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CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com						I am asking again why the City Council meetings are not held on a video platform... this is an important time with the budget and people need to feel part of the democratic process. Per the City Clerk, Mayor Garcia will not allow this to happen. Please reconsider and let the residents feel part of the process. thank you	8/3/2020
6. (20-0696) Recommendation to confirm the City Manager's promulgation of the revised Safer at Home Health Order, issued on July 13, 2020, and revised Public Health Emergency Isolation and Quarantine Orders issued on July 28, 2020, by the City of Long Beach Health Officer as a regulation. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						Support	8/4/2020

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<p>9. (20-0699) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement, and any subsequent amendments, with the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), to reimburse the Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD) \$30,870, to provide a Junior Lifeguard Preparatory Course at Cabrillo and Jordan High Schools for LBUSD students, from February 3, 2020 through June 30, 2020;</p> <p>Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into a Reimbursement Agreement, and any subsequent amendments, with the LBUSD to reimburse LBFD \$26,750 for tuition for LBUSD students to participate in the summer Long Beach Junior Lifeguard Program, from July 6 through August 14, 2020; and</p> <p>Increase appropriations in the Tidelands Operating Fund Group in the Fire Department by \$57,620, offset by reimbursement revenue. (Citywide)</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						Support	8/4/2020
<p>10. (20-0700) Recommendation to adopt resolution acknowledging receipt of the annual report on the inspection of certain occupancies, including schools, hotels, motels, lodging houses, apartments, and residential care facilities, pursuant to Section 13146.4 of the California Health and Safety Code. (Citywide)</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						Support	8/4/2020

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14. (20-0704) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and all necessary documents including any subsequent amendments, with Business, Consumer Services and	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						Support	8/4/2020
15. (20-0705) Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract with Healthvana, of Los Angeles, CA, to provide COVID-19 test patient results reporting services, in the amount of \$364,800, with a contingency of \$530,400, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$895,200, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)	Ann Garth	anngarth8@gmail.com						I support the City Council ensuring adequate testing capacity for Long Beach. If this resolution is necessary to meet that goal, then I support the resolution.	8/3/2020
16. (20-0706) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute agreements, and any necessary amendments, with The Michelson Found Animals Foundation, Inc., and Stray Cat Alliance, both nonprofit organizations, to allow Long Beach Animal Care Services to provide a variety of services to decrease shelter euthanasia of cats, from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. (District 5)	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com						What is the status of the SPCA contract? When will those results be presented? Also we would like monthly numbers. on intakes and kill statistics.	8/3/2020

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22. (20-0712) Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						<p>Looking forward to the discussion on the budget priorities in the near (1-yr) mid (5-yr) and long (10-yr) terms.</p> <p>Definitely want to hear how we are to begin adopting some of the goals and strategies of the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative in this and future budget documents.</p> <p>Imagine a city that was not a centrifuge for the time, effort, sacrifice, labor, hopes, dreams of its residents and workers, but one with true localist centripetal force, resilient enough to hold together through multiple successive shocks to basic institutions.</p> <p>Forward looking countries still true to their democratic traditions - like NZ, SK, Germany, Singapore, and others - have already pivoted from successfully (save for new hotspots from outside travellers, still swiftly and effectively dealt with) responding to COVID-19 to the preparing for the real challenge - the climatic changes already locked in by (mostly American) ways of living over the next decades. Why aren't we?</p>	8/4/2020

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22. (20-0712) Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. (Citywide)	maribel cruz	maribel.cruz55@gmail.com						Mi nombre es Maribel Cruz y soy residente del distrito 4. Estamos preocupados por COVID y sus consecuencias si no tambi�n estamos preocupados por las deportaciones de nuestro miembros de familia! Por esa raz�n, le pido que renueve el Fondo De Justicia de Long Beach y asignen \$400,000 para este fondo que provee representaci�n legal para personas de long beach en procedimiento de deportaci�n. Este fondo evita que familias de Long Beach sean separadas permanentemente. Este recurso es crucial ya que provee asistencia legal a las personas que no pueden pagar a un abogado de inmigracion. La ciudad tiene el poder de ayudar a familias inmigrantes de esta manera. Para concluir, estoy pidiendo que renueven el fondo de justicia asignando \$400,000 para representar a familias. Tambi�n pido que se siga la recomendaci�n del Alcalde Garcia para hacer este fondo de justicia estructural en el presupuesto de la ciudad.	8/4/2020
22. (20-0712) Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. (Citywide)	Andrea Antony Morr	andrea.antonny.33@gmail.com						The people have been asking for a divestment in police forces, and the proposals and budget cuts to the LBPD are not enough. While there are some steps in the right direction, it is not nearly enough to create real change for residents. Funding for LBPD still accounts for 44% of the general fund, and many of the cuts don't stop over-policing in minority communities, or do enough to prevent violence in the future. Please consider a true overhaul of how we address crime in this city, and do more to prevent the inequalities that lead to crime in the first place.	8/3/2020
22. (20-0712) Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. (Citywide)	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com						Please review overtime costs and look at a 5% reduction on salaries over \$150,000.	8/3/2020

