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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:34 AM

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**Subject:** Item 19: Increasing Appropriations to Funds - SUPPORT - Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce

**-EXTERNAL-**

Good morning Monique,

On behalf of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, we would like to relay our support for item 19 on today's (February 7, 2023) city council agenda relating to increasing appropriations in funds to include a Deputy Mayor of Economic Development role. Attached below is our letter of support.

Thank you for taking the Long Beach Chamber's views into consideration.

Best,

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Kate Lomas Gutierrez  
Government Affairs Associate  
Edmond Group, LLC



February 7, 2023

Mayor Rex Richardson  
Members of City Council  
City of Long Beach  
411 W. Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**Subject: Item 19 (23-0115) on the 2/7/2023 City Council Agenda Regarding Increasing Appropriations in Several Funds – SUPPORT**

Dear Honorable Mayor Richardson and Honorable City Councilmembers:

On behalf of our approximately 800 members from across the greater Long Beach area, we want to offer our support regarding the February 7, 2023 item to “increase appropriations in several funds across several departments for various purposes”. More specifically, we believe the inclusion of a Deputy Mayor of Economic Development role is a funding we should prioritize for the city of Long Beach at the moment.

At the Chamber, we pride ourselves on being a pillar of support and an aid of resources for the local business community in Long Beach and the surrounding area. By establishing a Deputy Mayor of Economic Development role, our city can better identify economic opportunities for current and aspiring business owners. The role would streamline the accessibility to resources and economic inclusion by providing a key figure in the economic development department.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Harris".

Jeremy Harris  
President & CEO  
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce

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**From:** R.M. Holman [mailto:flight750@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 3:47 PM

**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Tonight's City council agenda item 19: Recommendation to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2022 Year-End Budget Performance Report and increase appropriations in several funds across several departments for various purposes to reflect final expenditures...

**-EXTERNAL-**

I would like to go on the record as supporting the entire comment on this item, submitted already by the co-chairs of the Sierra Club Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force, which I have also included below. Of particular concern, is the continuing waste of funds to build a pool on the beach, which we all could agree is a really bad idea, especially as long as climate change and sea level rise are real things.

The justification that "tidelands funds" can only be spent on coastal projects, fails to recognize that it is still a very wasteful and extravagant undertaking that continues to show the absent-mindedness of this shameful project.

Please buck the trend and show us that the new City Council does in fact have "new clothes".

Sincerely,  
Roger Martin Holman

To: Honorable Councilmembers, Mayor and City Manager:  
From: Sierra Club Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force

Re: Item 19 *Recommendation to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2022 Year-End Budget Performance Report and increase appropriations in several funds across several departments for various purposes to reflect final expenditures and carryover clean-up. (Citywide)*

Lynn Ward, Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Zendejais, clarified this item as not only Receive and File, but an opportunity for Council to increase appropriations in several funds. We assume that would mean you can also decrease or eliminate funds. We urge you to consider the following items from the **General Fund**:

**1. \$702,450 ENHANCEMENT FOR THE MAYOR, \$260,000 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT-MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY CLERK**

Long Beach is one of the few cities having both a mayor and city manager. Originally, the mayor was elected by fellow councilmembers and had a vote. Now the mayor is elected by the voters and has only veto power. Adding this amount of staffing for the mayor's office is an obscene use of public funds. How many of these jobs are already handled by the City Manager? If not, why not?

**2. WHERE ARE FUNDS FOR STREET REPAIR, NEIGHBORHOOD SWIMMING POOLS, PARK ACQUISITIONS AND MAINTENANCE?**

There appears to be many more urgent needs than funds for Neighborhood Block Parties, and supplementing Hotel Tax (Measure B). Please ask questions and use these excess funds more wisely.

**3. TIDELANDS FUNDS • *Enhancement for the Public Works Department of \$100,000 for consulting services to explore alternative financing strategies for the delivery of the Belmont Pier project as a potential Public-Private endeavor.***

Mr. Modica wrote today that: "The additional funding would be part of the effort to reduce the pool scope and budget down to the \$62 - \$75 million range as noted in the memo given the expected funding challenges, rather than the current \$119 million estimate."

When will this city stop trying to force a square peg into a round hole and admit that a pool does not belong on the beach, in a liquefaction zone, with climate change and sea level rise? **Please do not approve one more cent for this environmental disaster and use the reserved \$60 million for much more urgent coastal uses.**

Respectfully,  
Anna Christensen and Ann Cantrell  
Co-Chairs



**From:** Michelle Baker [mailto:michellebaker199@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:08 AM

**To:** Kristina Duggan <Kristina.Duggan@longbeach.gov>; Al Austin <Al.Austin@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Cindy Allen <Cindy.Allen@longbeach.gov>; Mary Zendejas <Mary.Zendejas@longbeach.gov>; Suely Saro <Suely.Saro@longbeach.gov>; Daryl Supernaw <Daryl.Supernaw@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Rex Richardson <Rex.Richardson@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Public Comments for City Council Meeting tonight

**-EXTERNAL-**

**Good morning,**

**Please put this picture and comments in public comments on the budget item. Many of us are very concerned that the Mayor wants to increase his staff and is asking for over \$770,000 increase...there are no details on these positions and given that the mayor already has a staff of 14, this is not necessary. Section 202 and Section 207 states the mayor's responsibilities... It is largely a ceremonial position. I ask as a business owner in Long Beach that you decline his request. The City Council makes policy and you should not defer your power to the mayor. \$770,000 is a lot of money and if any of you know, the Long Beach animal shelter is in crisis...large dogs are in crates because they have no money and space. That money could go there to expand resources. Please listen to what your constituents want, not a mayor who is trying for a power grab. That money could go to much more important issues in the city.**

**Sincerely,**

**Michelle Baker**

**From:** Emily Canata <[emilycanata@gmail.com](mailto:emilycanata@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:58 AM  
**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: This Week's 3rd District Update

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hi Kristina,  
Thank you for the newsletter. My husband and I live in district 3

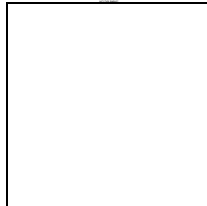
I want to express my concern re: this budget item below. Our city has so many gaps in basic services - police coverage, homelessness, street repair, etc. What are the job descriptions for these positions and why such high salaries? What is the plan to fund these new positions going forward? What is the business case for these positions? I do not agree with this and ask you to vote against this request.

*Mayor Richardson is requesting to expand the Mayor's Office by adding 4.5 staff members totaling \$702,450 for the remainder of this fiscal year. The ongoing cost for these positions is not yet determined but will be incorporated into next year's budget with this action*

*Thank you!*

*Emily Canata*

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As always, the 3rd District team and I are here to help. We can be reached at [District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov) or (562) 570-6300.

Sincerely,

Kristina Duggan  
Councilmember | District 3

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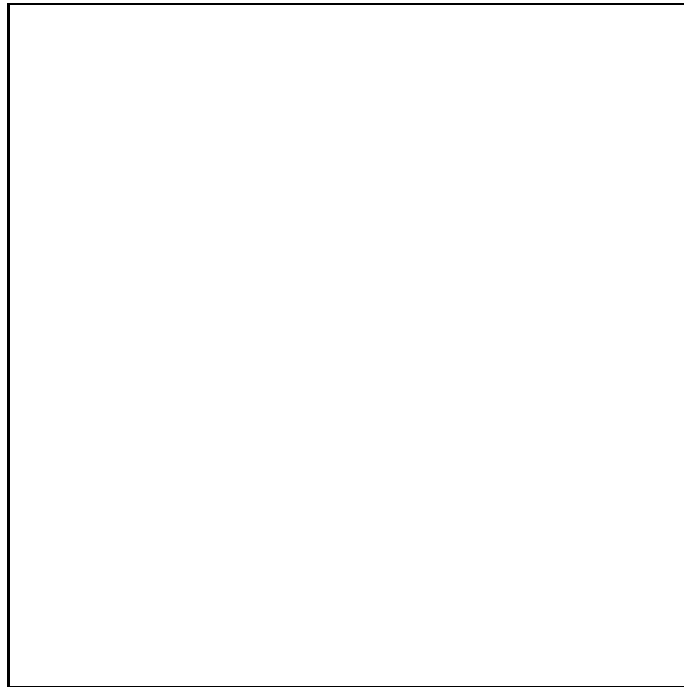
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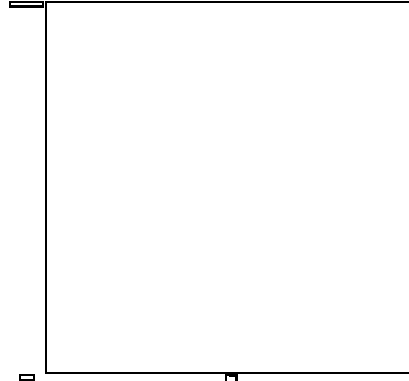
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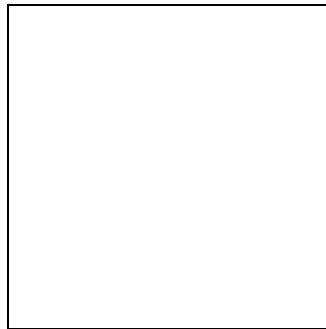
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**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 6:52 PM

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**Subject:** No on Agenda #19. 23-0115 - FM - FY 22 Year-End Budget Performance Report

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Please vote no for February 7, 2023 City Council Agenda Item 19 for C FM - FY 22 Year-End Budget Performance Report. The agenda item has many things that need separate discussions such as the mayor's proposed budget for increasing staffing, the proposed \$750,000. The money should be efficiently used to help with fixing parks, improving public works, eliminate homelessness, staffing libraries, and aiding small businesses et cetera.

