

From: Bachmann.Joyce [mailto:Bachmann.Joyce@aaa-calif.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:10 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Support for City Council Agenda item 21- Long Beach Community Garden lighting

-EXTERNAL-

April 6, 2021

The Honorable City Council
City of Long Beach
Long Beach, CA

RE: SUPPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 21

My name is Joyce Bachmann and I am a garden member of the Long Beach Community Garden (LBCG) located off Spring Street by the Nature Center and Animal Control and am a Long Beach resident in the 4th District.

I support this action to increase the security of the LBCG and to reduce unfortunate theft by those coming into the garden at night and opportunistically stealing vegetables, tools, machines and other equipment purchased either by the garden or personally by the members for use in their plots.

I am usually in the garden, alone, afterwork, often until sunset, and I have noticed some people in the garden in the evening who are not gardeners. For my own safety I have not approached them. This makes me feel unsafe, and feel that I should not come there alone. This makes it very inconvenient for me to come to the garden, to work my plot during the week. I think having better lighting would deter unauthorized persons from entering the garden. Through membership and active participation in this garden, I provide fresh organic vegetables year-round for my family and friends. Further, as a member of the garden, I contribute to the Food Bank which provides over 60,000 pounds of vegetables to the Long Beach Rescue Mission on an annual basis.

I request your "AYE" vote to improve critical funding to install a light fixture in the southeast corner of the garden to deter non-member entry where access is most frequently violated. This action has been recommended by the LBPD.

Sincerely,
Joyce Bachmann

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Sincerely,

Joyce Bachmann

4132 E. Mendez St
Long Beach, CA 90815

From: asianthornbird@aol.com [mailto:asianthornbird@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 4:24 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Support of Lighting for Long Beach Community Garden

-EXTERNAL-

To whom it may concerns,

I am a long time gardener for Long Beach Community Garden, I enjoy the peaceful environment and friendliness of this group for the past 10+ year. Due to the recent concerns that there have been a quite incidents happened in this place, I would like to petition to the City to help us to install the sufficient lighting system so we could be able to continue to enjoy this place safely.

Thank you for the time and consideration

Annie Chu
I-03 from LBCG

From: Mary Frankart [mailto:mefrankart@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 10:36 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Item 21 on Agenda for City Council Meeting on April 6, 2021

-EXTERNAL-

I am a resident of the City of Long Beach and have a plot at the Long Beach Community Garden (LBCG). I write this email in support of the installation of a light fixture at the southeast corner of the community garden to deter the theft of garden tools and supplies.

I started gardening at the LBCG last June and purchased a shovel at Lowe's to help cultivate the plot. Rather than carry the shovel back and forth between my home and the garden, I kept the shovel at my plot. All was fine until about a month ago when I discovered that my shovel had been taken. I purchased a new garden cultivator and now carry it back and forth from home to garden. I am aware of other gardeners where the same thing has happened. I am aware too that much larger and more expensive items such as wagons have been taken.

Given the benefits of the garden to the Long Beach community and the one-time modest expense of installing a light fixture to help deter theft, I am very much in favor of the City Council voting in favor of Item 21 on its agenda.

Sincerely,
Mary Frankart

From: Dan Freleaux [mailto:dfreleaux@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:19 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT FOR CITY COUNCEL AGENDA ITEM 21

-EXTERNAL-

April 6, 2021

The Honorable City Council
City of Long Beach
Long Beach, CA

I am Dan Freleaux and a Board Member for the Long Beach Community Garden (LBCG) which located off of Spring Street adjacent the Nature Center and Animal Control and am a Long Beach resident in the Fourth District.

I support this action to increase the security of the LBCG and to reduce unfortunate theft by those coming into the garden at night and opportunistically stealing vegetables, tools, machines and other equipment purchased either by the garden or personally by the members for use in their plots.

Wheelbarrows and garden wagons have vanished overnight. One night our storage shed was broken into and tools and tillers burgled. I have personally lost, to theft, my own gardening tools including a 2# engineer's hammer, and a machete. Through membership and active participation in this garden, I provide fresh organic vegetables year-round for my family and friends. Further, as a member of the garden, I contribute to the Food Bank which provides over 60,000 pounds of vegetables to the Long Beach Rescue Mission on an annual basis.

