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Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 1:00 PM

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Subject: Prioritizing Efforts of the Bluff Park Historic Lamppost Project in the 2023 Fiscal Year City Budget

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Councilwoman Allen -

Attached and [linked \(click here\)](#) is a letter from the **Bluff Park Neighborhood Association** Board of Directors with a list of supporters kindly seeking your and the City Council's kind, ongoing support and prioritization of the efforts of the *Bluff Park Historic Lamppost Project* in the 2023 City Budget.

Thank you so much for your leadership, care and diligence and for your consideration of this project that benefits the entire city.

Sincerely,
-jeff

Jeffrey Mallin

President

(pronouns: he/him/his)

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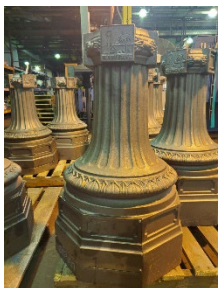
Councilwoman Cindy Allen
City of Long Beach 2nd Council District
411 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802

RE: Prioritizing Efforts of the *Bluff Park Historic Lamppost Project* in the 2023 City Budget

Dear Councilwoman Allen:

The Bluff Park Neighborhood Association (BPNA) Board of Directors thanks you, the Mayor, and the entire City Council for kindly providing past budgetary support of the *Bluff Park Historic Lamppost Project*. To further advance the progress of this grassroots, community-based initiative with broad-based benefit, we are honored and grateful for additional support as part of next year’s City budget and future budget considerations over time in fulfillment of the entire *Project*.

Enclosed is a **list of supporters**, composed of residents and leaders, in favor of this budgetary prioritization. Collected quickly over just the last few days since the City Budget was revealed last week, these individuals have been among the first to respond as we continue to hear from more within our neighborhood and far beyond. We see enthusiasm for the *Project* growing with each passing year and with each successful milestone and phase.



Lampposts create **charm, cohesion, nostalgia and a sense of place and time**. We are fortunate to live in a city with old ornamental lampposts in some public streets, parks, and neighborhoods. Like many beautifying environmental elements, people may not readily notice them, yet their impact is real and significant. Such decorative street lights can help enhance public safety, walkability, desirability, ambiance and tourism. The late-1920’s lampposts which have existed along E. 1st Street in the Bluff Park Historic District are unique in the city and symbolic.

The *Project’s vision* is to remove uncharacteristic modern street lights in the Historic District and install poles matching the look and pattern of E. 1st Street, something residents citywide have wanted for decades. After finding an old sketch of the E. 1st Street lights, we reached out to the original manufacturer still in-business today. Now the same company is making the *Project’s* lampposts from the same old specifications.

The **Inaugural Phase was installed in 2019. Phase 2 was installed in 2021. And Phase 3 is funded and expected to be completed in early 2023.** These achievements have been met through collaboration, community engagement, volunteerism, patience, perseverance and fundraising from numerous individual charitable donations, grants, and creative fundraiser events that have netted over \$180,000 in the last 6 years – not including City funds. The 3rd District Councilwoman Suzie Price and Mayor Robert Garcia nurtured the initial vision and passion. Now we are most grateful to have your support in carrying the mantle, so to speak, being newly part of the 2nd Council District.



The *Project* serves to **benefit and enhance the City of Long Beach** for generations to come. Partnering with the City of Long Beach Public Works and Union Metal Industries Corporation and helped by Long Beach Heritage, the Historical

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Society of Long Beach, historic preservation leaders and experts, and other neighborhood associations and leaders, the BPNA is working towards the next phases in fulfillment of the entire District.



Receiving the City’s financial support would be especially impactful and timely. This year the *Project* was honorably selected through a competitive application process for a most prestigious and sizeable grant from the **Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association**. The **Port of Long Beach** continues to be a regular sponsor of our unique, fun fundraisers over the years. And we are excited to have been selected for a second year to participate in **Long Beach Gives** campaign, after a record-breaking, award-winning, successful showing last year.

Our efforts and diligence are ongoing, as we realize success incrementally and honor the many who make it come to light. Engraved name **plaques** affixed to the bases of newly installed lampposts recognize scores of **major donors and supporters**, giving them an opportunity to recognize, memorialize, and celebrate their loved ones. You can find many of **your own names** who in 2020 were on the City Council which helped secure the final piece of funding for Phase 2 along Temple Avenue. Please come by and stroll or drive the street day or night to see what we mean. For more information, our latest **e-newsletter** can be found [here](#).