In summary, the money should be used to help the community in making meaningful engagement and solutions not create layers of bureaucratic barriers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kerry Chhay

**From:** Marc Coleman <[marc@marccolemanlaw.com](mailto:marc@marccolemanlaw.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 5, 2023 1:40 PM  
**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Mayor's request to add 4.5 staff

**-EXTERNAL-**

Kristina-

I read your notice and Appendix G to the budget proposal. These appear insufficient to justify the need to further expand the Mayor's office instead of reallocating responsibility to encompass new directions or "monitoring legislation." I think it is important as a Councilmember that you challenge such a drastic increase in bureaucracy without justification.

best,

Marc Coleman

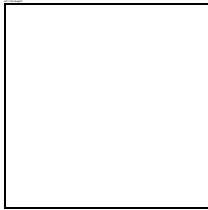
**From:** Mark Curran <[mcurranlbc@hotmail.com](mailto:mcurranlbc@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 4, 2023 9:56 AM  
**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: This Week's 3rd District Update

**-EXTERNAL-**

What is reasoning of adding 4.5 staff members?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2023, at 9:30 AM, Councilmember Kristina Duggan <[district3@longbeach.gov](mailto:district3@longbeach.gov)> wrote:





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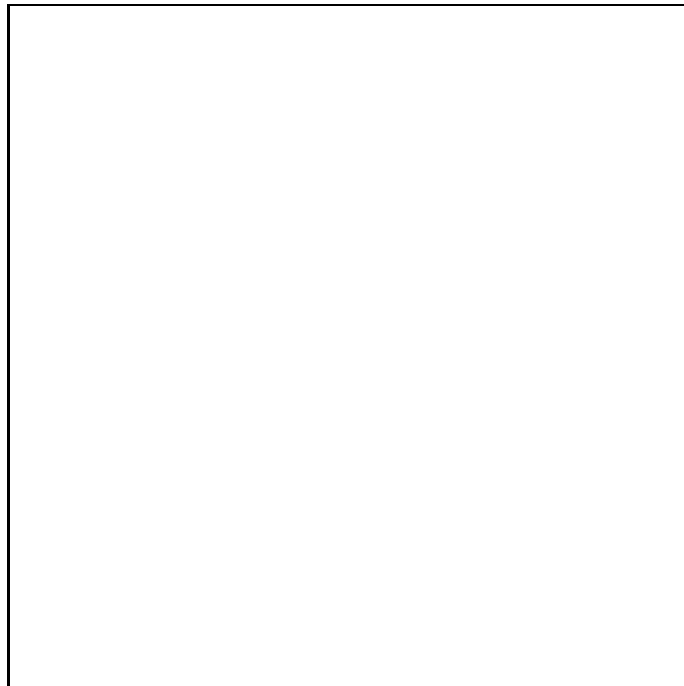
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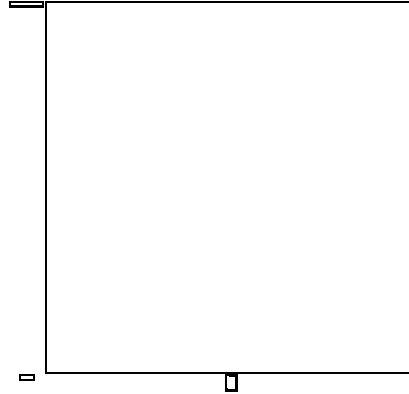
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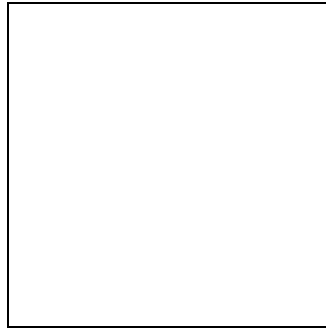
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**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Cc:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Budget Items

**-EXTERNAL-**

I thank you for the heads up on the budget. My comments are as follows:

The mayor's request for \$700,000 to fund staff must be denied.

No funds should be made available for creating "Equity programs" (this means funding of racist programs)

Added funds must be made available to the police in order to stop crime now!

Funds should be made available to business that suffered in riots from fire, vandalism, or robbery caused by mayor calling back the police.

Pave our streets and maintain the public spaces.

Quit funding homeless programs, and offering money to them. (It assures we will attract more)

The city will lose all tidelands funds. The council is required to anticipate this and make appropriate provisions, like suspending funding for a beachfront pool.

Please give some consideration to the above suggestions

Best regards,

George G. Derry

**From:** Glennis Dolce [mailto:glennisd@me.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 3:16 PM

**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; City Manager <CityManager@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Feb. 7, 2023 agenda comment

**-EXTERNAL-**

Re Item 19

There is no reason to expand funding for the Mayor's staffing. Do with what is already funded. We have many other important needs in this city apart from increasing staffing cost which are already sky high. We know these additional positions and costs will remain year after year when we are facing deficits in the years ahead of us. How can you justify adding staff when we know these additional costs will require cuts to maintenance and infrastructure as a tradeoff in the coming years? There is no excuse for this. Our tax dollars need to be spent on the street and in neighborhoods, not on bloated salaries in City Hall.

Regarding the extra \$ for the Belmont Pool- again no. Tidelands funds are dwindling and there are so many important needs along the coast- the Pier, sea level rise mitigation, beach restroom facilities and maintenance to name a few.

And no more \$\$ for the Queen Mary! Good grief!

Sincerely,  
Glennis Dolce  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Stephen Downing <[stephen.beachcomber@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.beachcomber@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:50 AM

To: Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>

Subject: Mayor's increased staff

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Councilwoman,

It is our hope that you will oppose the increased staff requested by the Mayor and instead ask for a study of the existing staff against the Charter responsibilities of the mayor.

In my opinion Long Beach has outgrown the city-manager form of governance but a back room transfer of administrative powers to the mayor should be accomplished with a charter change, not the way it has been done since Foster.

We need a full time council and a mayor who is responsible for the administration of the city - not an unelected CEO who has all the authorities to run the city.

My recommendation is for the council to deny the mayor's request, request a study of the mayor's staff and establish a blue ribbon citizen committee to recommend charter change to a citizen commission form of governance.

Thank you  
Stephen Downing  
D3 resident

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From: Charles Durnin <[charley.durnin@gmail.com](mailto:charley.durnin@gmail.com)>

Sent: Saturday, February 4, 2023 10:58 AM

To: Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>

Cc: Margaret DURNIN <[durninhome@aol.com](mailto:durninhome@aol.com)>

Subject: City funding 2003

-EXTERNAL-

We are currently looking at State legislation instituted by our own legislative representative that will cut our oil revenues . We need to have budget surpluses and have a rainy day fund not deficits funded by outside government funding. The increase funding for the mayors office seems unnecessary as our previous mayors have done well without a larger staff. Once that staff is in place it will not be reduced. The percentage of our government employees in our work force is ever increasing and is not sustainable by the private sector employees who pay for them. I believe we do not have a white mayors national association that our city has supported, therefore if the mayor would like to be a member of a black association he should pay for it or have another organization fund the membership. Fireworks to my knowledge has not been a fire problem in our city other than the noise. The 4th of July is a National Holiday and tradition that creates energy and enthusiasm. To spend more money when we already have laws in place to limit excessive activity is another governmental overreach. I do believe we should do whatever we can to limit homelessness and good mental health and anti drug programs are essential . I also support getting our public libraries fully staffed to allow our citizens to access knowledge more readily is essential. Studies have shown that 80% of our learning occurs after high school. I appreciate having you and your staff represent our district and hope you will consider my view points. Respectfully Charley Durnin. Please Acknowledge receipt