I request your "AYE" vote to improve critical funding to install a light fixture in the southeast corner of the garden to deter non-member entry where access is most frequently violated. This action has been recommended by the LBPD.

Sincerely,

Dan Freleaux

April 5), 2021

The Honorable City Council
City of Long Beach
Long Beach, CA

RE: SUPPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL April 6, 2021 AGENDA ITEM 21

My name is Darlene Gidley and I am a resident of Long Beach and a garden member of the Long Beach Community Garden (LBCG) located on Spring Street by the Nature Center and Animal Control.

I support the action to increase the security of the LBCG and to reduce unfortunate theft by those coming into the garden at night and opportunistically stealing vegetables, tools, and other equipment purchased either by the garden or personally by the members for use in their plots.

Through membership and active participation in this garden, I provide fresh organic vegetables year-round for my family and friends. Further, as a member of the garden, I contribute to the Food Bank which provides over 60,000 pounds of vegetables to the Long Beach Rescue Mission on an annual basis.

I request your "AYE" vote to improve critical funding to install a light fixture in the southeast corner of the garden to deter non-member entry where access is most frequently violated. This action has been recommended by the LBPD.

Sincerely,

Darlene Gidley
6056 Avenida De Castillo
Long Beach, CA 90803

From: Catherine Gottlieb [mailto:Catherine.Gottlieb@csulb.edu]
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 11:25 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Long Beach City Council - April 7 Meeting - Agenda Item 21. 21-0292 - COMMENT

-EXTERNAL-

RE: 21. (21-0292) Recommendation to increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department in the amount of \$2,500, offset by the Fifth Council District One-time District Priority Funds transferred from the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department to support a critical need safety improvement in the Fifth Council District.

COMMENT:

Please vote “Aye” to implement a community and property safety improvement by appropriating \$2,500 for a light to be installed on the utility pole in the Nature Center, on the most southeast corner along the freeway.

I’m a Long Beach voter in the Third District and a member of the Long Beach Community Garden (LBCG) located off Spring Street by the Nature Center and Animal Control who’s counting on your support for this appropriation. The safety improvement expenditure is a necessary, efficient, and prudent use of city funds in service for all residents because:

- 1) The Long Beach Police Department recommends lighting at this location to help secure property and deter repeated thefts experienced by residents from all city districts who have LBCG allotments;
- 2) It’s a one-time allocation offset by currently available 5th district priority funds;
- 3) It’s expected to have a minimal impact on: a) staff hours beyond normal budgeted scope of duties and b) existing City Council Priorities;
- 4) The security improvement will safeguard the decades-long contributions of LBCG members and our gardening to the Long Beach community, which currently: a) support the greater Long Beach Food Bank by providing more than 60,000 pounds of vegetables to the Long Beach Rescue Mission annually, and b) nourish, sustain, and delight hundreds of family members, neighbors, and friends from the city and beyond by bringing them fresh, organic vegetables year-round.

Thank you.

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Catherine Gottlieb

From: jjlarsen83@gmail.com [mailto:jjlarsen83@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 11:48 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Item 21

-EXTERNAL-

I support the LBPD recommended installation of a light on the utility pole on the most southeast corner of the Long Beach Community Gardens along the freeway and within the Nature Canter property.

Jane Larsen

Long Beach, CA 90803

From: Frances McFate [mailto:fmcfate08@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 2:38 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: LB Community Garden Light Installation

-EXTERNAL-

Would like to support Stacy Mungo's suggestion that a light be installed at our LB Community Garden on one of the Edison poles.

Over the past couple of years we have lost (had stolen) so many tools that belong to the garden and to individuals who pay to use the garden. The garden is very dark and no one is there at night to deter the thieves. A light....that is far off the ground would help deter them.

Fran McFate
LB Resident

From: Frances McFate [mailto:fmcfate08@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 5:19 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Cc: fmcfate08@yahoo.com
Subject: Stacy Mungo Agenda item - Long Beach Community Garden Safety

-EXTERNAL-

April 5th, 2021

The Honorable City Council

City of Long Beach

Long Beach, CA

RE: SUPPORT FOR CITY COUNCEL AGENDA ITEM 21

My name is Frances McFate and I am a garden member of the Long Beach Community Garden (LBCG) located off Spring Street by the Nature Center and Animal Control and am a Long Beach resident in the 5th District.

