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Pet Projects

Friday July 27 LongBeachcomber

Dear Editor:

4th District residents should be outraged that their infrastructure (sidewalks, streets, potholes, trees, etc) improvement funds are being squandered on political paybacks. Despite constant sniveling about budget shortfalls by the City, Councilman Pat O'Donnell surreptitiously earmarked \$65,000 of "one-time" money (actually received on a yearly basis) for a dog park just 13 days after his election in June. No matter that this project has been continuously touted as a privately funded endeavor, dog park proponents expected these funds after heavily campaigning for the incumbent. To add insult to injury, this highly contentious facility would be geographically distant from most 4th District inhabitants.

Four California cities (San Bernardino, Stockton, Mammoth Lakes and Compton) are in the throes of bankruptcy and numerous others are contemplating the same. As the City of Long Beach continues to bemoan how little money is available for basic core services, our police, fire and libraries are suffering from cut backs. And, citizen taxpayers bear the brunt of the end result with rising crime and deteriorating infrastructure. But, arrogant elected officials always seem to find \$\$ for their "pet" projects.

It is this kind of abuse that has earned the government the lowest public opinion in the history of this nation. Trust in our system has been sorely degraded. Unless 4th District citizens express their disapproval of this type of behavior, governmental corruption will continue as usual.

In fact, the entire Long Beach City populace should be outraged.

Diana Lejins

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