2022 marks a **dual anniversary**: namely, **50 years** as an organization, originally known as Beach Area Concerned Citizens, and **40 years** as the City’s second designated historic landmark neighborhood, the Bluff Park Historic District.

The BPNA is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity representing the collective voice of those who live, own, and rent in the Bluff Park Historic District, which roughly runs from E. Ocean Boulevard to E. Broadway and from Junipero Avenue to Loma Avenue, located in the 2nd Council District. Our residential neighborhood with its distinctive architectural styles is a destination for tourists and city residents near and far. The association’s mission is to protect, promote, educate, and foster a sense of collaboration, unity, civic engagement, and goodwill in the city.

Thank you so very much for the consideration in helping fund the next phases of the *Bluff Park Historic Lamppost Project*. Together, we are **BRINGING LAMPPOST HISTORY BACK**.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Mallin

BPNA President & *Project* Co-Lead

Enclosure

- cc via email: Mary Zendejas, Councilwoman, 1st District, City of Long Beach
- Suzie A. Price, Councilwoman, 3rd District, City of Long Beach
- Daryl Supernaw, Councilman, 4th District, City of Long Beach
- Stacy Mungo, Councilwoman, 5th District, City of Long Beach
- Dr. Surely Saro, Councilwoman, 6th District, City of Long Beach
- Roberto Uranga, Councilmember, 7th District, City of Long Beach
- Al Austin II, Councilmember, 8th District, City of Long Beach
- Rex Richardson, Vice Mayor, Councilmember, 9th District, City of Long Beach
- Dr. Robert Garcia, Mayor, City of Long Beach
- Thomas B. Modica, City Manager, City of Long Beach
- Eric Lopez, Director, Public Works Department, City of Long Beach
- Monique De La Garza, City Clerk, City of Long Beach

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Support for this letter in consideration of prioritizing the *Bluff Park Historic Lamppost Project* in the City Budget has been expressly received in the last few days from the following:

Jeff Anderson	Kathryn Green *
Gabriel Antolinez *	Wendy Harn * ^
Lee Apel ^	Cheri Hawks *
Michelle Arend-Eckhoff ^	Karen Hayes *
Brooke Asplin *	Karen Highberger ^
Reba Birmingham *	Kate Fultz Hollis *
Celeste Bonyuet	Chris Horan *
Sally E. Boyne	Tom Horan *
Dan Brinkman *	Brandon Jelks
Karen Brinkman*	J'Tamera Johnson *
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Chris Byrne *	Maria Kootsikis ^
Kim Campanelli *	Dolores Kneece *
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Boris Chang *	Allison Levy
Fernando Chavez *	Nick Lisica *
David Clark *	Shannon Lisica *
Jane Claus *	A. Stephanie Loftin *
Dwight Cook *	Sergio Macias * ^
Dan Corrado *	Jeffrey Mallin * ^
Debbie Davis ^	Mary Lou Martin * ^
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John Eckhoff	Patty Moore *
Sam Elias*	Michelle Murray * ^
Gabriel Estrada *	Pat Murray *
Sam Fandrich ^	Marsha Naify *
Karole Foreman	Ron Nelson
Andreas Gerogiannis *	Barbara Newell ^
Jessica Gillette *	David Newell
Marcus Gillette *	Julie Noggle
Melodie Grace *	Tim Noggle

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Sara O'Conner

Elizabeth O'Shea * ^

Timothy O'Shea * ^

Rachel Van Ost *

Gary Ostrowski

Andy Pesich *

Marco Pizzo * ^

Danielle Potter ^

James Proper *

Gina Redican ^

Linda Renner *

Mark Rodriguez *

Roberto Rodriguez *

Christy Roeber *

Rose Park Neighborhood Association Board ^

Robin Rosin *

Carolyn Sato *

Neil Schneider * ^

David Schnur

Bradley Seeley *

Richard D. Seeley *

Helena Segelhorst * ^

Jean Shapen *

Greg Shaw *

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Marnie Shiels *

Serge Shubin *

Donna Sievers ^

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Teresa Stamoulis * ^

Lisa Parkin Sweet

Parastou Teharani

Ron Trowbridge * ^

Elizabeth Westbrook *

Steven Westbrook *

Richard Wherry ^

Brenna White *

David White *

Tracy White *

Sasha Witte * ^

Peter Zokosky

KEY:

* Bluff Park Historic District resident (current)

^ Leader of a neighborhood association (current or former)

From: Stephen Dudley [mailto:sbdudley@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 1:55 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Proposed Parks Improvement Budget - Ranchos Los Cerritos & Los Alamitos upgrades

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Ms. De La Garza:

I am very familiar with both of the ranchos in Long Beach – the Rancho Los Cerritos and Rancho Los Alamitos.

