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23-0585 Adopt resolution replacing the current Noise Element with the updated Noise Element of the Long Beach General Plan; and	Jonathan Shibley	jonathanshibley@verizon.net		Have filed written objections via e-mail to City Clerk this date. Incorporate by reference	6/6/2023
23-0585 Adopt resolution replacing the current Noise Element with the updated Noise Element of the Long Beach General Plan; and	steve none	swhlaw@gmail.com		<p>The biggest noise issues near the intersection of Carson and woodruff are from Hartwell Park and it's loud speaker system as well as football games Lakewood high School and their loud speaker system (which can be heard all the way on conant and san Anseline) as well as all the traffic (motorcycles and cars/pickups) going down woodruff and Carson which are utilizing mufflers that don't comply with the vehicle code and are much much too loud and in fact can be heard a mile away and this problem is related to the general position of Long Beach PD which is we're not going to do any sort of traffic patrol on woodruff or Carson</p> <p>The other thing that needs to be looked at is when construction noise can start it should not start before 7:00 a.m. on any day of the week and probably not until after 8:00 a.m. on weekends</p>	6/5/2023
23-0586 Declare ordinance implementing associated amendments to the Noise Ordinance, Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 8.80, read for the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council. (Citywide)	Jonathan Shibley	jonathanshibley@verizon.net		Have filed written objections via e-mail to City Clerk this date. Incorporate by reference	6/6/2023

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40. 23-0592 Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the Studebaker Road major corridor improvements project. (Districts 3,4,5)	Matthew Wehner	mdwehner355@gmail.com		I wanted to state my support for the Studebaker complete streets project. I live Downtown in CD 1 but cycle through the area when I need to visit destinations in East Long Beach, and this project would make that much safer and more comfortable. I understand it may be expensive, but it would be incredibly important to get the entire project as originally planned and not a watered-down version. I understand CM Supernaw was concerned with the bus stop configuration where buses would stop in the general traffic lane, but this needs to be the final design instead of forcing buses into the bike lane. Buses and bikes mixing is not safe, and the minute the bus would stop in traffic is hardly inconvenient to drivers. I say this as someone who owns a car and drives in addition to cycling and taking the bus through Long Beach. Thank you!	6/6/2023

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40. 23-0592 Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the Studebaker Road major corridor improvements project. (Districts 3,4,5)	Kerry Beth Larick	kerry.larick@gmail.com		<p>Dear City Council Members,</p> <p>I sincerely thank you for supporting complete streets initiatives in Long Beach. Your commitment to safer, accessible, and inclusive streets is commendable. I appreciate the dedicated efforts of our Public Works Department on the Studebaker Road Corridor Project. This transformative endeavor exemplifies the positive impact of complete streets. It will enhance infrastructure with wider sidewalks, protected bike lanes, and accessible public transit, fostering an active and sustainable way of life. As a resident and non-car owner, I rely on biking for 85% of my trips, and I've noticed infrastructure improvements on Broadway, with reduced speeds and bus shelter islands making it safer. I look forward to similar improvements on Studebaker. I encourage you to continue investing in projects like these, creating a future of safe and accessible complete streets for all. Thank you for your efforts, and I eagerly anticipate positive changes ahead.</p>	6/6/2023
40. 23-0592 Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the Studebaker Road major corridor improvements project. (Districts 3,4,5)	Donald Moore	ssdmoore@charter.net		<p>Buses pulling in and out of the bike lane are dangerous to cyclists and slow the buses because they have to merge back into the traffic lanes.</p>	6/6/2023

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40. 23-0592 Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the Studebaker Road major corridor improvements project. (Districts 3,4,5)	Kurt Canfield	yeskurtcan@gmail.com		<p>I am in support of the complete streets project on Studebaker Road. I like it when I can ride my bike safely when I am separated from the cars. It will also help the bus arrive on time when they don't have to wait to pull out in front of cars.</p>	6/5/2023
40. 23-0592 Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the Studebaker Road major corridor improvements project. (Districts 3,4,5)	Jason Bottrell	jasonbottrell@gmail.com		<p>Please strongly consider fully protected bike lanes for this project. Spend a day riding in a partially protected, unprotected and fully protected bike lanes and note your feeling of safety. Imagine how parents feel riding in these with kids. Again please consider fully protected bike lanes for our safety and quality of life. Thank you.</p>	6/5/2023

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PUBLIC COMMENT: IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT	LB Justice Watch	lbjusticewatch@gmail.com		<p>A local Long Beach Artist Bodeck Hernandez has several murals across the city. This is the abuser and predator that has used his platform to prey on women and continues to hide behind his art. These murals are located at children's playgrounds, health clinics and city offices. We ask you city council members to cover up these murals out of respect and safety of our community. These murals haunts his victims and one mural was even endorsed by mayor Rex Richardson. Helps us end the cycle of sexual abuse and please show our community that we won't stand for injustice and hold violent offenders accountable. Art and celebration does not excuse his abuse.</p> <p>Murals are located at:</p> <p>District 9 Houghton Park 6301 Myrtle Ave, Long Beach, CA 90805, United States</p> <p>District 1 Drake park and children's playground 951 Maine Ave, Long Beach, CA 90813, United States</p> <p>District 6 Behavioral Health Clinic 1187 East Anaheim Street Long Beach, CA</p> <p>District 1 Long Beach City Hall Public Works Dept Office</p>	6/1/2023

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40. 23-0592 Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the Studebaker Road major corridor improvements project. (Districts 3,4,5)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Looking forward to this presentation.	6/6/2023

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PUBLIC COMMENT	Allison McGuire	adell13@yahoo.com		<p>Please update L.B.M.C. 8.80.280 by adding to the code "provided when amplified noise from such events reaches residences it will be within the noise limits". We should not be driven from our home during the events and festivals due to excessive noise levels. There is no reason to have the music that loud and we implore you to update the code so it can be enforced. Homes are losing value and making it harder to keep residents because they are driven out by the event noise. Residents move to the beach for a calm and serene lifestyle. You are driving us away. Please help the LB homeowners!</p>	6/5/2023

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40. 23-0592 Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the Studebaker Road major corridor improvements project. (Districts 3,4,5)	Robert Kauffman	robertwkauffman@gmail.com		Your support of complete streets in Long Beach is greatly appreciated. I want to express my gratitude for the dedicated efforts of our Public Works Department in the transformative Studebaker Road Corridor Project. This project serves as a remarkable example of the positive impact that complete streets can bring. By improving infrastructure with wider sidewalks, protected bike lanes, and accessible public transit options, it will promote an active and sustainable lifestyle. As a resident and a commuter in district 3, I rely on biking for 95% of my trips, despite being a car owner, and Studebaker is likely to become a part of my daily commute. I eagerly anticipate enhancements on Studebaker. I strongly encourage you to continue investing in projects like these, as they contribute to a future where streets are complete, safe, and accessible to everyone. Thank you for your ongoing efforts, and I am excited for the positive changes that lie ahead.	6/6/2023