

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of April 6, 2021

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PUBLIC COMMENT:	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		Why hasn't there been a Public Safety Committee meeting yet about the rising crime and about police reform? It is April and still no meeting scheduled. Also, Council Uranga should not be on the committee until there is resolution to his animal abuse case.	4/4/2021
18. (21-0282) Recommendation to discuss the possible transfer of the operation and control of "Pier H" (including the Queen Mary) from the City Council to the Harbor Commission; request Harbor Commission to review and consider acceptance of the transfer of Pier H as outlined in the memo from the City Attorney, dated March 10, 2021; and request City Manager to work with Harbor Department staff on providing necessary information and documentation for review and to report back to the City Council in 60 days.	Diane Rush	rush534@yahoo.com		Since 1992, I have addressed the Long Beach City Council on its maritime icon the Queen Mary. The man responsible for the ship's admission to the National Register of Historic Places, David R. Rubin, was formerly banned from the property. Sadly, all who are interested in the liner's preservation, including City Engineer Edward M. Pribonic, have been discounted and shut out. Can you offer me any insight into this circumstance?	4/5/2021
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20. (21-0284) Recommendation to refer to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Government, Personnel, and Elections Committee for consideration the naming of the newly renovated Houghton Community Center complex, the "Doris Topsy-Elvord Community Center" in recognition of the legacy, contributions, and service of beloved Long Beach citywide community leader, Vice Mayor Doris Topsy-Elvord; And further, recommend City Manager to identify additional sites of significance to the African American community, and all underrepresented communities, for the purposes of historic preservation, landmarking, and inclusion in the updated Citywide Historic Context Statement.	William Sheehan	wps30@aol.com		Naming the Houghton Community Center for Doris Topsy-Elvord is a great way to honor the former vice-mayor and councilwoman.	4/3/2021

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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.	Lana Farfan	lanafar@hotmail.com		As members of the Long Beach Community Gardens for over 14 years, we strongly urge our Council Members to support this recommendation. We have never faced such security threats in the past and we want the garden to remain a safe place for us and our children to grow healthy organic produce for our kitchens. Many gardeners also contribute to community food drives, so your support also impacts people who live in every district in our city.	4/5/2021
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22. (21-0293) Recommendation to approve renaming the Bixby Dog Park as the "Dr. Myrna "Mickey" Donahoe Dog Park" and the Long Beach Performing Arts Center as the "Beverly O'Neill Performing Arts Center".	H. Cameron	hellibb@gmail.com		Mickey Donahoe was shining star in Long Beach -- and her great love for dogs and the Bixby Dog Park is well-known throughout our community. Thank you for approving this recommendation to rename the dog park in her honor, I know she would get a huge kick out of it. What a lovely way to be remembered.	4/6/2021
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23. (21-0285) Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFP DV21-034 and award a contract to Yardi Systems, Inc., of Goleta, CA, to provide Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) implementation, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,437,177, for a period of one year; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary amendments. (Citywide)	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		Are you kidding? The state of CA already had a portal set up and is up and running. WHY are you using precious resources to set up a separate portal for over a million dollars...	4/4/2021
29. (21-0291) Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by amending and restating Sections 5.81.010 and 5.81.070, and by repealing Chapter 5.94, all relating to the sale of certain 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)	George Jonson	georgejonson@gmail.com		Hello Awesome city of Long Beach. My name is George Jonson and I manufacture traditional wooden hookahs here in So. Cal and am a volunteer for the National Hookah Community Association. There are a few hookah lounges in Long Beach and a prominent retail/manufacture bases out of downtown that could stand to loose everything they have build over the past decade, if Traditional Hookah products are not exempted. I urge you to follow the Exemptions of SB793.	4/5/2021
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NEW BUSINESS:	Bonnie Rettgers	alleycats@earthlink.net		Mickey was a lifelong teacher, activist, dog-lover and friend to all who knew her. To have her neighborhood dog park named after her is a fine and fitting tribute. Thank you!	4/4/2021

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Jacquelyn Viale	vialegirl@gmail.com		<p>The Mission of Shared Science is to build on children’s science, technology, engineering, and mathematics learning experiences through constructive, creative, and playful programs, while fostering learning communities. STEM Education is the foundation for lifelong learning. Nonprofits have seen unprecedented obstacles to carrying out our missions during this pandemic. Thanks to local Long Beach funders like the Munzer Foundation, and the Josephine S. Gumbiner Foundation, Shared Science has persevered but at reduced capacity. We continue to provide virtual and hybrid programming at the Boys and Girls Club and the Salvation Army. We have implemented stringent safety measures and diligently ensure the safety of our students, their families, and our employees.</p> <p>This weekend, we host our 8th annual RoboTech Festival on April 11th, a hybrid event this year, online and in person. We want our Long Beach community to know that Shared Science is ready to support in any way that we can.</p>	4/4/2021