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4. (19-1112) Recommendation to approve the destruction of records for the Police Department, Vice Investigations Detail; and adopt resolution.	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com						May as well get rid of all LBPD documents on investigations. They'll deny culpability for anything and everything. #longbeachpolicearecorrupt	11/9/2019
11. (19-1123) Recommendation to request City Attorney to prepare an ordinance establishing a permanent increase of the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) at the rate of one percent, to be collected by the operator from each transient with the room payment and subsequently remitted to the City of Long Beach, to be placed on the ballot in the March 3, 2020 municipal election, and any and all documents related thereto.	GLennis Dolce	glennisd@mac.com						My opposition to this increase stems from the various "TOT sharing" agreements the city council has approved for certain hotels-most recently the Molina Pacific Six Breakers hotel project. I don't think we should be giving these subsidies away with one hand, only to further burden other hotels and the STRs with these increases, in order in part, to make up for the giveaways. I don't believe for one minute that "the arts" and "students" will benefit from this tax increase nor that they requested this unless as a result of being told that their funding may dry up otherwise. You say the increase "could" be divided etc.... , again are you to really be believed using such language? Again, monies will be dumped into the general fund with a promise and nothing else.Likely, the funds will simply go to backfilling some funding deficit in these areas. Stop with the spending,the giveaways, and let's get clear on fiscal responsibility in LB! The usual 8-0 affirmative vote however,is expected.	11/12/2019
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13. (19-1125) Recommendation to request City Manager report back within 180 days on the feasibility and possible implementation strategies for an internet-based app program to help manage parking impacts during weekly scheduled street sweeping.	Gary Shelton	mrgshelton@yahoo.com		Downtown	Long Beach	CA	90802	<p>Unfulfilled Promise</p> <p>Such an app, in 2015 promised to us as "in the near future," never materialized (http://www.longbeach.gov/mayor/news/smart-meters/). It was associated with Mayor Garcia's April 2015 announcement of the coming installation of 1,620 "smart meters" in Belmont Shore, Downtown and the Pike.</p> <p>In the City Manager report which Tuesday's Item R-13 requests, there will likely be mention of a need for technology very similar to what would have underlain the 2015 "internet-based app program" management system.</p> <p>Perhaps we don't have that app yet because it proved to not be feasible?</p> <p>A pertinent question Tuesday: "Mr. City Manager, what happened that that 'smart app,' the one showing drivers the location of available spaces, the one the mayor promised us in 2015, never got delivered?"</p> <p>The answer to that question might also be the answer to the feasibility of implementing this program. If it is, we won't need to hire a consultant or waiting 180 days to find it out.</p>	11/11/2019
14. (19-1126) Recommendation to direct City Manager to prepare a report on the status of retail commerce regionally and in Long Beach with a focus on brick and mortar establishments, including best practices and creative approaches cities are taking to manage changes in consumer behavior due to on-line shopping, and provide an update to the City Council in 120 days.	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com						<p>Lovely - you keep opening these ridiculous shopping centers adjacent to ones that are going under. If you moved out of the ridiculous Tax Mahal and saw what's happening in the REAL world, you'd see that brick and mortar are FAILING. You're getting your tax money from all online sales - what's the problem? Use these dilapidated shopping centers for your million dollar mansions, now that the developers have padded your pockets. #longbeachcitycounciliscorrupt</p>	11/9/2019

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18. (19-1130) Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. R-7153 and award contracts to All American Asphalt, of Corona, CA, and Sully Miller Contracting Company, of Brea, CA, for as-needed local street improvements, in an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, for a period of two years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into contracts, including any necessary amendments. (Citywide)	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com						Sully Miller (Sucky Miller) does haphazard and poorly performed work. They must be paying you all a bundle under the table. Find someone else who does good work at the same or lower price, please. I've seen the debacles downtown by Sucky Miller's lack of proper construction. Everything is cheaply done - you must be getting all the rest of that money? #longbeachcitycounciliscorrupt	11/9/2019
19. (19-1131) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an amendment to Contract No. 33344 with Arup North America Limited, increasing the contract amount by \$700,000, for technology optimization, closeout activities, and contract management services related to the Civic Center, in a revised total amount not to exceed \$11,281,545; Increase appropriations in the General Services Fund Group in the Technology and Innovation Department (TI) by \$480,000, offset by funds available; and Increase appropriations in the Civic Center Fund Group in the Public Works Department (PW) by \$224,704, offset by funds available. (Citywide)	GLennis Dolce	glennisd@mac.com						HOW MUCH ARE YOU GOING SPEND ON THIS?? You are indebting the residents far beyond our means. I have it on good authority that the TI dept severely and intentionally underestimated the needs with the intention to just come back for more \$ and hope we the public couldn't put a stop to it. Instead of go with basic needs for the new city hall you went all out and gold plated it with SOTA IT that is not necessary and was poorly planned with many \$\$ omissions only to come back to the trough time and time again for more \$\$\$. Yes, we the public are angry! You all will be gone and we will be dealing with your excesses for DECADES! NO! Vote NO! Just once!!! We are begging you.	11/12/2019

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20. (19-1132) Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Chapter 5.94 prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products within the City of Long Beach, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading. (Citywide)	Gina Plane	gpiane@nu.edu						I want you to imagine that the CDC determined that a toy being sold in Long Beach stores is a choking hazard for babies. Do you side with the store owners who want to sell the toy or with protecting the babies? The answer to that is easy, we side with consumer safety over profits. We don't wait for babies to die or claim that safety pins also cause choking. This is the same situation with vaping products, the CDC has determined that they pose a risk of acute and potentially chronic lung injury. Let's get them off the shelves just like that potentially hazardous toy. It is simple to see the motivation of the vape shop owners in seeking a carve out of this ban for flavored products. They want to protect their own right to sell a hazardous product while restricting the sale by others. Isn't that business 101? Carving yourself a niche and giving yourself an advantage?	11/12/2019
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22. (19-1135) Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Chapter 8.98 to temporarily prohibit No-Fault Notices and Evictions through December 31, 2019, for residential real property built prior to January 1, 2005, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading; declaring the urgency thereof; and declaring that this ordinance shall take effect immediately. (Citywide)	ERNESTO ESCOBAR	ernestoescobar54@yahoo.com						Vote yes to pass this item! Keep families together during the holidays. There's enough family separations at the border. Long Beach needs to protect its citizens from corporate America!!!	11/12/2019
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