family at a time

Officers

April 7, 2021

President

Norma Stein

The Honorable Dr. Robert Garcia, Mayor
& Members of the City Council
City of Long Beach

1st Vice

President/Treasurer

Rick Burney

Via: Email

Secretary

Judy Leff

RE: Long Beach Convention Center as temporary housing for
migrant children

Member at Large

Gael Libby

Dear Mayor Garcia and Members of the City Council,

Immediate Past

President

Gail Levy

The Board of Directors of Jewish Family & Children's Service of Long Beach (JFCS) wholeheartedly supports the city's decision to provide temporary housing in Long Beach for migrant children who are in the process of family reunification as requested by the US Dept. of Health and Human Services.

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The mission of JFCS of Long Beach is to empower people to make positive life changes through professional, affordable counseling and support. Our agency has a long, rich history of helping children to cope with uncertainty and change, regardless of religion, race, socioeconomic status, or immigration status.

We stand with you and all supporters of this impactful act of humanitarianism.

Sincerely,

Norma Stein

Norma Stein

President

JFCS Board of Directors





IBEW Local Union Number 11



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, AFL-CIO

JOEL BARTON – BUSINESS MANAGER / FINANCIAL SECRETARY

April 6, 2021

The Honorable Robert Garcia
Mayor, City of Long Beach
411 W. Ocean Blvd.,
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Honorable Mayor Garcia and Long Beach City Council Members:

I have had the pleasure of working with many of you on a variety of issues regarding City policy, the construction industry, our local economy, and overall, how to advance the lot of working families in Long Beach and the surrounding communities. Today, I am taking the time to voice support for Item 21 on tonight's agenda. Through no fault of their own, migrant children are at our southern border in need of support, housing, opportunity, compassion, and love. I ask that you stand with me and IBEW Local 11 and approve this item.

Know that approving Item 21 is only a start, the migrant children that will potentially be housed at the Long Beach Convention Center require help from everyone. We understand that migration is driven by many causes and is a complex issue. I believe that our current migration crisis needs long-term and short-term solutions. I do not doubt that many long-term solutions need to be identified, considered, and debated. I also believe, without reservation, that tonight's item is part of a short-term solution that is crystal clear; children must be cared after.

We all look to both U.S. President Biden and U.S. Vice President Harris to lead on this issue, along with you. I appreciate your thoughtful consideration and courage. Please feel free to reach out to my Political Director, Antonio Sanchez at 626-660-9550 should you have any questions.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joel Barton".

Joël Barton
Business Manager

From: corlisslee@aol.com [mailto:corlisslee@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:32 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Tom Modica <Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Brown Act Violation

-EXTERNAL-

In hearing via the grapevine about the potential for using the Convention Center to assist in a humanitarian crisis - and "for the children" I went about looking for the agenda item at City Council. I was certainly interested in the discussion and would have liked to hear the points of view of our council members as well as that of the public. I think doing this in secret or even planning to do this in secret was just wrong. I documented my effort to find this line item - only to discover that while something had been put on the addendum as a closed meeting - **there was no topic listed** identifiable as the Convention Center being used to house candidates for immigration. I called the City Clerk's office twice and did eventually find the line items, but too late to be able to comment. I have to wonder how others figured it out when the system is so dysfunctional.

This closed meeting was then taken out of the dark and put out as a surprise line item at the Council Meeting. I have to guess this was the 2nd rendition of the meeting.

But please take a look at the attached and get an understanding of how difficult it was to navigate Legistar and consider making some changes to the process for adding agenda items. This topic should never have been agendized for a closed session.

PUBLIC NOT NOTIFIED - THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT COUNCIL in a closed meeting.

SEE AGENDA ITEM 21-0300 Supplemental Memorandum showing closed meetings added 72 hours before the Council session. The wording does not indicate what the closed meetings are about. They refer to an attached agenda that is not attached.

On examining the list of special meetings, another meeting was added at 4:55 pm 4/6/21 (not within 72 hours) with agenda item 21-0317. This was the item about the convention center and bringing in the immigrants for temporary housing. There was no opportunity for public comment on this very controversial agenda item as it was not shown on the Supplemental Memorandum.

Taken from: [Agenda \(legistar.com\)](http://Agenda.legistar.com) apr 6 2021 see screenshot below of City Council Agenda for Apr 6, 2021.



**CITY OF LONG BEACH
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021
TELECONFERENCE, 5:00 PM**

NEW BUSINESS:

New Business items are additions to the City Council Agenda subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Monday afternoon.

