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2. (21-0073) Recommendation to adopt resolution Condemning the Violent Insurrection at The United States Capitol on January 6, 2021. (Citywide)	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		Nonviolent protest is a bedrock of our democracy, but the events of January 6th in Washington DC were an egregious and flagrant attack on our system of government. All Americans, regardless of party, should condemn the insurrection that occurred at the instruction of the President. He lost the election, so he spent months promoting conspiracies and encouraging an illegal seizure of government. In America, when you lose an election, you leave peacefully. You don't encourage people to fight against the winning candidate. Shame on the Republican Party and its supporters who refuse to acknowledge the violence. Shame on those who continue to spread conspiracies. It has to stop.	1/27/2021
(21-0083) Declare ordinance approving a Zone Change (ZCHG18-006) from the Regional Highway District (CHW), Community Automobile Orientated (CCA), and Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) zoning districts to Midtown Specific Plan (MTSP) Transit Node-Low Zoning District (TN Low) on nine lots located at 201-245 West Pacific Coast Highway and 1827 Pacific Avenue (APN 7209-022-900, 7209-022-028, 7209-022-027, and 7209-022-023), read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading; and	Iris Ornelas	iris.o.e@outlook.com		There needs to be laws in place to ensure the community is heard when something is being built in our neighborhoods. This project passed within 1 year, not giving us the chance to have a say in it. Letters that are mailed out need to be in Spanish and/or other languages. There is no coincidence that the Chair of the Planning Commission, Richard Lewis, owns the firm Urban Development who were/are representing / lobbied for the landlord for this project to get approved within a small time frame (http://www.urbanadevelopment.com/about) and the former Chief of Staff for Dee Andrews, former District 6 councilman, John M. Edmond, also lobbied and pressed for this project to move forward (https://www.edmondgrouppllc.com/). This isn't right. An affordable grocery store that has served our community for more than 13 years will be taken from us, due to the personal agenda's of others in the higher rank. We need to be protected and have a voice. We are the ones that will be directly impacted.	2/2/2021

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14. (21-0087) Recommendation to direct City Manager to report back within 90 days with a report with analysis of operational models, practical impacts, and budget differences between various models for the operation of the Helicopter Unit of the Long Beach Police Department.	Dan Ramos	danwramos@verizon.net		It is vital to the residents of Long Beach that the manufacturer and model of the helicopter chosen have a decibel noise level, especially in an orbit, that would designate the chosen helicopter as a "neighbor friendly" design. There are at least two manufacturers that produce single engine helicopter models that meet that designation, the MD-Helicopters, Notar and Airbus Helicopters, Colibri. Cost is always a factor, but a quiet helicopter is worth the additional cost to provide residents a restful nights sleep.	1/31/2021

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16. (21-0089) Recommendation to request City Manager to study feasibility of acquiring open space for public park development along LA River consistent with the Long Beach RiverLink plan and the Lower LA River Master Plan and report back within 60 days.	Leslie Garretson	lamiller@pacbell.net		<p>I want to express my appreciation to council members Austin, Zendejas and Uranga for agendizing this item. As a resident of Los Cerritos, I am dismayed about the lack of open space on the West side as compared with the East Side. In particular, I find the LUE change from open space to light industrial for 3701 Pacific Place was a travesty. The westside has greater density, higher pollution, and not coincidentally, the highest rate of asthma, cancer and related mortality along with greater poverty and unemployment.</p> <p>This is perhaps the last moment in which we can reach out and do something for our city that approximates the decidedly incredible success of the 1960s and the establishment of El Dorado Park on the eastside. For any council member supporting this agenda item, it will forever be your legacy to be a part of a great endeavor. I encourage you all to vote "yes" and also to include 3701 Pacific Place in the study.</p>	2/2/2021
16. (21-0089) Recommendation to request City Manager to study feasibility of acquiring open space for public park development along LA River consistent with the Long Beach RiverLink plan and the Lower LA River Master Plan and report back within 60 days.	Hawk McFadzen	hawkmcfadzen@gmail.com		<p>What a wonderful step forward! Thank you! To ensure that no potential river and park land is lost to development before this assessment is completed, I urge the City Council to halt any development or plans for development, especially at 3701 Pacific Place and 317 Baker St. Those two parcels have already been identified as open space for park use in the Riverbank Plan, the LA River Master Plan, and by the Lower LA River Working Group. Given those facts, and the fact that the feasibility study will find that these are the last two parcels available for open space along the LA River in Long Beach, a full EIR must be conducted to study the full impact of development for the larger LA River community. Thank you, Hawk McFadzen, Riverpark Coalition</p>	2/1/2021