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:15 PM

**To:** anngadfly@aol.com

**Cc:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; City Manager <CityManager@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Feb. 7, 2023 agenda comment

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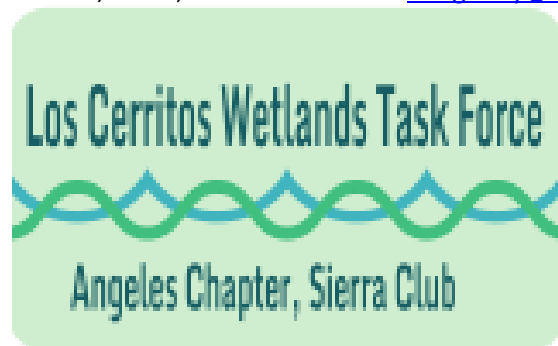
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If not, of course, you can vote away all your power and let the mighty and powerful Wizard of Rex take over. I think in the end you will regret it. When everyone writes your obituaries, it would be nice to note that you did not overthrow the government of Long Beach.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Fox

On Tue, Feb 7, 2023 at 1:00 PM <[anngadfly@aol.com](mailto:anngadfly@aol.com)> wrote:



To: Honorable Councilmembers, Mayor and City Manager:

From: Sierra Club Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force

Re: Item 19 *Recommendation to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2022 Year-End Budget Performance Report and increase appropriations in several funds across several departments for various purposes to reflect final expenditures and carryover clean-up. (Citywide)*

Lynn Ward, Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Zendejais, clarified this item as not only Receive and File, but an opportunity for Council to increase appropriations in several



funds. We assume that would mean you can also decrease or eliminate funds. We urge you to consider the following items from the **General Fund**:

**1. \$702,450 ENHANCEMENT FOR THE MAYOR, \$260,000 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT-MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY CLERK**

Long Beach is one of the few cities having both a mayor and city manager. Originally, the mayor was elected by fellow councilmembers and had a vote. Now the mayor is elected by the voters and has only veto power. Adding this amount of staffing for the mayor's office is an obscene use of public funds. How many of these jobs are already handled by the City Manager? If not, why not?

**2. WHERE ARE FUNDS FOR STREET REPAIR, NEIGHBORHOOD SWIMMING POOLS, PARK ACQUISITIONS AND MAINTENANCE?**

**There appears to be many more urgent needs than funds for Neighborhood Block Parties, and supplementing Hotel Tax (Measure B). Please ask questions and use these excess funds more wisely.**

**3. TIDELANDS FUNDS • *Enhancement for the Public Works Department of \$100,000 for consulting services to explore alternative financing strategies for the delivery of the Belmont Pier project as a potential Public-Private endeavor.***

Mr. Modica wrote today that: "The additional funding would be part of the effort to reduce the pool scope and budget down to the \$62 - \$75 million range as noted in the memo given the expected funding challenges, rather than the current \$119 million estimate."

When will this city stop trying to force a square peg into a round hole and admit that a pool does not belong on the beach, in a liquefaction zone, with climate change and sea level rise? **Please do not approve one more cent for this environmental disaster and use the reserved \$60 million for much more urgent coastal uses.**

Respectfully,  
Anna Christensen and Ann Cantrell  
Co-Chairs

-----Original Message-----

From: Terri Genewich <[lbcalg@icloud.com](mailto:lbcalg@icloud.com)>  
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:31 PM  
To: Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
Subject: City Budget Agenda item

-EXTERNAL-

Hi there & Thank you for representing our 3rd district community & City. ❤️ I look forward to working with you & your staff on various district concerns & events as I am an active resident & involved with various programs & projects throughout the City

I am reaching out today to briefly share my thoughts on the new Mayor's increased staff budget request, Is he kidding? He's kidding, right? 🤔 Honestly Im flabbergasted to hear & read this request without immediately thinking of so many other projects that need the financial support from our tax payers besides increasing staff for 'newly created positions' Respectfully, I completely understand this from a cultural view, but not at that cost when you can educate current staff for whatever support is needed.

As a 50 year resident I am whole heartedly against this request & implore you to share my feelings directly with the Mayor & City Council members as I will not be able to attend the next City Council meeting.

I also want to say a quick Thank You for sending out your email update too, I was lucky enough to work with Susie Price over the years via emails or calls productively, so I truly appreciate these little community communications & think they are a wonderful tool for us to share our thoughts & get things done together.

My best regards

M Terri Genewich  
3rd District Resident

**From:** [jwg221@aol.com](mailto:jwg221@aol.com) <[jwg221@aol.com](mailto:jwg221@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 4, 2023 10:26 AM  
**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** District 3

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Council member of District 3:

Thank you for your e-mail with loads of information.

I rarely send an e-mail to this office, but I have a couple issues to mention: How many staff members did Mr. Garcia have when he was mayor? I am surprised that the new mayor who is just beginning his job, has asked for that many staff members. I have no idea how many is the usual amount. Since I am a library supporter and enjoy the e-books from the library, I am hoping the library is not left out. It seems every time I go on the web site to get another book, at least one library is closed due to a maintenance problem. Are the buildings getting to an advanced age and falling apart???!! We already have a traffic issue with the lagoon work and now I read about the Second Street Bridge upgrade. I imagine a real traffic problem there. I am asking that your office keeps us alerted to whatever closures that brings about. It seems both places have a long ongoing work schedule. Second Street carries a lot of traffic with not too many choices for a detour!!

Good luck with your new job. This is a busy area and an unusual city.

Joan W. Gustafson

**From:** Ligaya Pinga Jakmakjian <[l\\_pinga@hotmail.com](mailto:l_pinga@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:33 PM  
**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: This Week's 3rd District Update

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello Kristina! Thank you for your email. I am vehemently against the approval of \$700K for Mayor Richardson's staff. Despite the need to execute on many promises for the city, approving an increased budget and staff is not only outside of his role as Mayor, but also wasteful. To ask for the public to approve something with ambiguous ongoing costs is fiscally irresponsible. I think the more prudent option would be to optimize the staff he has.

Our district needs street and alley repairs, resources for our crime and homeless situation, and support of the city to repair our seawalls before they become in such disrepair that they pose a risk to residents and tourists.

Best,  
Ligaya Jakmakjian  
Naples

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**From:** [Councilmember Kristina Duggan](#)  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 4, 2023 9:30 AM  
**To:** [l\\_pinga@hotmail.com](mailto:l_pinga@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** This Week's 3rd District Update

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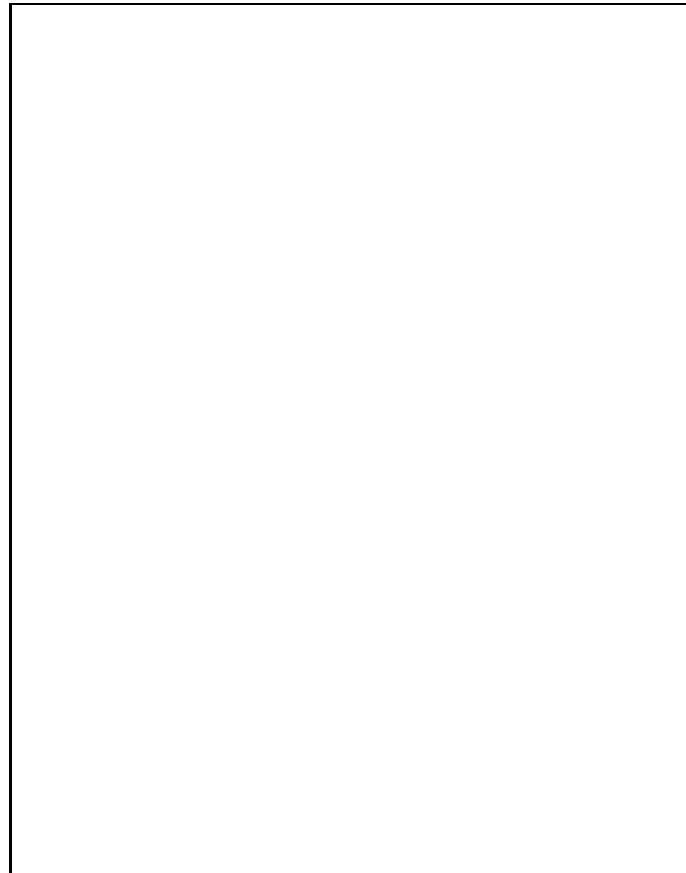
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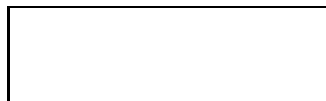
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Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 3:17 PM

