

Long Beach City Council and Mayor  
March 3 2008 Council Meeting  
Written Comment: Kerrie Aley

**Recommendations:**

**I. Off Agenda Item: Agenda Descriptions.**

1. Request that the City Council impose a requirement that all meeting agenda descriptions contain a designation as either "*for possible action*" or "*for discussion only.*"

**II. Agenda Item 09-0103 : Commercial Trucks.**

1. Request that the City Council reject the Transportation & Infrastructure committee recommendation increase the allowable weight of commercial trucks to 8,000 gross vehicle weight. Maintain all existing code requirements/ "No Trucks over 3 Tons" signage for commercial sized vehicles.

2. Request that this agenda item be continued with further City staff input on a plan to be heard by the Council later.

3. Request that the City consider creating a homeowner permitting process for oversized vehicle parking on residential streets along with a neighborhood appeals process and traffic safety review. If this is not legally possible then maintain the requirement that oversized vehicles are to be parked on private property.

4. Request that City reduce curb/driveway red tip fee to \$75 from \$150 (increased from \$25 to \$150 in 2008).

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**Background:**

**I. I. Agenda Descriptions- Brown Act Compliance & City meeting agenda descriptions.**

The recent February 2 2009 City of Long Beach Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Agenda description:

1. 09-0103 Recommendation to review and discuss the City of Long Beach Municipal Code, Chapter 10.40, regarding definition and prohibition of commercial vehicles on residential streets.  
**Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.**

Resulted in a committee vote and passage of an action to recommend changes to the LB Municipal Code:

Recommendation to City Council to concur in recommendation of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to support option two of the proposals made by the Department of Public Works and forward the presentation to the City Council for its consideration to review Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 10.40 regarding the definition and prohibition of commercial vehicles on residential streets.

My concern is that there is no way for the public to know whether the agenda item will result solely a public discussion of the issue or that a vote on a specific action will occur that day. The agenda should clearly define the subject and intent of the action or discussion.

Today's March 3 2009 City Council Agenda description:

19.09-0103 Recommendation to City Council to concur in recommendation of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to support option two of the proposals made by the Department of Public Works and forward the presentation to the City Council for its consideration to review Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 10.40 regarding the definition and prohibition of commercial vehicles on residential streets.  
**Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.**

Again, there is no description on what is being proposed (an increase in weight from 6,000 to 8,000 lb) and no information to determine whether only a discussion of the issue will take place or a vote on an action will take place.

Typically, the public is allowed to speak only prior to the motion. However if it is not clear in the agenda what or whether an action will be proposed the public has insufficient information to submit a written comment or speak that day on the motion put up for vote.

**All City meeting agenda descriptions should respect both the letter and spirit of the Brown Act. I am requesting that the City Council impose a requirement that all meeting agenda descriptions contain descriptions sufficient to comply with the Brown Act requirements. I am also requesting that all matters placed on agendas shall be designated as "for possible action" or "for discussion only."**