

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of April 13, 2021

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10. 21-0311 Recommendation to request City Council to recognize April 17 as Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day.	Joanna Sanchez	joannas540@gmail.com		Good afternoon city council members. I wanted to acknowledge your efforts to support the cultural celebrations of the local Cambodian community. However, in the light of recent racially targeted events towards the AAPI community, these efforts are not enough. I urge city council members to invest funding in violence prevention and protection for the vulnerable minority communities (including Hispanic and Black). How are you willing and able to acknowledge and prevent racially driven violence towards our local community members? As city council members how are you fostering inclusion during a time where we all appear to be so divided?	4/12/2021
11. 21-0312 Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$500, offset by the Fourth Council District One-time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide a donation to Ashlee's Homeless Fund; and Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$500 to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com		\$500 - that's laughable. It should be \$500,000 considering how much money you get from the feds (that goes to your buddies in the POA). Fire the police chief now!	4/12/2021
13. 21-0315 Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and all necessary documents and amendments, with the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), to receive and expend grant funding in the amount of \$1,267,044, to support the Long Beach cannabis social equity program, for the approximate period of May 14, 2021 through May 13, 2022; and Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the City Manager's Department by \$1,267,044, offset by grant revenue from GO-Biz. (Citywide)	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com		I use cannabis for relief of my sciatica, but I will NEVER buy in Long Beach because you just want to tax my medicine.	4/12/2021

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<p>15. 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 flavored tobacco products, read and adopted as read. (Citywide)</p>	Victor Sandoval	vicmsan121@gmail.com		<p>Good evening City Council</p> <p>Thank you for your continued efforts with the flavored tobacco ban.</p> <p>As we know, the basic laws of economics dictate that the more options someone has to buy a product, the more likely are to buy it. For this reason I believe passing this ban will deter kids from using tobacco. Moreover, the Stanford school of medicine, 97 % of all kids who smoke, have done so with flavored tobacco. So by removing flavored tobacco, we are not only taking a direct approach to reducing the number of kids who smoke/vape, but we are also removing THE most attractive and effective product that is luring kids into addiction. This two pronged effect of the ban will undoubtedly increase the quality of life for our youth.</p> <p>Again thank you, for your continued support to make Long Beach better.</p>	4/13/2021

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6. 21-0306 Recommendation to find that all requirements of the final subdivision map to consolidate fifteen lots into two lots, separated by De Forest Avenue, for the future Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) facility at 901 De Forest Avenue, in the Light Industrial (IL) zoning district, have been met; approve the final map for Tract No. 82940, at the intersection of West Chester Place and De Forest Avenue; and Determine the project is within the scope of the project previously analyzed as part of the LB-MUST facility project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (State Clearinghouse No. 2017071068) and warrant no further environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15162. (District 1)	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		LB-MUST is critical infrastructure. Vote AYE to improve water quality and create green space in Long Beach. Your residents could not be clearer about their expectations: we want park equity, climate action, and environmental solutions. You should be developing park space along the entirety of the LA River, not just pockets. Don't abandon your riverside communities. Build green infrastructure citywide.	4/9/2021
7. 21-0314 Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFP TI21-008 and award contracts to Intelinet Incorporated, of Corona, CA, Pacific Coast Cabling, of Chatsworth, CA, and VectorUSA, of Torrance, CA, to provide as-needed citywide data, telephone, and fiber optic structured cabling, in a total annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,800,000, 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 the contract, including any necessary amendments. (Citywide)	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com		Stop wasting our money to out-of-area vendors. It's time to spend less and get more by negotiating better contracts. Not that any of you understand this... you think our money grows on diseased trees in this city that never get maintained because, well, it's not sexy enough for you.	4/12/2021