These two properties are part of the historic and cultural fabric of Long Beach, yet they have been owned by the City for decades absent adequate fire suppression systems. They both are of irreplaceable value -- not only the buildings, but the historical artifacts and documents associated with them. Various programs for the benefit of the area would not exist without these structures. Unfortunately, as we are seeing, more recent weather patterns appear to be increasing the risk of fire.

I strongly support the inclusion of the two ranchos in the upcoming Park Improvement Projects budget and hope that funding designated for their fire suppression systems can be made available as soon as the respective organizations are able to proceed.

Sincerely,

Stephen Dudley

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

From: Jean Smith [mailto:jeanbixsm@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 5:46 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Fire Suppression Budget Request for Rancho Los Cerritos

-EXTERNAL-

Dear Ms. De La Garza,

Item 7 of the Parks and Recreation Department budget request being considered at tomorrow night's City Council Meeting expresses an urgent need of Long Beach's two historic ranchos. It is critical to the future of these irreplaceable city assets that funding be approved for the installation of fire suppression systems. Not only are the structures vulnerable, but many other historic assets from early Long Beach, (deeds, grants, photos, indigenous artifacts, etc.) could be destroyed. Just one specific example is that the Long Beach Public Library's entire early California history collection is housed in the Rancho Los Cerritos Library.

I hope that you will share my comments with the Mayor and City Council Members.

Sincerely,

Jean Bixby Smith
Board Member, Rancho Los Cerritos

From: inamike1@verizon.net [mailto:inamike1@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 12:12 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: City Budget Presentation by Parks Recreation and Marine

-EXTERNAL-

August 9, 2022 City Council meeting
Agenda Title: City Budget Presentation by Parks Recreation and Marine (PRM)
Agenda Item #7

Please support the Parks Improvement Project included in the FY 2023 City Budget line item #7, in support of the City owned Historic Rancho's, Rancho Los Cerritos and Rancho Los Alamitos, Fire Prevention Budget.

It is imperative that the Ranchos receive funding to implement fire safety measures in the historic adobe homes. Fire presents a major threat to the Adobe Homes due to its age, construction, and location in an increasingly dry Southern California. Multiple assessments have noted that a strong fire suppression and detection system is critical to the Ranchos sustainable, preventative, conservation strategy and will greatly lower the risk of losing the historic Adobe Homes and their irreplaceable contents and collections to a catastrophic fire.

Ina Levin

From: Ann N. [mailto:anegen@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:25 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item No. 7

-EXTERNAL-

Agenda Title: City Budget Presentation by Parks Recreation and Marine (PRM)
Agenda Item #7

Dear City Council-Please approve the Parks Improvement Project included in the FY 2023 City Budget line item #7, in support of the City-owned Historic Ranchos, Rancho Los Cerritos and Rancho Los Alamitos, in the Fire Prevention Budget.

As a long-time Long Beach resident, I support the protection of Long Beach's first home. Rancho Los Cerritos holds irreplaceable treasures which need to be protected. In light of the effects of climate change as well as the risk of an accidental fire, I am concerned the price of doing nothing could lead to a catastrophic event and support moving quickly to complete the installation of a fire suppression system in the Adobe home.

Ann Negendank

From: Pam Lee [mailto:pyl@rancholosalamitos.org]
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 4:20 PM
To: Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Tom Modica <Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Letter in Support of Fire Suppression for the Ranchos in Proposed FY2023 City Budget

-EXTERNAL-

Good afternoon, Councilman Supernaw,

Please find attached a letter from Rancho Los Alamitos in support of the LB Parks Department's FY2023 budget proposal that provides support for fire detection and suppression systems for Rancho Los Alamitos and Rancho Los Cerritos (Measure A – Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan). We understand that the City Budget Presentation by Parks, Recreation and Marine will take place tomorrow, August 9 at the City Council meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m. It is Agenda Item #7.

We are grateful to Brent Dennis and his staff for recognizing the need to protect the City's irreplaceable historic resources, as well as the Mayor and City staff for including the funding in the FY2023 City Budget presented to the City Council last Tuesday. Both Ranchos appreciate the support and attention they have received over the past years from the Mayor, the City staff, and our past and present City Council representatives. We are fortunate to be working towards a common cause for the people of Long Beach.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff, volunteers, and friends of Rancho Los Alamitos, our thanks to you and your Council colleagues for considering the budget request for fire protection for the Ranchos.