To: Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>

Subject: City Budget

-EXTERNAL-

Instead of hiring more people to help our Neely elected mayor we need to hire more police officers and fix the infrastructure of our city I would like to see the proposed budget not pass as it stands now with the hiring of additional employees that will do very little to bring our city back to a safe and beautiful Place to live Judy Lamb

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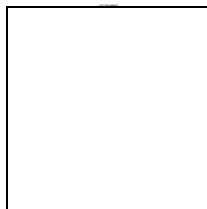
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<[patooloo@gmail.com](mailto:patooloo@gmail.com)> wrote:  
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Please see number 19 on the agenda.  
I personally believe that we can put that 700,000\$ into much more important issues that our residents  
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Please attend the city hall meeting this Tuesday at 5 pm to make a public comment  
OR  
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Spread the word

Your neighborhood advocate  
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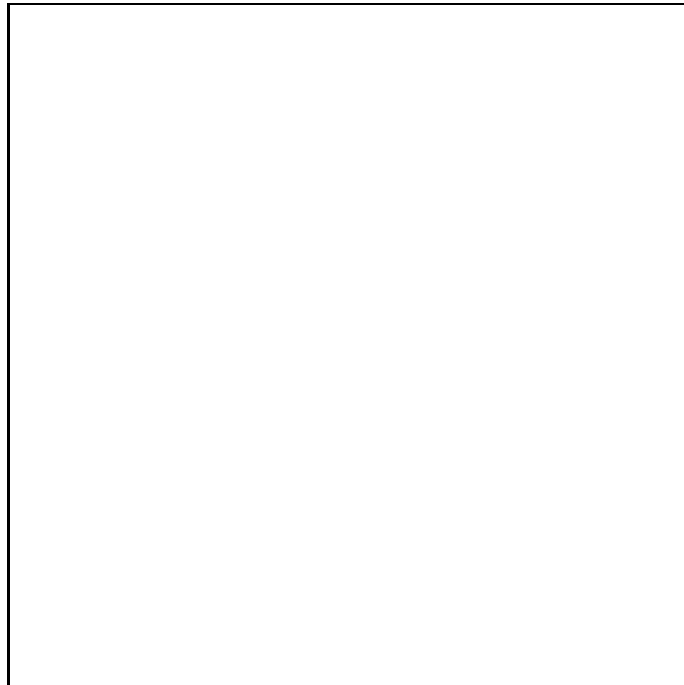
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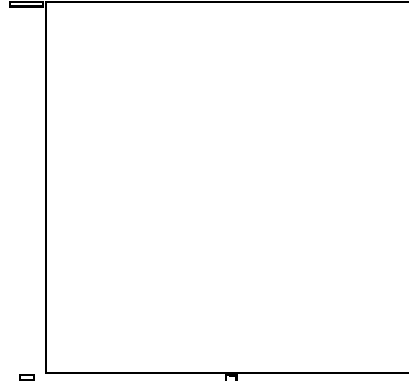
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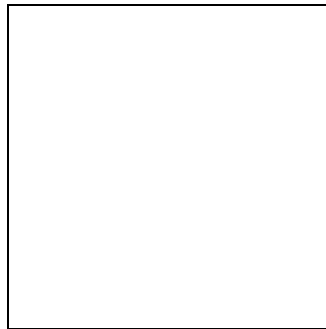
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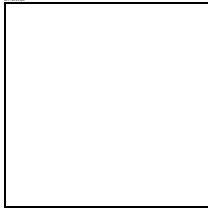
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**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: This Week's 3rd District Update

**-EXTERNAL-**

When will they find \$ in budget for curb repair? We've been waiting since 2019.

On Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 09:31:00 AM PST, Councilmember Kristina Duggan <[district3@longbeach.gov](mailto:district3@longbeach.gov)> wrote:



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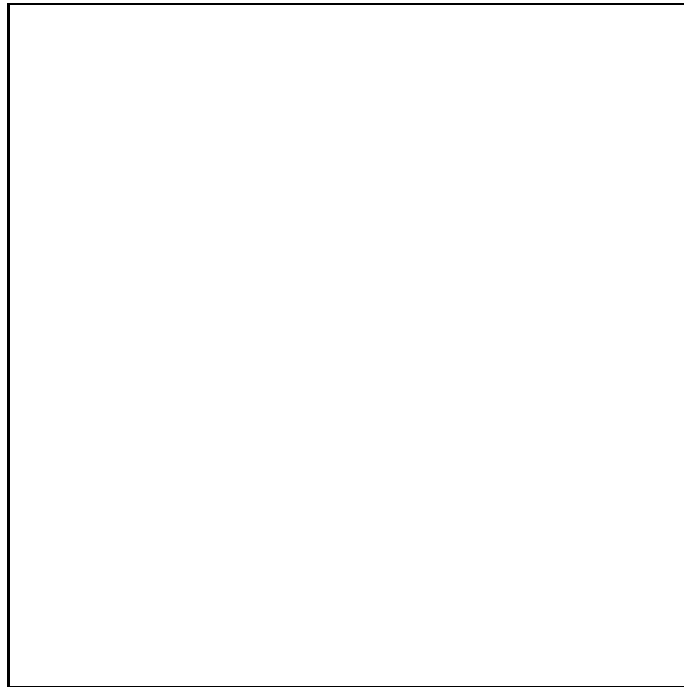
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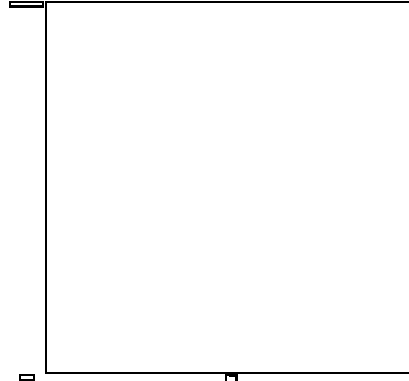
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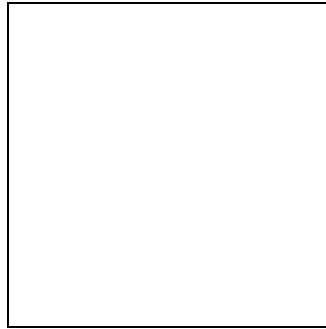
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**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Spending of Surplus money

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello Ms. Duggan,  
First if all, congratulations on getting elected to District 3 Council seat.  
Regarding the meeting tomorrow, I am voicing my opposition to increasing the mayor's staffing budget.  
What kind are the staff position does he need to hire and what positions will given salary increase?  
Richardson just started and has not shown his mettle yet, how can he justify the need to increase the number of his staff? Try what he gave first the rest of the fiscal year. There are many services that are short in funds in our city, homelessness \$ public safety including neighborhood patrol for examples.  
Thank you.

Mona & Ben Morris

**From:** Omers <[duchovnyomer@gmail.com](mailto:duchovnyomer@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:59 AM

**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>

**Subject:** Opposition for increased the mayor staff!!!

**-EXTERNAL-**

Good morning

opposed to increasing the mayor's staff without a detailed statement of work. The SOW must include how these positions will benefit the taxpayers and also measurable goals that can determine their effectiveness.

I don't trust that these people will benefit anyone other than Rex Richardson.

**From:** Lisa <[larx3@aol.com](mailto:larx3@aol.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, February 5, 2023 10:50 AM

**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>

**Subject:** Budget - I do not approve of Mayor Richardsons proposed staff increases

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Councilwoman Duggan,

Please vote NO on Mayor Richardson's staff increase budget.

Thank you.