I support this action to increase the security of the LBCG and to reduce unfortunate theft by those coming into the garden at night and opportunistically stealing vegetables, tools, machines and other equipment purchased either by the garden or personally by the members for use in their plots.

It is disheartening to come to the garden and expect to see garden items you have purchased or crops you have grown disappear. Many of us have spent extra time securing, tagging and locking up our items so someone doesn't come in at night and steal them. I've been with the LB Community Garden over 30 years and we've never had this problem before this past couple of years....now it's non-stop Through membership and active participation in this garden, I provide fresh organic vegetables year-round for my family and friends. Further, as a member of the garden, I contribute to the Food Bank which provides over 60,000 pounds of vegetables to the Long Beach Rescue Mission on an annual basis.

I request your "AYE" vote to improve critical funding to install a light fixture in the southeast corner of the garden to deter non-member entry where access is most frequently violated. This action has been recommended by the LBPD.

Sincerely,

Frances McFate

April 5th, 2021

The Honorable City Council
City of Long Beach
Long Beach, CA

RE: SUPPORT FOR CITY COUNCEL AGENDA ITEM 21

My name is Frances McFate and I am a garden member of the Long Beach Community Garden (LBCG) located off Spring Street by the Nature Center and Animal Control and am a Long Beach resident in the 5th District.

I support this action to increase the security of the LBCG and to reduce unfortunate theft by those coming into the garden at night and opportunistically stealing vegetables, tools, machines and other equipment purchased either by the garden or personally by the members for use in their plots.

It is disheartening to come to the garden and expect to see garden items you have purchased disappear. Many of us have spent extra time securing, tagging and locking up our items so someone doesn't come in at night and steal them. I've been with the LB Community Garden over 30 years and we've never had this problem before this past couple of years. Through membership and active participation in this garden, I provide fresh organic vegetables year-round for my family and friends. Further, as a member of the garden, I contribute to the Food Bank which provides over 60,000 pounds of vegetables to the Long Beach Rescue Mission on an annual basis.

I request your "AYE" vote to improve critical funding to install a light fixture in the southeast corner of the garden to deter non-member entry where access is most frequently violated. This action has been recommended by the LBPD.

Sincerely,

Frances

Frances McFate

From: Elsa Powell [<mailto:gardenofelsa@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:27 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Agenda item 21. April 6 2022

-EXTERNAL-

Light installation for the LBCGA

I have been a victim of vandalism and theft at my Community Garden.

We have seen numerous trespassing, vandalism and theft situations in the last year and it has got to stop. With the installation of a light in the garden, it would hopefully be a deterrent, but also help with the LBPd when called to the scene when a break in does occur.

It would also allow me to feel safer when I get there first thing in the morning, and at times, the first garden member to enter after a long dark night.

Thank you,
Elsa Powell
3 year garden member

From: Elsa Goldberg [mailto:elsag313@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:50 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 21

-EXTERNAL-

April 4, 2021

The Honorable City Council
City of Long Beach
Long Beach, CA

RE: SUPPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 21

My name is Elsa Powell and I am one the Board Members for the Long Beach Community Garden (LBCG) located off Spring Street by the Nature Center and Animal Control and am a Long Beach resident.

I support this action to increase the security of the LBCG and to reduce unfortunate theft by those coming into the garden at night and opportunistically stealing vegetables, tools, machines and other equipment purchased either by the garden or personally by the members for use in their plots.

My garden has been vandalized and small personal items stolen. It is so sad, as my membership to the garden means the world to me. I believe that this increase of security will make me feel much safer when I go there either first thing in the morning or at dusk. Through membership and active participation in this garden, I provide fresh organic vegetables year-round for my family and friends. Further, as a member of the garden, I contribute to the Food Bank which provides over 60,000 pounds of vegetables to the Long Beach Rescue Mission on an annual basis.

I request your "AYE" vote to improve critical funding to install a light fixture in the southeast corner of the garden to deter non-member entry where access is most frequently violated. This action has been recommended by the LBPD.