Best regards,

Pam Lee
Executive Director



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8 August 2022


Mr. Daryl Supernaw
Councilman, Fourth Council District
Long Beach City Council
411 West Ocean Blvd. 11th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Councilman Supernaw,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and friends of Rancho Los Alamitos, I extend our profound thanks and appreciation to the Long Beach City Council for considering the Measure A budget proposal to fund fire safety measures at both Rancho Los Alamitos and Rancho Los Cerritos. Fire detection and suppression systems will not only enhance life safety at both historic sites. They will significantly lower the risk of losing the irreplaceable historic buildings and their contents – our connection to our community's past and our identity today.

We are grateful that the Mayor and City staff recognized the urgent necessity for fire protection at the ranchos and included the requisite funding in the FY2023 budget presented to the City Council last Tuesday. We thank you all for your diligence, hard work, and commitment to the future of Long Beach.

Respectfully,



Pamela Young Lee
Executive Director

cc: Tom Modica, Long Beach City Manager
Monique De La Garza, Long Beach City Clerk

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From: Alfred Alonzo [mailto:alfreda@rancholoscerritos.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:46 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: City Budget Presentation by Parks Recreation and Marine

-EXTERNAL-

Hi Monique,

I reaching out to you in support of FY 2023 budget line item #7 of the proposed 2023 Parks, Rec and Marine budget, which will provide fire suppression for Long Beach’s two historic Ranchos. As the Director of Facilities and Maintenance at Rancho Los Cerritos, I understand the urgent need to install fire suppression measures at both of the historic sites. I’ve worked closely with our fire suppression expert, and am fully aware of the fact that the irreplaceable nature of the structures and their contents make protection an immediate and imperative concern. Long Beach’s historic Ranchos offer rich and diverse stories and are instrumental in providing an equitable and inclusive experience for underserved communities within the City—while always remaining free to the public. I hereby request your approval of the proposed Parks, Recreation and Marine budget for fiscal year 2023, specifically line item #7. Thank you for your consideration.

Thanks,
Alfred

Alfred Alonzo
Director, Facilities & Maintenance
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From: Jacqueline Thacker [mailto:thackerja@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:00 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: 9/9/22 City Budget Presentation by Parks Recreation and Marine (PRM) Agenda Item #7

-EXTERNAL-

August 9, 2022 City Council meeting
Agenda Title: City Budget Presentation by Parks Recreation and Marine (PRM)
Agenda Item #7

Please support the Parks Improvement Project included in the FY 2023 City Budget line item #7, in support of the City owned Historic Rancho's, Rancho Los Cerritos and Rancho Los Alamitos, Fire Prevention Budget.

As a house docent of Long Beach's first home, we need to ensure the protection of this irreplaceable treasure and it's historical contents. In light of climate change issues as well as the ever-increasing threat of wildfires, we recognize the price of doing nothing could lead to a catastrophic event and wish to move quickly to complete the installation of a fire suppression system in the Adobe home.

Jacqueline Thacker
thackerja@gmail.com

From: MARK CHRISTOFFELS <SELFMDE@msn.com>

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 1:19 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Approval of proposed Park and Rec budget

-EXTERNAL-

I support the line item 7 of the proposed Park and Rec budget that includes the fire prevention budget line item for the city's historic Rancho Los Cerritos and Rancho Los Alamitos

Mark Christoffels

From: Mark Mittmann <Mark.Mittmann@fmtrust.com>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:49 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: 8/9/2022 City Council Meeting Comment

-EXTERNAL-

Good morning,

I attempted but was unable to access the Meetings and Agenda's part of the city website at <http://longbeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. I received this message below:



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I don't know if it is under maintenance or something else happened.

Anyway, I wanted to write in and comment for tomorrow's City Council Meeting. I believe it is Line Item 7, regarding the fire prevention budget line item for the city's historic Ranchos: RLC and RLA.

As a representative of Farmers & Merchants, who has been with the city for over 100 years, we FULLY support this item and the city's great assets of RLC and RLA.

Thank you and best regards,

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Operations Officer
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From: Craig Smith <Craig.Smith@csulb.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:56 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Line item 7

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Council, I hope you will approve budget line item 7 because it would provide funding for fire suppression at our beloved but vulnerable Ranchos.

Dr. Craig Smith

Professor Emeritus, California State University Long Beach.

From: Kathleen Tomasulo <kktomasulo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 12:56 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Budget item

-EXTERNAL-

I would like to add my support for line item number seven for fire suppression for the historic Rancho los Cerritos in Rancho Los Alamitos Thank you for your consideration Kathleen Tomasulo