Lisa Ramelow



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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 3:01 PM

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**Subject:** Feb. 7, 2023 agenda comment

**-EXTERNAL-**



To: Honorable Councilmembers, Mayor and City Manager:

From: Sierra Club Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force

Re: Item 19 *Recommendation to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2022 Year-End Budget Performance Report and increase appropriations in several funds across several departments for various purposes to reflect final expenditures and carryover clean-up. (Citywide)*

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Respectfully,  
Anna Christensen and Ann Cantrell  
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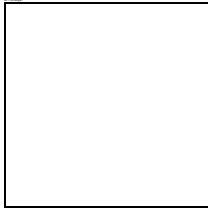
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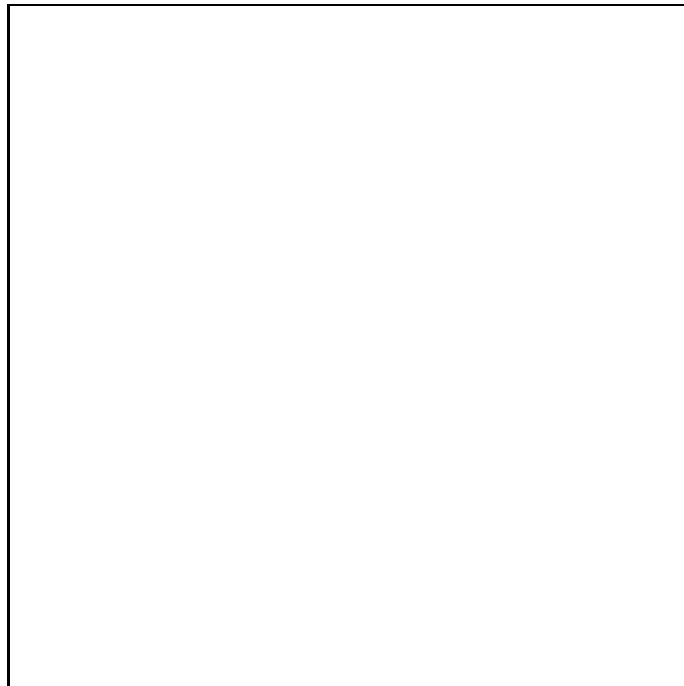
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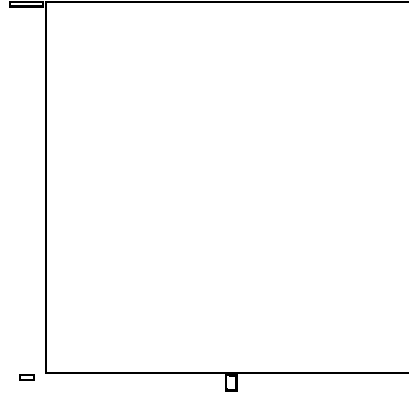
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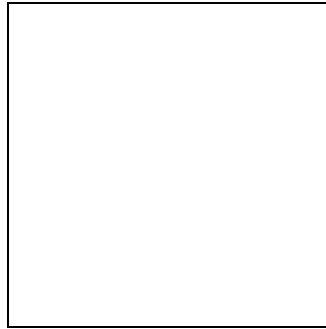
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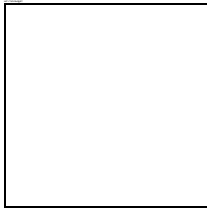
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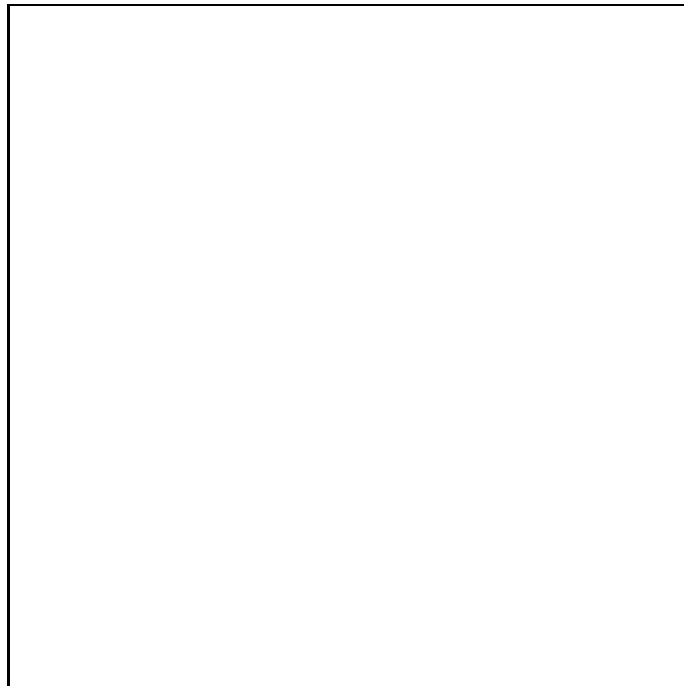
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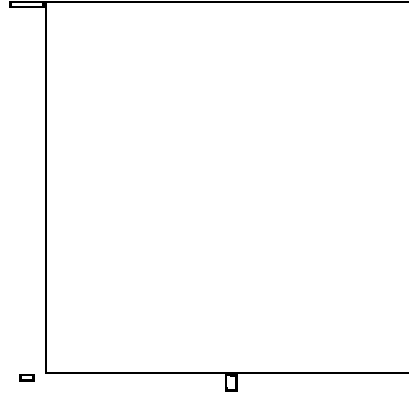
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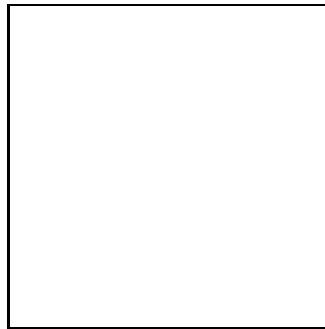
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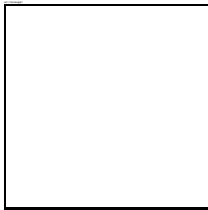
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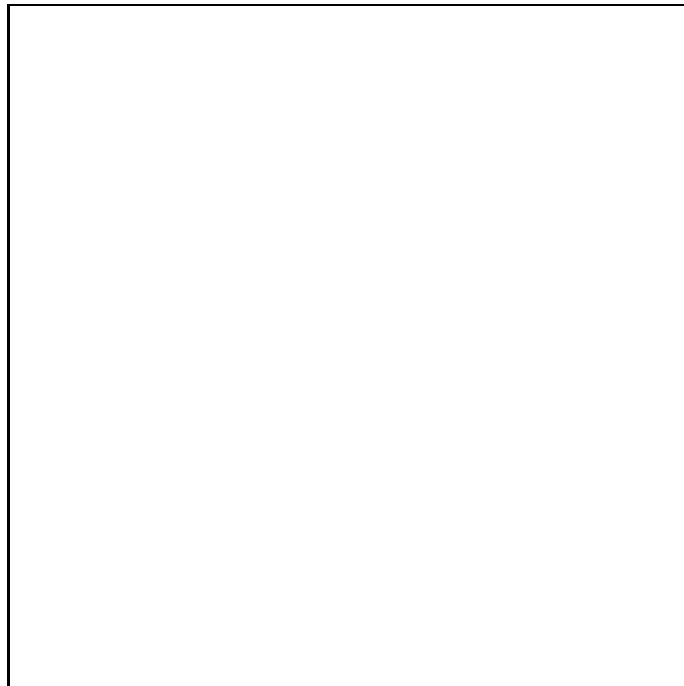
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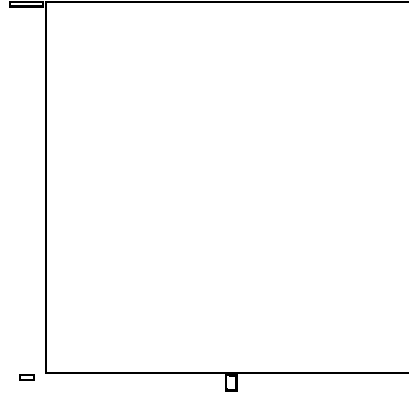
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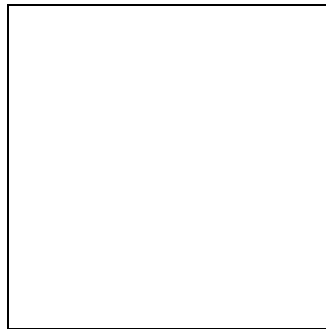
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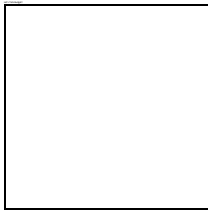
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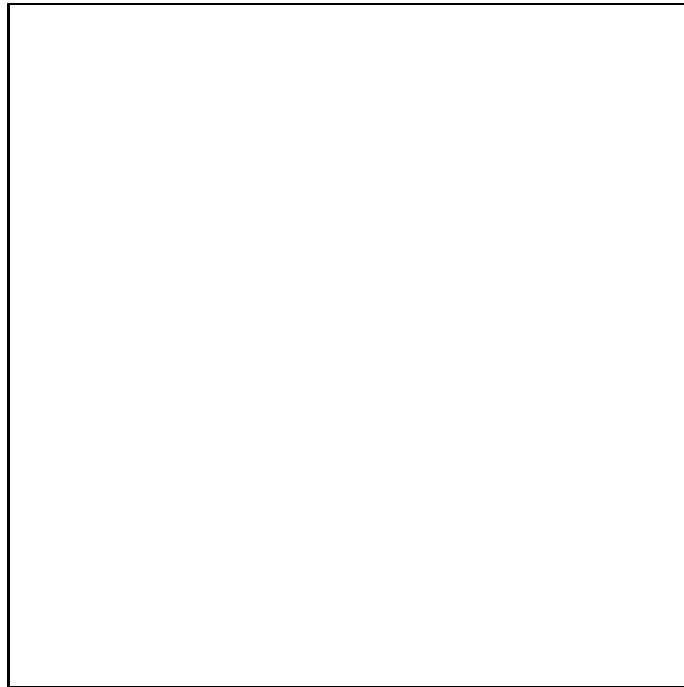
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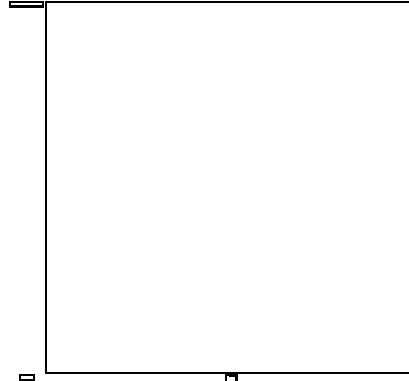
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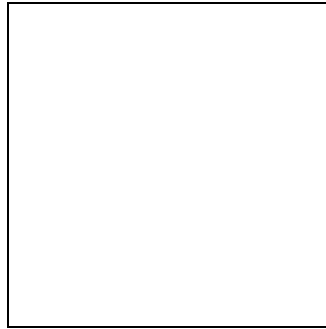
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**-EXTERNAL-**