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[21-0300](#)

Supplemental Memorandum - Corrections and/or additions to the City Council Agenda as of 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 1, 2021.



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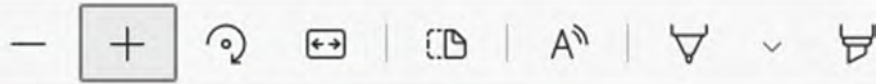
File #:	21-0300	Version: 1	Name:	Supp Memo
Type:	Agenda Item		Status:	To Be Introduced
File created:	4/1/2021		In control:	City Council
On agenda:	4/6/2021		Final action:	
Title:	Supplemental Memorandum - Corrections and/or additions to the City Council Agenda as of 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 1, 2021.			
Attachments:	1. 2021-04-06 supp memo.pdf			


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 **CITY OF LONG BEACH**
CITY CLERK
411 W. Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA

SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Monique De La Garza, City Clerk
Posted: April 1, 2021 (Posted more than 72 hours in advance of the meeting)
Subject: Corrections and/or additions to the City Council Agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

A Study Session agenda has been prepared for Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. A copy of the agenda is attached.

A Closed Session agenda has been prepared for Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 4:30 P.M. A copy of the agenda is attached.

The following changes have been made to the City Council Agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, April 6, 2021. A revised Agenda and supporting documentation are attached.

REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS:

26. 21-0288 REQUEST:

The City Manager requests that a revised staff report pertaining to Agenda Item No. 28 be distributed for the City Council meeting of April 6, 2021. Recommended action remains the same.

Recommendation to receive and file the results of the user fees and cost recovery studies for the Development Services, Health and Human Services, and Parks, Recreation and Marine Departments and associated departmental recommendations. (Citywide)

Office or Department: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation

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Supplemental Memorandum
April 1, 2021

NOTE: The above noted revisions have been made to the City Council Agenda of Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Refer to Legistar InSite 2.0 (<http://longbeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>) to review the Agenda and Agenda items, click on the File I.D. number to review the supporting documentation.

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Attachments:



This appears to be a dead end.

There is a closed session meeting at 4:30 but no information on what the topic is or how to find the agenda. There is no 4:55 closed session meeting shown.

- How is the public supposed to know what topic is being discussed?
- How are they to know how they can give input?

The Supplemental Memorandum should be linked to the “special meetings” agenda for the special closed session meeting items. This disconnect makes it nigh unto impossible for the public to have knowledge of what will be discussed or to be able to sign up for public comment. *The City Clerk’s office advised that is how it is always done.*

Topic of immigration: bringing thousands of immigrants not yet cleared with documentation to the Long Beach Convention Center

Laura Brewer had heard **through social media** that this topic was on the City Council Agenda April 6th. She had called the City Clerk’s office before noon and talked to Pablo. He initially told her that the first 20 people that signed up for an agenda item could speak on it. Laura signed up on the City Clerk website. Pablo later called back and told Laura only 10 people could speak and she was the 11th person to sign up for this agenda item so she would not be allowed to speak.

- Since when is there a limit on how many people can speak at a council meeting on an agenda item?
- By whose order and why was it changed from the arbitrarily chosen number of 20 people to 10 people on this particular day for this particular line item?

Laura asked if she could be put in as a substitute in case someone did not show up that was ahead of her on the list. The City Clerk’s office made no promises. She later said they did put her in the queue to speak and only 4 speakers showed up.

When I called the City Clerk’s office at around 2:15 Apr 6th 2021 I asked about speaking on this item, she said that there were **20 slots** available to speak but you had to sign up before noon. I told her Laura Brewer had signed up before noon, but was told there were 10 slots and she was number 11 so she would not be allowed to speak. I asked the clerk to straighten it out with Laura and I gave her Laura Brewer’s phone number 562 607 4417. I don’t believe the clerk did anything.

I was still trying to find the agenda for the topic of immigration and use of the Convention Center. The clerk that answered the phone advised that I should do an additional search in Legistar to find **Special Meetings** and that is where I would find the agenda.

- How is the public to navigate to this document without guidance from an employee?

I followed the clerk’s instructions and found not one, but two agenda items at [Agenda \(legistar.com\)](https://legistar.com) under Special Meetings that spoke of the Convention Center. The 4:30 meeting had been noticed within 72 hours. The 4:55 meeting had not. **The 4:55 meeting did not show on the Supplemental Memorandum.** Alison from the City Clerk’s office told me that the Brown Act allows for 24 hour notice for emergency meetings. This topic was put on the agenda on Friday so the City knew they would be discussing this topic. This was not an emergency.

