

**eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of June 13, 2023**

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<p>1. (23-0602) Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$1,500, offset by the Eighth Council District One-time District Priority Funds, transferred from the Citywide Activities Department, to provide a donation to African American Cultural Center of Long Beach in support of their "Evening of Jazz"; and</p> <p>Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$1,500, to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Support	6/13/2023
<p>8. (23-0607) Recommendation to review and approve the 2023 Office of Climate Action and Sustainability Work Plan. (Citywide)</p>	Eric Seitz	eric.seitz@gmail.com		<p>There is an elephant in the room that must be addressed. Until then, the Climate Action and Sustainability Work Plan should not be approved.</p> <p>The largest emitter of carbon particulate matter into our air is vehicles used for transportation. I urge the council not to approve this document without it being altered to confront these great contributors of noise, air, and water pollution in our city—car use and car dependency.</p> <p>Several ways this can be accomplished:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Economic development. Decrease the need for people to commute out of our city</li> <li>-Modern traffic engineering. Make the use of micromobility safe</li> <li>-Discourage damaging cross-town traffic between OC and the port</li> <li>-Require delivery trucks to dock and for drivers to use micromobility for last mile</li> </ul> <p>Without an effort to curb car and truck use we are ignoring a significant negative impact to our local environment. This document should not be approved w/o including initiatives to take on this topic.</p> <p>ES - Belmont Shore</p>	6/13/2023

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8. (23-0607) Recommendation to review and approve the 2023 Office of Climate Action and Sustainability Work Plan. (Citywide)	Kurt Canfield	yeskurtcan@gmail.com		The Climate Action and Sustainability Work Plan does not adequately address transportation as the primary contributor to GHG emissions. Merely installing EV infrastructure is a band-aid at best, and I would like to stress to the City Council and Climate Resiliency and Sustainable City Commission that investment into providing high quality active and public transportation is both more cost effective than installing city EV chargers, but also spurs development, is more space efficient than building capacity for electric vehicles, and is far more equitable.	6/13/2023
9. (23-0608) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and any necessary documents including subsequent amendments, with Bay Area Community Resources, to participate in the California Climate Action Corps Program, for the placement of California Climate Action Fellows in the City of Long Beach (City) for the 2023-2024 Fellowship cycle, at no cost to the City, for the period of one year, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		<p>Hello, greetings from the CCEC Forum.</p> <p>I have been an evident supporter of the program in this item since it has been discussed publicly at the Council and Council Committee levels over the past few years; however, as a resident and interested party, I do have some questions at this stage.</p> <p>1) Where can the public find information on what each Fellow has accomplished during their appointment periods? Actual program details, metrics for evaluation, rationale for deployment, etc., please?</p> <p>2) Further, where can the public find clear information on how each Fellow's work product contributes to implementing the City's climate plan? Specific to stepwise process, redundancies of effort, achievement of State goals and legislation, etc.?</p> <p>3) How are Fellows selected and utilized in projects? Also are applicants selected from Long Beach and/or impacted areas/groups? The SR mentions that there are 3 current and 8 total Fellows without anything on who they are or what they do.</p> <p>Dave Shukla, CD3</p>	6/13/2023