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RE: Unspent funds from last year

**Recommendation:**

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Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Brenda Wilson  
Executive Director  
New Image Emergency Shelter for the Homeless, Inc.  
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**From:** Hap Wood <[pretec.hap@gmail.com](mailto:pretec.hap@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 4, 2023 7:12 PM  
**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Cc:** N Charles "HAP" Wood <[Pretec.hap@gmail.com](mailto:Pretec.hap@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Additional staff & funding for Mayor

**-EXTERNAL-**

I/we think the LB Mayors staff is quite sufficient to do the job. We also think too much of our tax dollars and concentration on non-contributing people in our city including homeless. Veterans, people that have Served our nation have many avenues of help through federal, & state dollars and organizations for those that DO want help...all they have to do is ask. Others, when they do contribute...they they should be helped – as they can.

Blessings  
Hap Wood

**From:** colleen bentley <[coleybentley@hotmail.com](mailto:coleybentley@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:33 AM  
**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: This Week's 3rd District Update

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Kristina and staff –

Thank you for the newsletter – very informative.

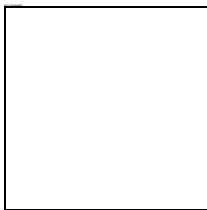
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Thank you.

Colleen Bentley  
[coleybentley@hotmail.com](mailto:coleybentley@hotmail.com)  
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**From:** Councilmember Kristina Duggan <[district3@longbeach.gov](mailto:district3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Date:** Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 9:30 AM  
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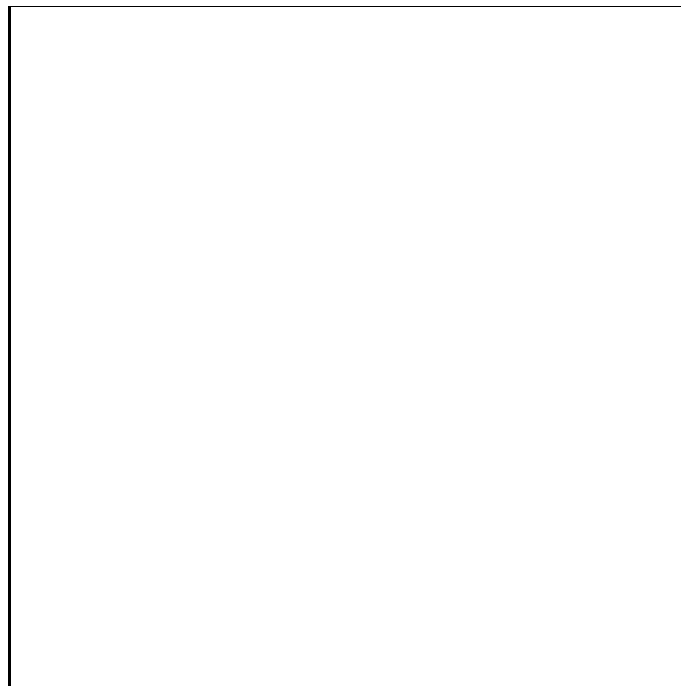
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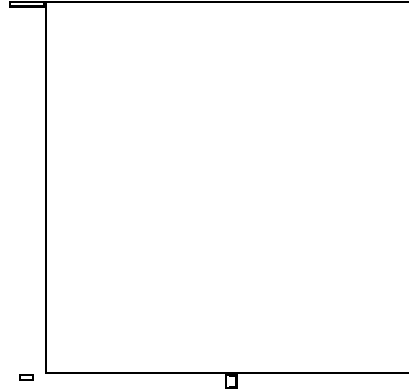
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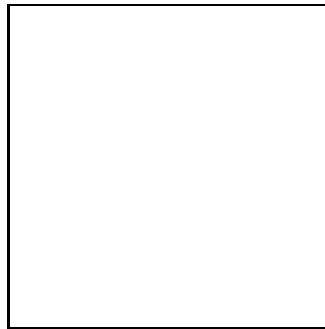
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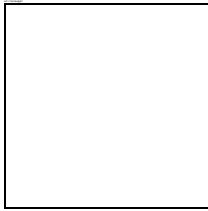
**-EXTERNAL-**

Thanks Kristina. The last this city is more staff. Mayor Garcia survived with the number of staff so there is no way Richardson needs more unless it is to reward cronies and contributors.

Barry Bosscher  
Bixby Village

Sent from my iPhone

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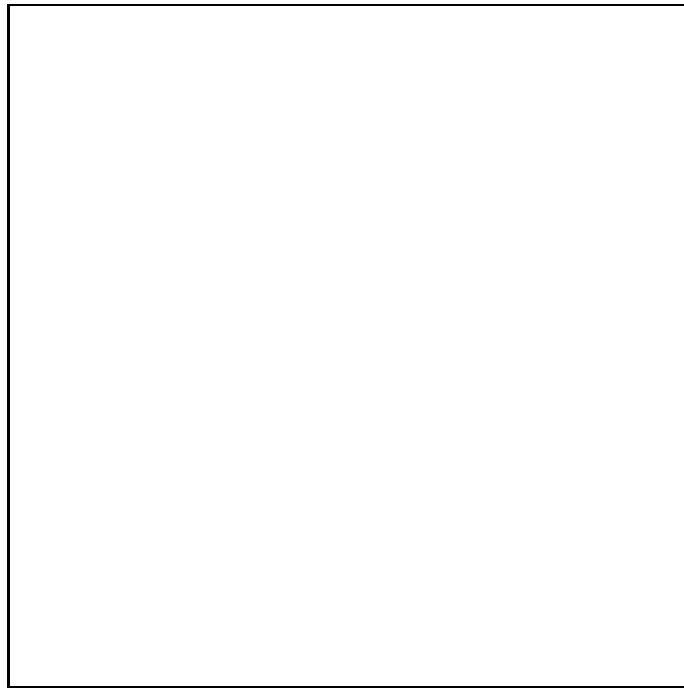
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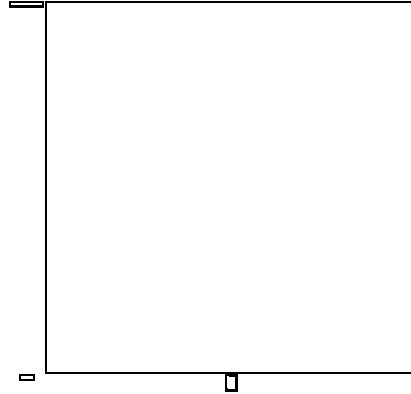
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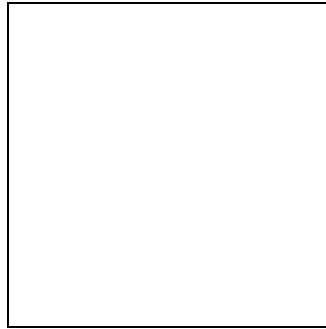
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Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 4:06 AM

To: Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>

Subject: Vote NO on 4 new positions

-EXTERNAL-

The new Mayor does not need 4 new staff members. Please vote NO to end this ridiculous, unnecessary expense.

