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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		<p>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?</p>	4/12/2021

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11. (21-0336) Recommendation to direct City Manager to work with all appropriate departments to review and report back within 90 days parks roadway and parking lot maintenance and bring back to Council what proposals are necessary to streamline and fund such maintenance on an equal basis with our non-park roadways and parking lots.	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		Thank you to Councilwoman Mungo for her tireless advocacy for investing in road repair and her persistent attention to the user experience of the Go Long Beach app. I'm very happy to see she's also addressing parks maintenance here. If the city can afford \$4m for police evidence storage, it can find a way to pave in potholes at our recreation areas. This issue goes beyond potholes. This Council's decisions create wild inequities when you overinvest in policing, prosecution, and ports and you underinvest in education, transit, and community-building. The Council needs to rebalance the budget around programs that deliver benefits directly to residents, build social trust and wellbeing, and expand public resources- not simply subsidize private economic development and jealously surveil black and brown bodies. Divest from policing and fund our city needs!	4/16/2021
14. (21-0339) Recommendation to receive and file a description of the City's services and high-level service level options as part of Service Priority Budgeting. (Citywide)	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		The Long Beach Police Department continues to be overfunded and unaccountable. This city spends more on evidence storage than it does parks planning. Until there is demonstrated cultural change at LBPD and an end to the overpolicing of black and brown people, this department deserves more budget cuts. Divest from policing and invest in our future.	4/16/2021

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<p>16. (21-0341) Recommendation to adopt resolution, as a responsible agency, under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), making Findings of Fact that the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) certified by the City of Carson in November 2020 (State Clearinghouse No. 2020059038), has adequately analyzed all relevant CEQA topics relating to the Carson to Paramount Pipeline Conversion Project within the City of Long Beach; adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081; and adopt a portion of the Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program;</p> <p>Determine that the conversion of subsurface and, where applicable, above ground pipeline "Line 4 and Line 12," within the City of Long Beach municipal boundaries, from crude oil to hydrogen gas, the permitting of their continued operation and maintenance, the removal of manual valves replaced with welded pipe, and the installation of one new manual valve near the intersection of South Street and Orizaba Avenue by World Energy, LLC, dba Paramount Pipeline, LLC, within the City of Long Beach, is Categorically Exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities);</p> <p>Approve the assignment of existing pipeline permits P-141-83, P-210-00, P-140-83 and P-230-04 from the previous owner of the pipelines to new owner, World Energy, LLC, dba Paramount Pipeline, LLC; and</p> <p>Authorize City Manager, or designee, to issue a permit to World Energy, LLC, dba Paramount Pipeline, LLC, for the conversion and operation of pipelines previously used for transporting crude oil products for the transportation of a hydrogen gas product, subject to Conditions of Approval relating to public health and safety. (Districts</p>	Diana Huston	dianahuston@gmail.com		No, this needs further review.	4/16/2021
<p>18. (21-0309) Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Use District Map of the City of Long Beach as said Map has been established and amended by amending portions of Parts 15 and 22 of said Map from Light Industrial (IL) to Commercial Storage (CS), read and adopted as read. (District 8)</p>	Laurie Angel	lcangel2012@gmail.com		This use is a travesty and completely contrary to the city's commitment to RiverLink & open space. The community and our health must be a priority. Please do not approve this ordinance. The property is in escrow. The buyer took a risk in acquiring it. DO NOT GRANT THIS HORRIFIC USE RIGHT NEXT TO THE LA RIVER & HOMES. Please do the actual environmentally responsible thing and deny the use. Please do your due diligence and demand a full EIR. There are all kinds of environmental issues that MUST be addressed. It is your responsibility to ensure the 70 yr old infrastructure can withstand the weight of the soil and a huge building and nearly 600 RVs!!! Seriously, do your job. Allowing this use adds to heat island effect, eliminates habitat, and denies the public of open space that can be remediated, and will likely poison our water, our river and the bay. Read your CAAP plan. Stop adding to the climate issues. Please do the right thing for our health!	4/19/2021
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3. (21-0329) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute a Fourth Amendment to the Natural Gas Services Agreement with Shell Energy North America (SENA), for providing administrative functions related to the delivery of natural gas to the City of Long Beach's natural gas pipeline system, to extend the term for an additional three-year period, with no other change in terms. (Citywide)	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		Investing in natural gas infrastructure is a fossil fuel subsidy and directly contradicts the City's stated ambitions for combatting climate change. Since 2019, 42 cities in California have passed bans or severe restrictions on natural gas hookups, and the California Energy Commission, which is in the process of updating the state's building codes, is considering a statewide ban. Other cities across the country, including Denver and Seattle, have passed similar laws. Unless and until this Council begins transitioning us away from natural gas, you are failing to meet the needs of our community.	4/16/2021
6. (21-0332) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement and all necessary documents with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority of Los Angeles (Metro), to accept the donation of the retired P865 Nippon Sharyo light rail vehicle car #100 of the former Long Beach Blue Line; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement and all necessary documents with Heavy Transport, of Long Beach, CA, to transport and deliver the vehicle from its current location to Long Beach, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. (District 2)	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		This is a unique opportunity to receive a historical artifact that will be repurposed to continue improving Downtown Long Beach. We should continuously promote reuse and repurpose of objects rather than mindless disposal. Please accept this donation and provide the funds to facilitate its relocation to our ever-changing downtown area.	4/16/2021
7. (21-0343) Recommendation to conduct a study session to receive and file a presentation on Strategies for Addressing Violent Crime.	Darby Price	dkprice007@gmail.com		I do hope that this will include recommendations for community-based initiatives to prevent violence by providing better resources to communities where violent crime is prevalent. Rather than over-policing, we should proactively listen to community members to address the needs that are too often unmet in their neighborhoods.  On a side note, I hope the Council will consider creating a non-punitive, non-carceral resource (a department of mental health professionals & social workers, perhaps?) that folks can contact to help our homeless neighbors. The other day, a homeless man was sleeping beneath my stairs & I didn't want him to be jailed, I wanted to be able to call someone to connect him to housing & whatever else he might need. Please make this a priority moving forward. Thank you for reading.	4/20/2021
7. (21-0343) Recommendation to conduct a study session to receive and file a presentation on Strategies for Addressing Violent Crime.	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		You need to address the crime in the city. It is really bad in District 1 and 2. We want effective policing. Police should not be wasting time on parking issues, but should be focusing on crime and response time. Hire more park rangers to oversee the parks and let the police focus on violent crime which they are paid for.	4/17/2021
8. (21-0333) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the Development Services Department to review current parking policies and opportunities to update existing parking regulations to improve efficiency in support of the Business Improvement District (BID).	Michael Clemson	mclemson@gmail.com		I hope that in this review the city will consider how parking spaces can be better used that to store vehicles. We saw during the pandemic how restaurants and cafes can use one or two parking spaces to host a dozen people. Continuing to support businesses in this way, the city should look at how to prioritize transit and safe biking routes across Long Beach.	4/20/2021