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HEARING:	Laurie Angel	lcangel2012@gmail.com		<p>The outcome of this hearing will affect the health and well being of 10â€™s of thousands of people on the westside that have been deprived of opportunities for open space that those in other parts of town enjoy. Your decisions will set the tone for this cityâ€™s future.</p> <p>You are the deciders. You have the obligation to do the right thing. We can no longer squander this land for these adverse and incompatible uses. There is little land left in Long Beach to revitalize and advance the beauty, habitat and health of our communities.</p> <p>Alternative and healthier uses must be diligently evaluated for this site. You are fully aware that the worst land uses continue to be piled up on the west and north side. The actions you take, and your land use decisions either attest to your commitment to the community or they show a "reckless disregard" for all the critical issues that continue to lead to extensive health issues & diminished life expectancy.</p> <p>UPHOLD THE APPEAL and REQUEST AN EIR</p>	4/13/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Kayte Deioma	kayte@kaytedeioma.com		I am glad that the City is addressing this issue on a more global scale, but I implore you to address the eviction for remodel exclusion independently and immediately before the temporary moratorium expires.	4/6/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Emma Roy	emmasroy@gmail.com		As a resident of downtown Long Beach, I strongly support incentives to improve both housing density and affordability in Long Beach, especially in 90814 and 90803. Increasing housing stock in these neighborhoods is a key part of helping Long Beach grow while maintaining our city as one of the more affordable and obviously best places to live in LA County. Improving housing density and affordability is not just a job for the north and west parts of the city!	4/6/2021

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PUBLIC COMMENT:	Annie Sjoberg-Kunkle	annies133@verizon.net		I strongly oppose the use of the Long Beach Convention Center for the housing of illegal immigrant children. I feel that the mayor and council is just using these poor unfortunate kids to get a hand out from the federal government who will hand over a blank check to make the poor optics go away. Our city needs to heal itself. What will happen to the Convention center now that we are in the Orange tier? What happens to business conventions? What happens to the Pops? What happens to using the center to re-start our economy with job fairs, job training, sporting events like the grand prix, or family entertainment like Disney on Ice? All of these event that could help our city would not be able to operate if the center is housing all of these kids. What if no one picks them up? What if the girls turn 18? Are they free to go? Who keeps them out of prostitution when there is not a job out there for them? Please do not sell out our city! Annie Sjoberg	4/6/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Keith Davis	kdsr82@gmail.com		The Kaptivating Unlimited Firm We look forward to offering any assistance necessary to ensure a smooth transition for all these helpless children. CEO Keith Davis Sr. Community Empowerment Advocate.	4/6/2021

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PUBLIC COMMENT:	Concerned Citizen	6ofwands@protonmail.com		<p>Please consider ending the addition of chloramines to our water.</p> <p>https://chloramine.org/chloraminefacts.htm</p> <p>Chloramines are all respiratory irritants with trichloramine being the most toxic</p> <p>Chloramine vapors and its disinfection byproducts can accumulate in indoor air and concentrate in an enclosed area such as a shower stall, small bathroom, kitchen, or apartment</p> <p>The EPA states that there are NO dermal (skin) and NO inhalant (respiratory) studies on chloramine as used as a disinfectant for drinking water. The EPA states that there are INADEQUATE cancer studies on humans</p> <p>Chloramine fumes can cause an individual to become congested and cause sneezing, sinus congestion, coughing, choking, wheezing, shortness of breath, and asthma</p> <p>Chloramine tap water can cause severe skin reactions: rashes, dry skin, itching, flaking, burning sensation, cracking, pigmentation</p> <p>Chloramine can cause leaching of lead from lead pipes, lead soldering and from so called "lead free" brass plumbing parts</p>	4/8/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		When is Ms. Saro going to hold a Public Safety Committee meeting? We have had shootings and crimes. This is a crisis.	4/11/2021

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PUBLIC COMMENT:	Laurie Angel	lcangel2012@gmail.com		<p>From the City's CAAP: Climate change is happening now, so we need to act quickly. CAAP will address climate action & adaptation, & help the City to comply with various local, regional, State & federal regulations to significantly reduce emissions. Climate action is about reducing the impact that people have on the climate system by reducing GHG emissions. On the other hand, climate change adaptation is about being proactive to reduce the negative impact climate change has on infrastructure, services, & the well-being of the community.</p> <p>The actions you take, and your land use decisions either attest to your commitment to the community or they show a "reckless disregard" for all the critical issues that continue to lead to extensive health issues and diminished life expectancy.</p> <p>UPHOLD THE APPEAL and REQUEST AN EIR for 3701 Pacific Place - it will make our environment and health worse.</p>	4/13/2021