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Andy Cox <[andycox75@gmail.com](mailto:andycox75@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 9:29 AM

To: Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>

Subject: Tonight's City Council meeting

-EXTERNAL-

Kristina,

Please take a stand against Mayor Richardson tonight. Apparently he is attempting to create new staff positions to the tune of over \$700,000. If these are positions that are so needed by the City and Long Beach taxpayers, we need to see detailed descriptions of what these assignments will accomplish, goals to meet for these created extra jobs and limits for these positions.

Please don't allow our new mayor to turn out beautiful city into his grown up sandbox. He should not rule all and needs to know that his constituents are watching and aware of his actions.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

- Andy Cox

**From:** Maricela Renteria de Rivera [mailto:derivera.m@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 7:15 PM

**To:** Joni Ricks-Oddie <Joni.Ricks-Oddie@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Council 2/7/23

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello Councilmember Dr. Ricks-Odie,

Writing to you as a resident of D9 regarding the upcoming council.

Agenda item #19: this is not clear to me. I assume councilmembers received an enumerated list of these items. It's not clear to me where I, as a resident, can access this information before the meeting. This is the opposite of transparency. I encourage you to push for transparency of these types of items and withhold your vote tomorrow, delaying it only until members of the public also have adequate time to evaluate how money is used, before your vote.

Agenda item # 20: though I do not know all the details, I support the idea of housing for our unhoused neighbors. Along with these homes, I'd like to ask that safety of staff be included in this item. Staff at the MSC have not received the safety precautions needed to do their jobs. Just one example of this was an attack of a client that untrained (in terms of safety) and unarmed staff responded to. This resulted in the client being protected, with staff being physically and emotionally harmed. Homelessness in our region is clearly at crisis levels. I want to advocate for keeping the people doing the work safe.

Agenda item #22: this is an item I am in opposition to. My understanding is that there are not enough safeguards when it comes to the disproportionate toll these technologies have on BIPOC and immigrant communities.

Many thanks,  
Maricela

Maricela de Rivera, CLEC  
Pronouns: she/ella  
Mobile: 562.544.7028

Long Beach Breastfeeds, Director & Co-Founder  
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Long Beach Unified School District, Equity Leadership Team



**From:** Pamela Famisaran <[pamelafamisaran@gmail.com](mailto:pamelafamisaran@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 10:56 PM

**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>

**Subject:** Mayor's fund request

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear councilwoman Duggan,

This request from our newly elected mayor for funding of \$700,000.00 for an additional 4 staffers is excessive. He needs to earn some credibility with all the residents of Long Beach before requesting for more of our city's money. What unique skills do these individuals have to justify their high salaries?

What will their expected duties entail that justify this excessive expenditure?

I'm requesting that you vote "NO" on this agenda item at the council meeting.

With sincere concern,

Pamela Clark Famisaran

**From:** Francella Fierro <[francella@edmondgroupllc.com](mailto:francella@edmondgroupllc.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:13 PM

**To:** Monique DeLaGarza <[Monique.DeLaGarza@longbeach.gov](mailto:Monique.DeLaGarza@longbeach.gov)>

**Cc:** Mayor <[Mayor@longbeach.gov](mailto:Mayor@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 1 <[District1@longbeach.gov](mailto:District1@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 2 <[District2@longbeach.gov](mailto:District2@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 4 <[District4@longbeach.gov](mailto:District4@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 5 <[District5@longbeach.gov](mailto:District5@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 6 <[District6@longbeach.gov](mailto:District6@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 7 <[District7@longbeach.gov](mailto:District7@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 8 <[District8@longbeach.gov](mailto:District8@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 9 <[District9@longbeach.gov](mailto:District9@longbeach.gov)>; Alexandra Lakatos <[alexandra@edmondgroupllc.com](mailto:alexandra@edmondgroupllc.com)>; John Edmond <[john@edmondgroupllc.com](mailto:john@edmondgroupllc.com)>

**Subject:** Item 19: Increasing Appropriations to Funds - SUPPORT - Apartment Association, California Southern Cities

**-EXTERNAL-**

Good afternoon Monique,

On behalf of the Apartment Association, California Southern Cities, we would like to offer our support for item 19 on today's (February 7, 2023) city council agenda relating to increasing appropriations in funds to include a Deputy Mayor of Economic Development role. Attached below is our letter of support.

Thank you for considering the Apartment Association, California Southern Cities' views.

Best,

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Francella Fierro  
Managing Director  
Edmond Group LLC



February 7, 2023

Mayor Rex Richardson  
Members of City Council  
City of Long Beach  
411 W. Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**Subject: Item 19 (23-0115) on the 2/7/2023 City Council Agenda Regarding Increasing Appropriations in Several Funds - SUPPORT**

Dear Honorable Mayor Richardson and Honorable City Councilmembers:

On behalf of our thousands of members from across Southern California, we want to relay our support regarding the February 7, 2023 item to “increase appropriations in several funds across several departments for various purposes.” During this economic uncertainty, we believe adding a Deputy Mayor of Economic Development role should be prioritized for the city of Long Beach.

The goal of the Apartment Association, California Southern Cities is to drive more property owners and vendors of the rental housing industry to Long Beach and surrounding areas, resulting in more business. By establishing a Deputy Mayor of Economic Development role, our city can better identify economic opportunities for current and aspiring business owners. This key figure in the economic development department would make resources and economic inclusion more accessible to new property owners and vendors.

Thank you for taking our views into account.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Elaine Hutchison". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Elaine Hutchison  
President,  
Apartment Association, California Southern Cities

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 7:37 AM

To: Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>

Subject: Addition to the Mayor's Staff

-EXTERNAL-

I just learned that the Mayor wants to add to his staff, adding a significant amount of funds to be laid on the taxpayers of Long Beach. I oppose this move. And would like to know your position on this matter it.

Jill Grenda

**From:** Susie Hughes <[huggey1@gmail.com](mailto:huggey1@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 4, 2023 10:04 AM  
**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
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**-EXTERNAL-**

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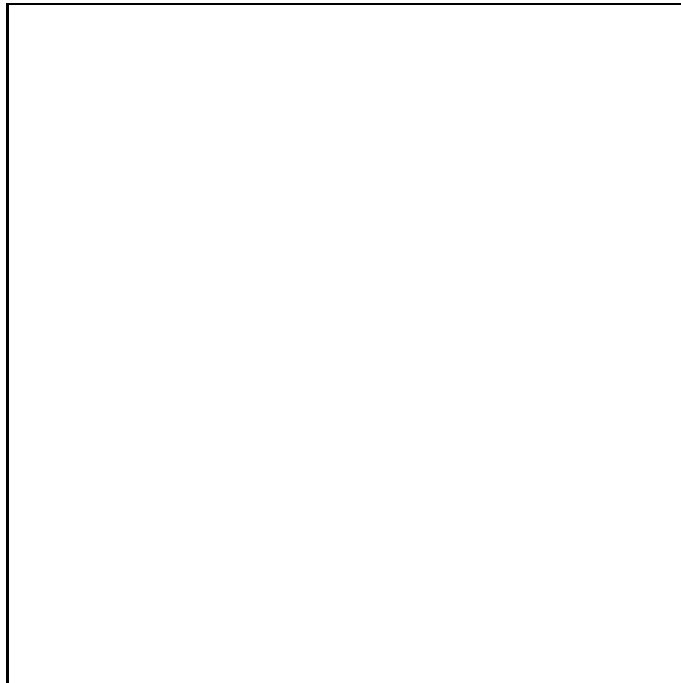
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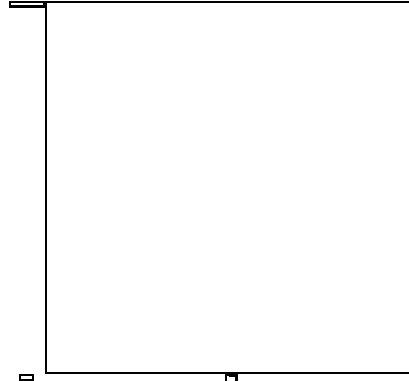
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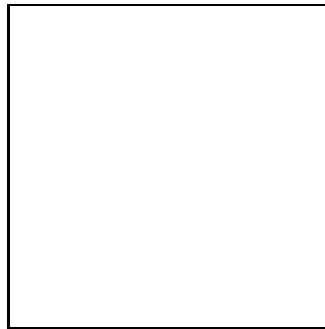
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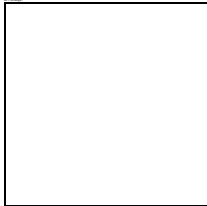
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**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 10:55 PM  
**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: This Week's 3rd District Update

**-EXTERNAL-**

No, to adding staff to Mayors office. Isn't he just mayor in name only.  
Leads council meetings. Does he get a vote?.. we need too many other things.  
Studebaker road fix and homeless. Besides City Manager runs the city.  
Tell mayor to take a hike. I already read in PT he has lots of projects lined up for district  
Nine.....Not one other district!!!

