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**Date:** February 5, 2019

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District *SP*  
Vice Mayor Dee Andrews, Sixth District *DA*  
Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District *al*

**Subject:** Receive and File Report on Recent Gas Utility Bills

**INTRODUCTION:**

Many residents throughout Long Beach saw significant increases in their gas utility bill in the month of December. This increase has caused dismay from residents who were not expecting an increase in their bill that in some cases has been more than double the previous month. In addition to many residents' natural gas usage being higher due to decreased temperatures during the month of December, there are reports of a number of issues outside of the City's control that led to a spike in the wholesale cost of natural gas.

With this issue being important to Long Beach residents throughout the City, including low income residents, seniors on a fixed income, and residents working to maintain their household finances, a report to the City Council is needed to discuss what led to this recent spike in resident gas utility bills and the short-term increase in the cost of natural gas in the state.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Council is requesting to receive and file a report from the Long Beach Energy Resources Department on the recent spike in natural gas customer bills.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is not a financial impact as a result of the recommended action.



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## REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

**Date:** February 1, 2019

**To:** Monique De La Garza, City Clerk

**From:** Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District  
Vice Mayor Dee Andrews, Sixth District  
Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District

**Subject:** Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda for February 5, 2019

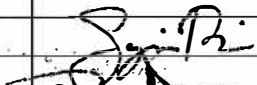

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Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [BJ], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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### Subject: Receive and File Report on Recent Gas Utility Bills

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
3	Suzie Price	
6	Dee Andrews	
8	Al Austin	