

**LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL  
STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

Patrick O'Donnell, Chair  
Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal, Vice  
Chair  
Tonia Reyes Uranga, Member



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 P.M.  
333. W. OCEAN BOULEVARD**

---

**FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES****CALL TO ORDER (5:10 PM)**

At 5:10 P.M., Chair O'Donnell called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (5:10 PM)****Roll Call (5:10 PM)**

Present: O'Donnell; B. Lowenthal; Reyes Uranga.  
Absent/Excused: None.

Also present: Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs; Mike Arnold, Lobbyist; City Clerk Specialists Gloria Harper and Dina Lopez.

**07-1388 Recommendation to approve the State Legislation Committee minutes for the meeting of August 15, 2007. (5:10 PM)**

**Motion:** Approve State Legislation Committee minutes for the meeting of August 15, 2007.

Moved by B. Lowenthal, seconded by Reyes Uranga.

**Vote:** Approve State Legislation Committee minutes for the meeting of August 15, 2007. (Carried 3-0)

Yes: O'Donnell, B. Lowenthal, and Reyes Uranga.

**07-1382 Recommendation to receive and file update from staff on the Special Session. (5:10 PM)**

Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs, provided a brief introduction and then turned the floor over to Mike Arnold, Lobbyist, to provide a more detailed staff report on the Special Sessions, and responded to questions.

Councilwoman Reyes Uranga spoke.

Mike Arnold, Lobbyist, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal; Mike Arnold, Lobbyist; and Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs, spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke

Mike Arnold, Lobbyist, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, spoke and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

**Motion:** Approve recommendation to receive and file update on Special Session. Moved by Reyes Uranga, seconded by B. Lowenthal.

Harvey Cochren, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

**Vote:** Approve recommendation to receive and file update on Special Session. (Carried 3-0)

Yes: O'Donnell, B. Lowenthal, and Reyes Uranga.

**07-1383 Recommendation to receive and file update from staff on end of the year Legislative Activities. (5:24 PM)**

Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs, provided a brief update on the end of the year legislative activities and introduced Mike Arnold, Lobbyist, to report on more specific activities, and responded to questions.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilwoman Reyes Uranga spoke.

Harvey Cochren, Long Beach resident, spoke

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Reyes Uranga left the meeting.

**Motion:** Approve recommendation to receive and file update from staff on end of the year Legislative Activities.

Moved by B. Lowenthal, seconded by O'Donnell.

**Vote:** Approve recommendation to receive and file update from staff on end of the year Legislative Activities.

(Carried 2-0)

Yes: O'Donnell, and B. Lowenthal.

Absent: Reyes Uranga.

**07-1384 Recommendation to receive and file update on 2008 Legislative Agenda development process. (5:36 PM)**

Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs, provided an update on the Legislative Agenda and responded to questions.

Mike Arnold, Lobbyist, spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

Mike Arnold, Lobbyist, spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Harvey Cochren, Long Beach resident, spoke.

**Motion:** Approve recommendation to receive and file update on 2008 Legislative Agenda development process.

Moved by B. Lowenthal, seconded by O'Donnell.

**Vote:** Approve recommendation to receive and file update on 2008 Legislative Agenda development process. (Carried 2-0)

Yes: O'Donnell, and B. Lowenthal.

Absent: Reyes Uranga.

**07-1385 Recommendation to discuss the referral from Council - Single Payer Health Insurance (SB 840). (5:41 PM)**

Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs, provided a brief introduction, and turned the floor over to Mike Arnold, Lobbyist, to provide a staff report, and responded to questions.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

Harvey Cochren, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Matt Kinley, Vice President of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

**Motion:** Approve recommendation to support Senate Bill 840 (Kuehl) California Health Insurance Liability Act, and refer back to City Council to request support for Senate Bill 840.

Moved by B. Lowenthal, seconded by O'Donnell.

**Vote:** Approve recommendation to support Senate Bill 840 (Kuehl) California Health Insurance Liability Act, and refer back to City Council to request support for Senate Bill 840.

(Carried 2-0)

Yes: O'Donnell, and B. Lowenthal.

Absent: Reyes Uranga.

#### **07-1386 Recommendation to discuss the "Three Strikes Law". (5:59 PM)**

Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs, spoke.

Mike Arnold, Lobbyist, provided a brief background, and responded to questions.

**Motion:** Approve recommendation to lay over item until legislation has been passed by Sacramento.

Moved by B. Lowenthal, seconded by O'Donnell.

Harvey Cochren, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

**Vote:** Approve recommendation to lay over item until legislation has been passed by Sacramento. (Carried 2-0)

Yes: O'Donnell, and B. Lowenthal.

Absent: Reyes Uranga.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Committee. (6:02 PM)**

There was no public comment at this time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT (6:04 PM)**

At 6:04 P.M., there being no objection, Chair O'Donnell declared the meeting adjourned.

NOTE: The Committee agenda may be obtained from the City Clerk Department prior to the meeting or can be mailed to the public if the City Clerk is provided self-addressed, stamped envelopes mailed to: City Clerk Dept., City Hall Plaza Level, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach CA 90802. You may view the agenda or documents on the Internet at [www.longbeach.gov](http://www.longbeach.gov). E-Mail correspondence can be directed to [cityclerk@longbeach.gov](mailto:cityclerk@longbeach.gov). Agenda items may be reviewed in the City Clerk Department or the Plaza Level Information Desk at the Main Library and branch libraries. Communicate through the Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (562) 570-6626. 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 Martha Cobb at (562) 570-6259 in the City Clerk Department. Inquire at the City Council Chamber Audio-Visual Room for an assistive listening device.