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25. (20-0715) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with all other appropriate departments, to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a temporary suspension of the health, fire and business licensing renewal fees for restaurants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						Definite support of a temporary suspension of fire and business licensing renewal fees for restaurants, should existing ones be on file, but given the malleability of our current health orders, and more importantly, public health situation, I would suggest having some flexibility with the health licensing fees, or any health review of any indoor space, frankly.	8/4/2020
25. (20-0715) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with all other appropriate departments, to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a temporary suspension of the health, fire and business licensing renewal fees for restaurants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.	Christine Bos	cbos@lbchamber.com						<p>On behalf of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, our 773 members, representatives, and community stakeholders we share our strong support for a temporary suspension of the health, fire, and business licensing renewal fees.</p> <p>A temporary suspension of these fees for restaurants impacted by COVID-19 is enormously important at a time like this. We commend the City Council for addressing this issue and for seeking financial relief at the local level. Impacts from COVID-19 have created a situation where local restaurants have experienced sudden income loss. For these businesses to continue to work and serve our community during these difficult times, the City must provide flexibility and temporarily suspend these fees. Our businesses provide work when so many are unemployed, as well as financial security and health benefits. The City must consider how it can work to keep as many people employed as possible and one such way is providing a temporary suspension of business fees.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	8/4/2020

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25. (20-0715) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with all other appropriate departments, to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a temporary suspension of the health, fire and business licensing renewal fees for restaurants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.	Steve Donovan	sd3000@charter.net						A good idea that should also apply to salons, gyms, and all other businesses currently under forced government shutdown.	8/2/2020
25. (20-0715) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with all other appropriate departments, to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a temporary suspension of the health, fire and business licensing renewal fees for restaurants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.	Apple Wimolset	bunny2513@live.com						This city has done nothing to help us small businesses, we got a bill for \$999.55 for health permit, are you kidding me. We cant seat anyone here and \$999.55? The city wants us to close the door, seems like.	8/2/2020
25. (20-0715) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with all other appropriate departments, to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a temporary suspension of the health, fire and business licensing renewal fees for restaurants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.	Ron Bottano	ronald1b@aol.com						Please consider extending this initiative to cover gyms and fitness studios that remain open and any related license fees. These organizations have been especially impacted as well by pandemic, and have remained closed virtually the entire period, and some will not be back. They should also receive fee relief. Physical fitness is key to longevity, mental health, and ability to fight off pathogens. Best regards, Ron Bottano 3rd District	8/1/2020

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<p>27. (20-0717) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to augment the Small Business Restart Grant Program fund to provide more direct grants to eligible Long Beach small businesses that were impacted by damages, theft, and/or vandalism related to the events on May 31, 2020;</p> <p>Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Economic Development Department by \$1,000,000, offset by a transfer from the Employee Benefits Fund; and</p> <p>Increase appropriations in the Employee Benefits Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$1,000,000 to the transfer to the General Fund Group, offset by a release funds from the Unfunded Liability Reserve. (Citywide)</p>	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com						We need more small grants for all businesses who are suffering because of the shut down. Hair and nail salons need help.	8/3/2020

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<p>28. (20-0718) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all documents necessary to submit a grant application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration, Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program, for improvements to City-owned property at 1850-1862 Atlantic Avenue, and accept said grant, if awarded, in an amount up to \$3 million, for creation of the Centro C.H.A. Workforce Development Center; and</p> <p>Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Centro C.H.A. Inc. in connection</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						See letter emailed. The calculus of considerations that went into awarding that site 14 months ago have changed, in ways that can actually benefit everyone if folks are willing to work together. There's a better way to approach this city-owned and county-funded site, and I am willing to donate time/effort/sacrifice to building it better. Let's build something for everyone at that site if there are fiduciary concerns with one organization being able to bear the burden - and truly have something specially before the Olympics. It could be a major jobs program for the City, given the possibilities and model it could develop. As we all know from our Hemingway, to be truly "better" it is not in relation to our fellow man, but in relation to our former selves, Mr. Mayor.	8/4/2020
<p>29. (20-0719) Recommendation to receive and file a report on the financial assistance accepted by the City of Long Beach, as of June 30, 2020, under Resolution No. RES-20-0049 to respond to the proclaimed emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and</p> <p>Increase appropriations in several funds across several departments for various COVID-19-related grant opportunities. (Citywide)</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						<p>Very interested in this discussion.</p> <p>The Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy declares we yet to apply for anything</p> <p>Cannot be "not-for-profit" if you are not actually not for profit in what one does and what their product of those efforts relates to in the rest of the world.</p> <p>Please feel free to get in touch if your staff have questions about "metabolic rift".</p>	8/4/2020