Sincerely,

Elsa Powell

From: PathaJ [mailto:pathaj@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 8:53 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: REGARDING ITEM 21 ON THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA OF APRIL 6, 2021

-EXTERNAL-

To whom it may concern

I, Joanne Rice, a member of the Long Beach Community Garden Association, do support item 21 on the City Council agenda of April 6, 2021. The theft in the last two years of our items and food being grown at the gardens has been devastating. We need this to help protect us from all the loss we are experiencing.

I have been a member at Long Beach Community Gardens for thirty eight years. Never in those years have I seen such damage or theft. One of our major programs at these gardens are donations of fresh vegetables to the many charities of Long Beach to help feed the poor. We deliver daily to one of these charities so the hungry can have food.

Long Beach Community Gardens were started in 1975 and was located next to the old pistol range and Long Beach Police Academy. In 1997, to make way for THE LONG BEACH TOWN CENTER, the city, realizing that we contributed to the welfare of needy residents of Long Beach, moved us to our present site. Never has theft been such a problem as it is now. It is rampid. Another layer of protection by installing the proposed light to help deter this continuing theft problem would certainly be appreciated by all of our 310 members who donate to these charities. Please help us to continue our work.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Rice

From: Tom Richey [mailto:tsrichey@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:47 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: LBCG Lighting

-EXTERNAL-

Attached, please find a letter in support of lighting for the Long Beach Community Garden.

Thank you,

Tom Richey

April 5, 2021

The Honorable City Council
City of Long Beach
Long Beach, CA

RE: SUPPORT FOR CITY COUNCEL AGENDA ITEM 21

My name is Tom Richey and I am a garden member of the Long Beach Community Garden (LBCG) located off Spring Street by the Nature Center and Animal Control and am a Long Beach resident in the (5) District.

I support this action to increase the security of the LBCG and to reduce unfortunate theft by those coming into the garden at night and opportunistically stealing vegetables, tools, machines and other equipment purchased either by the garden or personally by the members for use in their plots.

I, and along with others, had to go down the wash to collect the articles that had been stolen. and it was not a pleasant experience. Through membership and active participation in this garden, I provide fresh organic vegetables year-round for my family and friends. Further, as a member of the garden, I contribute to the Food Bank which provides over 60,000 pounds of vegetables to the Long Beach Rescue Mission on an annual basis.

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Sincerely,

Tom Richey
5431 E Killdee St
Long Beach, Ca. 90808

From: Lorie Rodriguez [mailto:lorierodriguez1@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 4:36 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject:

-EXTERNAL-

Please support the installation of a light at the Long Beach Community Garden. We have had a significant volume of theft over the last year and the Long Beach Police feel a light on the SCE pole in the garden would help reduce the incidents of theft. Thank you for your support and consideration.

From: Natalie Schilling [mailto:nschilling2014@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:13 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Community Garden - Light Installation

-EXTERNAL-

Hello,

I just wanted to say I support the light fixture being installed in the Community Garden. There is too much theft in the area and it seems to be growing. We need to make our city safe. Lets install the light and start doing what we can to stop crime from occurring.

Thank you

-Natalie Schilling

From: Kathie Stroben [mailto:kstroben@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 1:24 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: support for Item #21

-EXTERNAL-

My name is Kathie Stroben and I have had a plot at the Long Beach Community Garden (LBCG) for more than 20 years. The garden is located off Spring St., near the Nature Center and the San Gabriel river bed where there have been an increase in homeless encampments over the last couple of years.

The gardeners at the LBCG come from all walks of life. We are a diverse group with a common goal of getting as many vegetables out of our plots as we can! We harvest fresh vegetables that are on our tables, (it is artichoke season!) but that are also shared with neighbors, family and friends. We also contribute many pounds of fresh veggies via our Food Bank for local use.

I ask for an "AYE" vote to give our gardens a little more security. Gardeners work hard physically and also plan carefully, and to have a plot vandalized is frustrating and literally can take food away from my own family. LBPD has been involved in investigated the repeated thefts and have also recommended this action.

Sincerely,

Kathie Stroben (plot B7)