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City Council Special Meeting	4/6/2021	4:55 PM	Teleconference <i>Special Meeting</i>	Meeting details	Agenda	Not available	Not available	eComment
City Council Special Meeting	4/6/2021	4:30 PM	Teleconference <i>Closed Session - Revised</i>	Meeting details	Agenda	Not available	Not available	eComment
City Council Special Meeting	4/6/2021	3:00 PM	Teleconference <i>Study Session</i>	Meeting details	Agenda	Not available	In progress	Not available
City Council Special Meeting	3/23/2021	3:30 PM	Teleconference <i>Closed Session</i>	Meeting details	Agenda	Not available	Not available	Not available
City Council Special Meeting	3/16/2021	3:45 PM	Teleconference	Meeting details	Agenda	Not available	Not available	Not available

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Details Reports

file #: 21-0316 Version: 1 Name: CS - Property
 Type: Agenda Item Status: To Be Introduced
 file created: 4/5/2021 In control: [City Council Special Meeting](#)
 In agenda: 4/6/2021 Final action:

Title: c. Pursuant to Section 54957(a) and Section 54956.8 of the California Government Code regarding a conference with the City's real property negotiator: 1. Property: Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center 300 East Ocean Boulevard Long Beach, CA 90802 City's Negotiator: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager Negotiating Parties: City of Long Beach, ASM Global (formerly SMG) and the United States Department of Health and Human Services Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Lease

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- b. Existing Litigation - closed session conference with legal counsel relating to existing litigation pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code.

- 1. Jose Encinas v. City of Long Beach, et al., United States District Court, Case No. 2:20-cv-06988-JFW(AGRx).

[21-0316](#)

- c. Pursuant to Section 54957(a) and Section 54956.8 of the California Government Code regarding a conference with the City's real property negotiator:

- 1. Property: Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center

[21-0316](#)

- c. Pursuant to Section 54957(a) and Section 54956.8 of the California Government Code regarding a conference with the City's real property negotiator:

- 1. Property: Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center
300 East Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802

- City's Negotiator: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager
 - Negotiating Parties: City of Long Beach, ASM Global (formerly SMG) and the United States Department of Health and Human Services
 - Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Lease

PUBLIC COMMENT: Opportunity given to the public to address the City Council. (Currently limited to three minutes unless extended by the City Council.)

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When you click on the agenda for the 4:55 special meeting, it shows the following:



**CITY OF LONG BEACH
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021
TELECONFERENCE, 4:55 PM**

Mary Zendejas, 1st District
Cindy Allen, 2nd District
Suzie A. Price, 3rd District
Daryl Supernaw, 4th District



Stacy Mungo, 5th District
Dr. Sueley Saro, 6th District
Roberto Uranga, 7th District
Al Austin, 8th District
Rex Richardson, Vice Mayor, 9th District

Thomas B. Modica, City Manager
Monique De La Garza, City Clerk

Dr. Robert Garcia, Mayor

Charles Parkin, City Attorney

SPECIAL MEETING

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE
PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY
GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM**

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**PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO USE eCOMMENT TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON
AGENDA ITEMS. WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY ALSO BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL TO
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VIA: https://longbeach.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=84**


PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public who sign up with the City Clerk are invited to address the City Council.

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Below is the important line item that was not agendized within 72 hours.

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CITY OF LONG BEACH
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021
TELECONFERENCE, 4:55 PM

1. [21-0317](#) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents and contracts necessary, including but not limited to amendments and requests for reimbursements of City costs, with the Long Beach Convention Center, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and/or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist HHS and FEMA in the establishment and operation of an Emergency Intake Site to provide temporary shelter to unaccompanied migrant children; and

Exempt the establishment of such Emergency Intake Site from the provisions of Resolution No. RES-18-0032, the "Long Beach Values Act of 2018," and direct the City Manager to exempt this specific project from the provisions of Administrative Regulation No. AR8-33, "Procedures Regarding the Requesting, Collecting, and Maintaining of Sensitive Information and the Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law," in accordance with any applicable laws. (Citywide)

Office or Department: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.

NOTE:
The agenda and supporting documents are available on the Internet at www.longbeach.gov. Agenda items may be reviewed in the Office of the City Clerk or online at the Main Library and at the Branch Libraries. Persons interested in obtaining an agenda via e-mail should subscribe to the City of Long Beach LINKLB System at www.longbeach.gov/linklb. E-Mail correspondence can be directed to cityclerk@longbeach.gov. If a special accommodation is desired pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, or if you need the agenda provided in an alternate format, please phone the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 570-8101 by 12 noon Monday, the day prior to the meeting. Inquire at the City Council Chamber Audio-Visual Room for an assistive listening device.

