

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of August 22, 2023

Item	Name	E-mail	Address	Comment	Received
CEREMONIALS AND PRESENTATIONS:	Martin Arroyo	imgladitsyou@gmail.com		<p>Long Beach must have a permanent memorial for Catherine Tucker, an LBPD School Guard, to perpetually honor her bravery, her family's eternal loss, and the daily heroism of all Long Beach public safety professionals, regardless of their role.</p> <p>We speak in Long Beach of "equity," and "reconciliation." In that spirit, it's time to put Catherine Tucker's name where it should be, on the Civic Center wall of Police and Fire Department fallen heroes, along with Sylvia Sievers, another LBPD School Guard who died in an on-duty accident in 1943. Catherine's enshrinement on this hallowed monument among all fallen Long Beach public safety heroes is not only a fitting and deserved tribute, it's the reversal of a decades-long injustice that rendered her name and her legacy almost forgotten, and trivialized the immense void her death left for generations of her family, past and future.</p> <p>Say her name.</p> <p>Put it on The Wall.</p> <p>Her fighting spirit, and her family's sacrifice, deserve no less.</p>	8/21/2023
12. 23-0941 Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Library Services, Health and Human Services, and Development Services. (Citywide)	Sheila Levin	levinsheila@aol.com		<p>Request tree planting at Heartwell Central Park between Bellflower Blvd. and Woodruff Blvd. This portion of Heartwell has experienced excessive removals over the past 10 years with no new plantings. The neighborhood is frustrated after attempts with city officials to get answers as to why other parks have received new tree plantings like Rec Park on 7th and more, but none at Heartwell Central, an overused park suffering from deterioration. Requests go unanswered, complaints are not taken seriously. This is very serious for the neighborhood and we feel that we are asking for little. Also we have not been officially informed about the Elevate 28 plan in the budget for a Track and Field Olympic field - this is concerning to the neighborhood as this sounds like a losing situation. This type of a venue should be at a college like LBCC or some type of similar public venue. The neighborhood is feeling like our parks are being intentionally neglected.</p>	8/21/2023
PUBLIC COMMENT	Ann Burdette	annlbunited@gmail.com		<p>My name is Ann Burdette. My church is St. Luke's Episcopal Church, where we offer a weekly shower program to the unhoused residents of Long Beach. I have heard the stories of some of these residents who relate that they had an apartment at one time but were evicted. If we want to reduce homelessness, we must prevent it by addressing the problem of no fault evictions that are on the rise in Long Beach. Landlords are too often citing specious claims of substantial remodel or simply not following California law in presenting tenants with eviction notices. Mounting a defense against baseless evictions is a formidable task, and tenants simply give up, resulting in displaced families and uprooted children. As a member of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, representing a broad range of Long Beach faith communities, I decry these unjust and immoral evictions and call upon the City Council to include a renter right to counsel allocation in the upcoming City budget. Thank you</p>	8/22/2023