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<p>13. (23-0612) Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFP HE-23-190 and award contracts to First to Serve, Inc., of Los Angeles, CA, and Interval House, of Long Beach, CA, to provide operation and supportive services for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing, in annual amounts not to exceed \$637,500 and \$355,618, respectively, through September 30, 2023, with the options to renew for one additional one-year period, at the discretion of the City Manager; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents to enter into the contracts, including any subsequent amendments. (Citywide)</p>	<p>Samuel Baird</p>	<p>samuelcbaird@gmail.com</p>		<p>Can it be assured that the funds distributed for homelessness prevention are properly used for that purpose? Is the data from agencies made publicly available and is that data quality controlled by the city or third party service to ensure accountability and accuracy? Having worked in homelessness prevention I am aware that data received from non-profits on their progress with grant funds can often times be fraught with inaccuracies and thus limits the success of targeted funding. Thank you.</p>	<p>6/6/2023</p>
<p>23. (23-0586) Recommendation to declare ordinance amending Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 8.80 to implement amendments to the Noise Ordinance, read and adopted as read. (Citywide)</p>	<p>Margaret Moustafa</p>	<p>mmousta@calstatela.edu</p>		<p>Have a heart, Long Beach!</p> <p>Prolonged excessive noise is a health hazard. Don't say it is okay to exempt special events from noise limits because they are occasional.</p> <p>The waterfront area that hosts them is STATIONARY and many events expose people in their homes to harmful levels of amplified noise up to 12 hours a day, 3 days in a row. This happens multiple times a month, spring to fall.</p> <p>The Noise Element just approved by City Council says repeatedly NOISE EVENTS THAT DISTURB THE PEACE OF RESIDENTS CAN LEAD TO NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES. It also repeatedly says, WHEN THE CITY HAS SPECIAL EVENTS, THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS NEEDS TO BE PRIORITIZED.</p> <p>Now, walk the walk.</p> <p>Amend L.B.M.C. 2.80.280 to protect residents from excessive entertainment noise threatening people's health and wellbeing in their homes. Let concert goers enjoy the music, but require amplified noise be within the noise limit by the time it reaches residences.</p> <p>Anything less risks our trust in you.</p>	<p>6/13/2023</p>

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23. (23-0586) Recommendation to declare ordinance amending Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 8.80 to implement amendments to the Noise Ordinance, read and adopted as read. (Citywide)	john doe	tispartan@protonmail.com		Culture of Long Beach in impoverished communities like Cambodia Town is reluctant to report noise nuisances that negatively affect health. Can you improve or allocate resources to remove the fear of reporting noise nuisances? There are excessive noise nuisances from amplified music in vehicles and residents, including unpermitted bands playing into the early morning hours. The general consensus is the police provides low enforcement. Many of the residents in Long Beach are not familiar with the Noise Ordinance and may not take action out of fear.	6/12/2023

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PUBLIC COMMENT	Edgar Cruz	ekstrepe@gmail.com		<p>Honorable Members of the City Council,</p> <p>I express deep concerns about the lack of transparency, accountability, and fair representation in the Cannabis Retail Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The current process lacks clear evaluation criteria and favors multi-state operators, disadvantaging local entrepreneurs.</p> <p>The initial intent was to provide business ownership opportunities for equity applicants. However, the selection of winners shows a majority backed by existing cannabis operators, undermining the credibility of the program and the city's commitment to equity.</p> <p>The city has allocated resources and funding to support these new businesses, but at what cost? Equity applicants are facing the same challenges promised to be avoided. The mismanagement and lack of business vetting are alarming, and it is essential to protect the integrity of the process.</p> <p>To address this injustice, I urge the City Council to initiate an independent audit of the Cannabis Retail RFP process.</p>	6/7/2023

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<p>25. (23-0640) Recommendation to request City Manager, in coordination with the City Attorney and City Prosecutor, return to the City Council through a receive and file presentation discussing policy options related to unlawful uses of public spaces, including camping, that contribute to public health issues, nuisance, and public safety concerns. This includes evaluating the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>â€¢ Size, structure, and cleanliness of encampments</li> <li>â€¢ Prohibitions on obstructions, including encampments, that limit or discourage public access or right of way</li> <li>â€¢ Prohibited locations or areas in relation to sensitive uses and areas with environmental concerns such as schools, major economic drivers, and waterways</li> <li>â€¢ Prohibitions on time of day or when beds are available</li> <li>â€¢ Sanctioned camp sites</li> </ul> <p>The City Manager, in coordination with the City Prosecutor and City Attorney, should also present enforcement mechanisms that have been used by other cities for violations. As we are in an emergency, this recommendation should return to City Council in 30 days.</p>	Karen Patton	krmpatton1@gmail.com		As a social worker and mental health professional, I am concerned about the possible criminalization of homelessness considering there are not enough shelter beds and supportive housing opportunities to effectively address the issue. In my opinion money spent policing and prosecuting unhoused individuals, which include seniors, young adults whom have aged out of foster care, mentally ill individuals, and families would be better spent building permanent supportive housing,	6/12/2023

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