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16. (21-0089) Recommendation to request City Manager to study feasibility of acquiring open space for public park development along LA River consistent with the Long Beach RiverLink plan and the Lower LA River Master Plan and report back within 60 days.	Christina Cancino	christinacancino1@yahoo.com		I am opposed to the 3701 Pacific Place Project. I am a resident in the Upper Westside of Long Beach. I have lived here for 30 years and it has been sad to see how we are constantly neglected. We don't have many park options and end up driving to Heartwel or El Dorado. The few parks we do have, are small and many people are competing to use them. We need park equity. Why is it that the people on the westside of LB are so poor when it comes to greenspace? Why must we drive across town to enjoy greenspace when we can enjoy it right in our back yard? We have a real chance at having this space turned into a park that my community so desperately needs. We are surrounded by the refinery and freeways are directly affected by the toxic air. Green space helps balance the air. We are not asking for more concrete. I urge you to vote to reject the planning commission recommendation and vote for a full EIR. I urge you to follow through and help build the park that was promised to the people of LB.	1/29/2021

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<p>16. (21-0089) Recommendation to request City Manager to study feasibility of acquiring open space for public park development along LA River consistent with the Long Beach RiverLink plan and the Lower LA River Master Plan and report back within 60 days.</p>	Kevin Brown	brown_kc@yahoo.com		<p>Long Beach is generally park deficient, and especially west Long Beach. Long term, the LA River should be lined with parks and open space.</p> <p>The parcel slated for development as a storage facility, "3701 Pacific Place", presents an opportunity to expand park space along the river, instead of commercial development.</p> <p>I support the conversion of this land into a public park, and I urge the City Manager to use all reasonable efforts to acquire this land for park development, and to coordinate the combination of this parcel with the adjacent LA County land that faces the river.</p> <p>There is such a limited amount of undeveloped land adjacent to the river that it would be a shame to let the opportunity for green space be lost.</p>	1/28/2021

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16. (21-0089) Recommendation to request City Manager to study feasibility of acquiring open space for public park development along LA River consistent with the Long Beach RiverLink plan and the Lower LA River Master Plan and report back within 60 days.	Rosalind Ledesma	jimenez.rosalind@gmail.com		Today, I ask you to keep your promise for open space at 3701 Pacific Place approved by unanimous vote in 2015. I am disappointed to hear that the council has not acted on this promise in the past 6 years. While I love West Long Beach, it is a shame that I have to drive across town to El Dorado so that my child can enjoy a free range of space and greener. Over the past couple of years, I have seen how this council has deprioritized West Long Beach and I ask you NOW to show us otherwise. West Long Beach needs more green/park space. Given the long term lung affects from COVID and how people of color are most impacted, I ask you to Stop further industrialization of the LA River and Increase park equity in western Long Beach. You don't want to be responsible for being the cause of further industrializing West Long Beach and hurting poor people of color with pollution. Look at Flint Michigan and the water crisis...you don't want to be in the news for hurting your community.	1/28/2021

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16. (21-0089) Recommendation to request City Manager to study feasibility of acquiring open space for public park development along LA River consistent with the Long Beach RiverLink plan and the Lower LA River Master Plan and report back within 60 days.	Natalie Meza	archcmanus@aol.com		<p>- Advocate for council to keep their promises for open space at 3701 Pacific Place approved by unanimous vote in 2015 - Advocate to conduct a full EIR and to clean up brownfields like 3701 Pacific Place in our communities.</p>	1/28/2021
16. (21-0089) Recommendation to request City Manager to study feasibility of acquiring open space for public park development along LA River consistent with the Long Beach RiverLink plan and the Lower LA River Master Plan and report back within 60 days.	Lissa Morales	moraleslissa@yahoo.com		<p>As a constituent of Councilmember Austin, and an active member of the Long Beach Riverpark Coalition, I want to express my deepest disappointment with the development of 3701 Pacific Place. Please note that our community would like our representatives to prioritize seeking funds and keeping their promise of park space in these open lands -- especially in park poor areas in Long Beach.</p>	1/27/2021

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17. (21-0090) Recommendation to request City Manager, or designee, to work with all appropriate departments to report back to the City Council within 30 days on violent and quality-of-life crime in Long Beach with an overview of incidents and trends, an outline of current efforts and opportunities to address violence in highly-impacted neighborhoods, and a plan of action to meet the need for safety in all of our communities.	Robin Garcia	robingarcia@gmail.com		District 1 residents have been plagued for years by senseless violent crime for years. Law enforcement cutbacks (cut of 200 officers city wide) and the elimination of the field anti gang unit have led to the rise of gang-on-gang violence in our communities. The recent crime report released by the city is not an accurate depiction of the crime district one residents face, with no hit shootings, and random acts of violence going severely under reported. I support this motion so that all City Council members take stock in public safety crisis District 1 faces. Residents deserve a transparent report back of all that is being done so that City Council can direct more funds to ensure peaceful and healthy neighborhoods.	2/2/2021

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19. (21-0093) Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFP ED20-041 for the long-term leasing and development opportunity at the former Long Beach Armory (854 East 7th Street), Assessor Parcel Number 7274-019-900 (Subject Property); and Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with Gundry Partners, LP, doing business as Howard CDM, of Long Beach, CA, for the continuation of negotiations in connection with No. RFP ED20-041 for the Subject Property. (District 1)	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		I support this application because it's an appropriate use of the building located next to a high school. I especially support the conversion of a parking lot into housing and the creation of a performance center. This project would create housing and support the arts.	1/27/2021