

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of March 9, 2021

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		All city meetings should be on WebEx so everyone can participate by video.	3/8/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Nick Laurrell	nicklaurrell@gmail.com		It's excellent to see the City and State get back to business with restaurants and now salons opening up. Unfortunately, while food workers have received vaccine priority, hairstylists and other cosmetologists have not...yet they are still required to be at work physically interacting with the public. Can cosmetologists be added to the vaccination schedule?	3/3/2021
REGULAR AGENDA	laurie smith	lauriesmith22@me.com	Long Beach, 90803	I request that the City Council NOT provide a loan to the Aquarium with the Tidelands Act and Funding. Based on the Tideland Act the priority of these funds are meant for the safety and health of the general community of Long Beach. I ask that the City Council ask the City Manager to first prioritize Environmental Justice (EJ) and Environmental Equity (EE) by delaying this vote until the City has addressed first addressed President Biden's recent executive order on these issues. Until the City Manger return with a report on how the City can best implement the Executive orders of EJ and EJ, no funding should be given out from this. The Aquarium can seek low cost loans on its own from bank's.	3/9/2021
12. (21-0195) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to: (1) execute and approve all documents necessary to implement a cash flow loan by the City of Long Beach Tidelands Oil Revenue Fund Group - Oil Field Abandonment Reserve - to the Aquarium of the Pacific Corporation of up to \$5 million, and (2) terminate the previous May 5, 2020 authorization for a loan from the Tidelands Operations Fund to the Aquarium for October 2020 rent. (District 2)	GLennis Dolce	glennisd@mac.com	90807	In the spirit of openness/transparency require the Aquarium operator to allow public and press access to its meetings governing board meetings and minutes of its past meetings as a condition of approving the Aquarium operator's request for a \$5 million loan to meet what it says are its ongoing expenses, The public deserves to see a publicly recorded vote on this. Also, require the aquarium to pay a minimum of \$15 hr. to employees (not \$14 hr starting) as a condition of this loan. THE CEO making \$540,000 when employees make \$14 while at the same time asking for a \$5 million loan really does not reflect the City's own claim that they stand for a livable wage. WHO of you CM's is willing to amend this loan for transparency and a living wage? We are watching.	3/9/2021

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14. (21-0197) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to extend the deferral of payment for business license taxes and fees and the Street Sweeping Relief Program through June 30, 2021, to establish a citywide COVID-19 Relief Payment Plan Program for individuals and businesses, and coordinate accounts receivable collections in conjunction with the COVID-19 Relief Payment Plan Program beginning April 1, 2021 for Parking Citations and July 1, 2021 for most business-related and general fees, including health and fire fees. (Citywide)	Christine Bos	cbos@lbchamber.com	90831	The Long Beach Area Chamber supports extending the deferral of payments for business license taxes and fees to help businesses and individuals most impacted by COVID-19. Many of our businesses are still reeling from the economic fallout of COVID-19. Those that have been the most affected by the pandemic, in this case, our small businesses, need the financial bridge that economic assistance and fee waivers can offer so that they can stay afloat and keep individuals employed until our economy recovers.	3/5/2021
17. (21-0207) Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on "Care Closet LBC" by community leader Duke Givens.	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		Please allow other experts to give presentations who have been doing the work. Please confirm the status of Care Closet as there is no Secretary of State registration or EIN number associated with this "non profit. Taking pictures is important, but the crisis of homelessness should not be exploited by photo ops.	3/8/2021
17. (21-0207) Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on "Care Closet LBC" by community leader Duke Givens.	Frances Sims	richmondcharley69@gmail.com		Taking photos of our Houseless and/or Displaced population is legal in California because they are in visible sight, in public spaces. Is it morally okay to exploit our houseless population by blasting their pictures, stories on social media to make money? I was a homeless veteran sleeping on a golf course here in Long Beach, imagine a potential future employer recognizing my face because of this facebook group! I have some questions for every City Council member. Have you pushed a 75 pound grocery cart 4 miles, one way, to take a shower? Where can a homeless person find the Multi-Service Center? Why is it only opened from 9am to 5 pm M-F? How much does the City of Long Beach pay per year for one unhoused person? More and more fences are being put around our parks - funneling the homeless population to the concrete. There are 3 QOL officers for a population of 500,000? Why is Duke doing more than the entire City Council combined fighting this crisis? Is homelessness just a campaign issue	3/7/2021

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Virginia R.	goodbyeclarity@gmail.com	90807	Please pass an ordinance requiring local vaccination sites to create waitlists and work to distribute unused doses! Rite-Aid, CVS, and other pharmacies are currently throwing away unused doses of vaccine while their communities go unvaccinated!	3/8/2021
16. (21-0206) Recommendation to direct City Manager to prepare an application for the 2020 SAFER Grant for submission by the March 12, 2021 deadline. For this funding cycle, the grant will provide \$4.8 million to cover the cost of 12 FTE entry level firefighters for Engine 17 over three years to fall within an estimated timeframe of mid-FY 22 through mid-FY 25. (Citywide)	Pat Lynch	p.a.lynch@earthlink.net	90815	Please vote to direct the City Manager to apply for the 2020 SAFER grant. As the agenda memo states, Engine 17 plays a critical role city-wide in our fire service system. Its previous 8-year removal was felt keenly by the community and LAFD personnel. Winning a SAFER grant would prevent that ugly period of Long Beach history from repeating itself. The City Manager's 3/03/21 memo indicates he plans to have the Council fire LAFD firefighters within 3 years. This forecast suggests how low a priority the community's public safety is in city leaders' eyes. Here a few examples of recently funded items that took priority over public safety: \$3.1M for artificial turf for 1 soccer field, waiving a private developer's \$1M payment to the city, and (tonight) providing a \$5M loan to the Aquarium that reportedly will hasten the plunge into the red of the Tidelands Oil Field Replacement Reserve. PLEASE direct the City Manager to apply for the 2020 SAFER grant by 3/12/21. Thank you.	3/9/2021
18. (21-0208) Recommendation to request City Attorney to create a resolution for city council consideration recognizing the "Carmen the Caregiver - We Can Do It!" Campaign, by SEIU 2015, to encourage, support, and normalize mass vaccination against COVID-19 among in-home care providers, nursing home worker, their families, their communities.	Virginia R.	goodbyeclarity@gmail.com	90807	Please pass an ordinance requiring vaccination sites, especially pharmacies, not to throw away unused vaccine! Currently, Rite-Aid, CVS, and other vaccination sites are throwing away unused doses. Require them to offer waitlists and to vaccinate these communities in need!	3/8/2021