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8. (21-0333) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the Development Services Department to review current parking policies and opportunities to update existing parking regulations to improve efficiency in support of the Business Improvement District (BID).	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		Install meter parking on Ocean Blvd and use that money for litter and homeless services.	4/17/2021
8. (21-0333) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the Development Services Department to review current parking policies and opportunities to update existing parking regulations to improve efficiency in support of the Business Improvement District (BID).	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		<p>The 2015 Belmont Shore Parking Study made two recommendations that were never implemented:</p> <p>1) Garage cleanups. Local residents are using their garages as storage facilities and then parking their personal vehicles in the street. That, to me, is a subsidy for their private storage. The City should work with residents to clean out their garages and use them as intended: to store their vehicle.</p> <p>2) Designated rideshare pickup and drop off locations. Rideshare is here to stay, but the wild west of pick up anywhere and drop off everywhere is over. It's common sense that we designate specified areas for passenger loading. Laguna Beach created passenger loading zones along Pacific Coast Highway to improve safety and reduce congestion in 2019. Cities including Washington, D.C., San Francisco and Fort Lauderdale have also worked with rideshare companies to create such zones.</p> <p>As this motion says, the future of travel is micromobility, shared transit &amp; walking. Don't build endless parking spots</p>	4/16/2021

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9. (21-0334) Recommendation to request to receive and file a presentation from the City Clerk and City Attorney's offices on Municipal Election dates for 2022 and beyond.	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		Do not change the dates of the elections. Keep it aligned with the state and federal. We have very low turnout, especially in District 1. We need to encourage participation and it will cost thousands of dollars to change the dates.	4/17/2021
CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM	Laurie Angel	lcangel2012@gmail.com		<p>It is time for you to open up city hall for the transparency that people expect &amp; democracy deserves. Limiting public comment to a mere 20 individuals for only 90 secs is an absurd notion of democracy. Have you tried to express your opinion on a nuanced issue in 90 secs?</p> <p>The manner in which people sign up for public comment is flawed. You have no way of ensuring a fair &amp; open public process when a lobbyist can sign up 20 people in a few minutes for the express purpose of denying public comment. That is wrong &amp; a travesty &amp; you allowed it. I recommend that you only allow people to sign up for public comment when the item is being addressed at council &amp; you can clearly identify each individual.</p> <p>Have an understanding that you were elected by the public. We are not your enemy. We deserve respect as you expect. NEVER cut someone off in mid thought or sentence. It is very rude and speaks volumes as to your interest in what the public has to say.</p> <p>Finally, OPEN UP CITY HALL!</p>	4/20/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		I'm very concerned as a resident with the lack of ethics in the city, including the mayor and City Council. Why are City Council members blocking residents on social media, why is the mayor keeping secret his non profits, like the fund to end homelessness? That should be on a website so all of us can see the financials. Why are family members of City Council benefiting from city contracts like Cindy Allen? We need this addressed and a streamline process to file an ethics complaint.	4/14/2021
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 &amp; adaptation, &amp; help the City to comply with various local, regional, State &amp; 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, &amp; 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