Sent from my IPAD....LINDA NEWMAN

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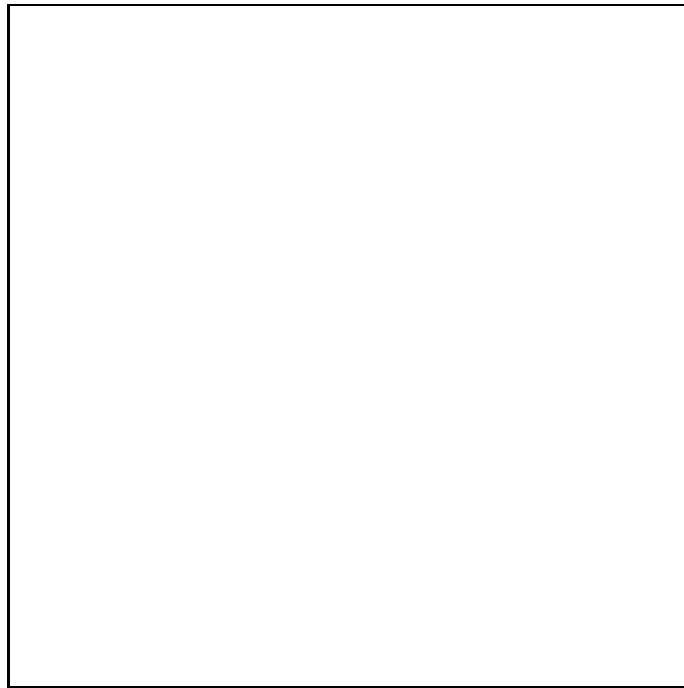
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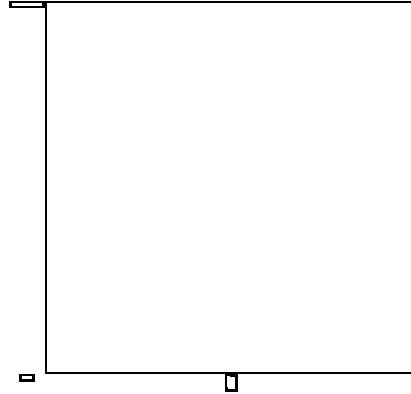
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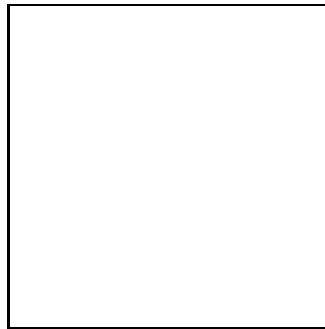
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**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 5:52 PM  
**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Mayor's increase in staff - opposed

**-EXTERNAL-**

Good morning

I am opposed to increasing the mayor's staff without a detailed statement of work. The SOW must include how these positions will benefit the taxpayers and also measurable goals. I don't trust that these people will benefit anyone other than Rex Richardson.

**From:** NORA <[nora2b@yahoo.com](mailto:nora2b@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:47 AM  
**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Mayor request

**-EXTERNAL-**

NO For additional money— any amount

LML 

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 8:50 PM  
To: Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
Subject: No to mayor extra staff

-EXTERNAL-

Please vote no on adding over \$700k to more positions on the mayors staff.  
Jenn Obeidin -Glendora

**From:** Jason Rabenn <[jason.rabenn@gmail.com](mailto:jason.rabenn@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 4, 2023 10:02 AM  
**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: This Week's 3rd District Update

**-EXTERNAL-**

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As far as I know, w/o raising taxes, the city is broke. I had to sell Quinn's due to shut down and never received money owned by SBA.

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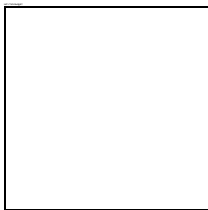
I know the city is very progressive but they are all failing.

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Jason Rabenn

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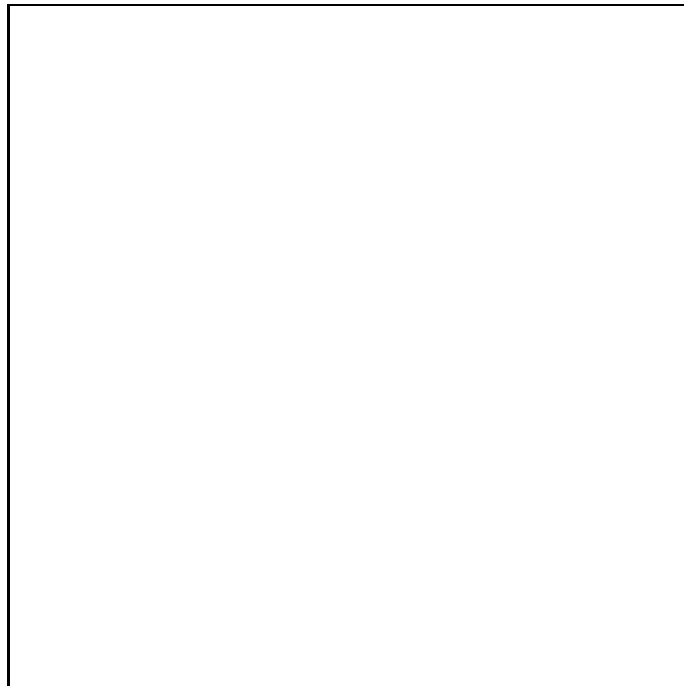
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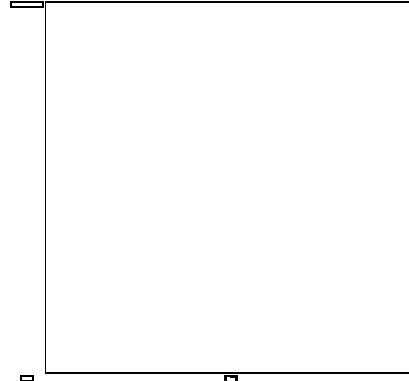
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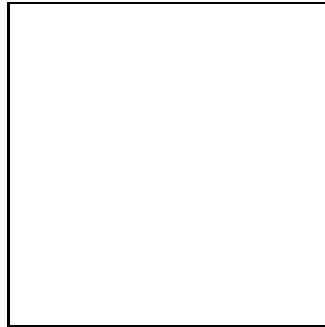
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Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 8:03 AM

To: Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>

Subject: 700,000 for the mayor?

-EXTERNAL-

Please vote no

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Elizabeth Thomas <[lizthomas2@me.com](mailto:lizthomas2@me.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:44 AM  
**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Vote NO on the mayor's \$700,000 plus!

**-EXTERNAL-**

Ridiculous! I'll be watching!

Elizabeth Thomas  
Sent from my iPad distraction device

*I may have dictated this message. The blinkin' device sometimes gets the words wrong. If you can't decipher, let me know...*

**From:** Kelly Williams <[kelly@kellywilliamsins.com](mailto:kelly@kellywilliamsins.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 2:17 PM  
**To:** Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** NO to Rex's Staff Positions

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hi Kristina,  
I'm a resident and a business owner in District 3. I'm urging you to please push back on the mayor's attempt to add 4 new deputy mayor positions at the cost of over \$700k. If anything City Hall should be finding ways to cut back on its bloated spending rather than expanding. Feel free to contact me with questions.  
Thanks,

**Kelly Williams, C.I.C.**  
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[kelly@kellywilliamsins.com](mailto:kelly@kellywilliamsins.com)  
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**From:** Brenda Wilson <[brendawilson@msn.com](mailto:brendawilson@msn.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 9:24 PM

**To:** Monique DeLaGarza <[Monique.DeLaGarza@longbeach.gov](mailto:Monique.DeLaGarza@longbeach.gov)>

**Subject:** Agenda Item #19 – Fiscal Year 2022 Year End Budget Performance Report

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Ms. Delagarza,

I trust this email finds you and your professional team in the best of health as we slowly, but cautiously, move out of the pandemic.

It is the purpose of this email to formally request your support, for the following recommendation made on behalf of both for-profit and non-profit small businesses, who are still affected by the pandemic.

Agenda Item #19 – Fiscal Year 2022 Year End Budget Performance Report

RE: Unspent funds from last year

**Recommendation:**

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Small businesses are the core of the City’s infrastructure and a growing industry, please lets continue our obligation to increasing the City’s revenues and strengthening communities by addressing this recommendation in full or in part, favorably.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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