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SUMMARY: It would take a Master's Degree in Legistar to find out what is on the agenda when it is so obscured and buried in that system.

The topic itself, in this case – housing a large number of potentially illegal immigrants in the Long Beach Convention Center - would be controversial **if the public knew about it.**

It seems a violation of the Brown Act to have secret meetings about something that should first be discussed in the open.

It seems the decision had already been made to offer the Convention Center to the Feds and the way this was handled was a short cut for the City and Council.

Rather than belabor this particular mis step – the public would benefit if you looked at the large number of process disconnects and corrected them.

ALAN LOWENTHAL

47TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

CHAIR, SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY
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April 6, 2021

Mr. Mayor and council members,

I urge you to vote to approve the request to designate the Long Beach Convention Center as a temporary, emergency shelter site for unaccompanied migrant children.

Long Beach is one of the most diverse cities in the nation. A good deal of that diversity has come from the immigrants and refugees we have welcomed. This diversity makes us who we are as a community. The children we can help with this plan are some of the most vulnerable. They need our help. Offering this help is why we are known as an accepting, supportive community. It is who we are. I am proud to support this plan.

I once again urge the City Council to approve the request to provide this emergency space for unaccompanied migrant children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan Lowenthal".

Alan Lowenthal
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

From: David S. [mailto:dsplanner@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 5:32 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Cc: jessica-centrocha <jessica@centrocha.org>; Megan Anaya <megan.anaya@yahoo.com>
Subject: City Council Special Meeting, Item 21-0317
Importance: High

-EXTERNAL-

My name is David Salazar, and I am a Board Member of Centro CHA and a resident of District 5. I approve 100% for the City of Long Beach to establish an Emergency Intake Site to provide temporary shelter to unaccompanied migrant children. These children and their families have been subject to demonization and abuse by the previous Trump administration and must now be humanly treated with dignity and respect. Centro CHA stands ready to partner with the City to provide assistance.

In addition, I would be remiss if I did not mention (because the two issues are interconnected) to continue to address the ongoing issues related to the City's Latino community related to COVID-19 response and for the need to provide additional related social, economic and health and wellness services. The need for targeted outreach to the Latino community to provide these services is urgent and requires immediate attention.

From: speedwayracer18@netzero.net [mailto:speedwayracer18@netzero.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:22 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Illegal immigrants at Long Beach Convention Center

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I feel that the council should take into consideration that many of the immigrants have not been vaccinated against diseases that have been eradicated in our country for years. We do not need any more medical issues as we are still dealing with the pandemic. We do not need to bring more sickness and possibly deaths to our community.



April 6, 2021

Honorable Long Beach Mayor and Councilmembers,

As faith community leaders, we stand in strong support of the City of Long Beach's proposal to execute the documents and contracts necessary for the establishment and operation of an Emergency Intake Site to provide temporary shelter for unaccompanied minors.

We are currently experiencing a national humanitarian crisis at the U.S. Mexico Border. Due to a multitude of factors, varying from a lack of investment in core infrastructure to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are witnessing a surge in the amount of people, including families with children, at our border. Although we understand that immigration is often seen as a polarizing political topic, it is important to acknowledge the situation in front of us. The United States Health and Human Services Department (DHSS) currently has an estimated 14,000 children within their shelters. This is a staggering number, and while we find ways to connect many of these minors with family members or sponsors in the United States, we have a moral imperative to ensure their stay in these shelters be as humane and dignified as possible.

By moving a portion of these minors to the Long Beach Convention Center, we are providing more space and a higher quality of life to these children. It is our understanding that under proposed agreement, the Long Beach Convention Center would house approximately 1,000 children for a period of up to 120 days. Once operational, the shelter would provide the children with three meals a day, medical and health evaluations, recreational opportunities, and educational services. All of these children will be connected with either a family member or sponsor in the United States. Cities including San Diego and Dallas have recently entered into similar agreements to provide shelter to these children.

The situation we are in is far from ideal. It is important to recognize, however, the moment we are in, and the action that is demanded of us in the service of human life. We encourage the Long Beach City Council to step up, show compassion during this ongoing humanitarian crisis, and live our values as a city by welcoming in our visitors and supporting them as a community. We are confident that we will do our part to assist our most vulnerable, and continue to lead as one Long Beach family.

Sincerely,

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