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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						<p>The current occupant of the Executive Branch along with the current Republican Administration knew that Russia was paying the Taliban bounties to kill American soldiers. These people knew as early as February of 2019 and by no later than December of 2019 that this program had existed since Russia ramped up its military presence world-wide following the unlawful annexation of Crimea in 2014.</p> <p>Whatever you think about the invasion of Afghanistan, the "War on Terror", the network of U.S. military bases in that and other countries, etc., on this much, we can certainly agree:</p> <p>Pledging Allegiance to anything - a flag, a piece of paper written 230 years ago with some rights declared in it, your tribe, its sacred mountain, what have you - means defending those charged with our foreign policy abroad. From any ally, rival, or adversary. Full Stop.</p> <p>What Are We For?</p> <p>Please think on that before saying aloud:</p> <p>"...indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."</p>	7/7/2020
CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com						<p>This is ridiculous that the City is not doing video meetings like every other city agency. This hinders free speech and interaction with constituents and elected officials.</p>	7/6/2020

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6. (20-0617) Recommendation to confirm City Manager's promulgation of the revised Safer at Home Health Order, issued on June 19, 2020, June 28, 2020, June 30, 2020, and July 1, 2020, by the City of Long Beach Health Officer as a regulation. (Citywide)	Marie Rolla	marie.a.rolla@gmail.com						<p>Reopening was a mistake and now 3 months of safer at home is down the drain. Businesses are ruined, people are being evicted, and we all endured a lot only to have our numbers spike right back up by the decision to reopen businesses. We need to shut back down and make testing more available</p>	7/6/2020
7. (20-0618) Recommendation to adopt Specifications to RFP No. HE19-131 and award a contract to Shree Ganesh, Inc., of Long Beach, CA, for the provision of temporary lodging services for human and social services	Naida Tushnet	naidatushnet62@verizon.net						<p>Finding shelter for those without housing is crucial to the city's health and racial justice goals. Please execute this as quickly as possible--and seek additional funds for more hotel/motel space.s</p>	7/7/2020

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8. (20-0619) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an amendment to Contract No.	Marie Rolla	marie.a.rolla@gmail.com						I support this, perhaps the budget can come from the police department δY€	7/6/2020
9. (20-0620) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement with the	Marie Rolla	marie.a.rolla@gmail.com						Literacy is crucial and I support this. Letâ€™s talk about defunding LBPD	7/6/2020
12. (20-0623) Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and all necessary documents and any subsequent amendments, with Mastercard International, Incorporated, of Purchase, NY, for subscription to the Mastercard Retail Location Insights platform, at no cost, for a period of three months, unless extended at the discretion of Mastercard and the City Manager. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						<p>Are we trying out Mastercard for 3 months, or are they trying us out?</p> <p>I am surprised to find there were no adverse equity impacts anticipated.</p> <p>If the City of Long Beach executes this contract, what guarantee do I or any other resident have that the "anonymized, aggregated Mastercard merchant transaction data so cities can understand spending patterns by sector, neighborhood and demographic" will be used by the Departments - which ones other than T&amp;I, by the way? - to promote equitable outcomes, and not fill out all those luxury condos built pre-Title 24 downtown?</p> <p>More generally, what is the "Technology and Innovation" Commission, and who on their staff is trained and certified to speak intelligibly on the California Consumer Privacy Act, the GDPR guidelines, Proposition 65, on any other of a host of distinctly *civic* and not *business* responsibilities for public data handling?</p> <p>We need a Chief Public Data Officer, housed in the City Auditor's Office, before any assent on this.</p>	7/7/2020

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HEARING:	Janet West	jayjay76511@verizon.net						Please see email sent to City Clerk.	7/7/2020
HEARING:	Marie Rolla	marie.a.rolla@gmail.com						We need to decriminalize homelessness! The amount of money we spend on arresting and booking unhoused peoples is shameful. This problem could be solved if we didn't have the waste resources and time of police, courts, and jails and instead could meet the basic needs of those experiencing homelessness	7/6/2020
13. (20-0585) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and find the project consistent with the previously adopted Negative Declaration ND16-19;  Declare ordinance amending Title 21, Zoning Regulations, of the Long Beach Municipal Code to: (1) add a definition for 'interim housing' and establish related operating standards; (2) repeal the definition of 'shelter;' (3) amend the definition of 'emergency shelter' and expand the zoning districts where emergency shelters may be permitted; (4) amend the definition of 'transitional housing' and	Justine Moreno	jmoreno3738@yahoo.com						The past 2 years I have tried to help the newly population of 20-30ish year old homeless individuals by inviting them to sit down with me and I would buy them a meal if they would accept printed information on local shelters or take some leads on open job positions. However, only 3 individuals took me up on my offer, and like the many that declined, they also were not interested in a shelter or work because there would be rules to follow. These individuals did not want help, only free \$.  I adamantly oppose 13 20-0585. "Low barrier" housing and "safe parking" only keeps these vast majority of homeless in their chosen lifestyle by not holding them to self accountability. As a hard working tax paper, I do not support using my hard earn money toward a free handout! Also, these facilities & parking accommodations do NOT belong in residential areas! Our area has already been hit hard by increased thief's and trash and it will only get worse. speak to the community before proceeding.	7/7/2020
13. (20-0585) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and find the project consistent with the previously adopted Negative Declaration ND16-	Ian Patton	ispatton@yahoo.com						Please delay this item and first conduct public outreach regarding this significant change in policy.	7/7/2020

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13. (20-0585) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and find the project consistent with the previously adopted Negative Declaration ND16-	Naida Tushnet	naidatushnet62@verizon.net						Another important step for our houseless population. Act quickly in the name of health, safety, and racial justice.	7/7/2020
13. (20-0585) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and find the project consistent with the previously adopted	Marie Rolla	marie.a.rolla@gmail.com						It should not be illegal to sleep in your car anywhere	7/6/2020
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PUBLIC COMMENT:	Theresa Hew	lthew1@yahoo.com						To say that I am appalled at the lack of response by police to illegal fireworks on the 4th of July is a gross understatement. Other than the rioting on 31 May, there has never been a more frightening night in Long Beach since I have lived here. We were promised all hands on deck from the police commanders. Our neighborhoods were left to fend for themselves as M80's and M1000's were released causing children, adults and pets to huddle indoors and pray their homes. apartment buildings didn't catch fire. 779 fireworks calls and only 13 citations issued is a disgraceful response! Why was the response so pitiful? Why is public safety and health so low on our city officials radar? Do you really think stressed and anxious residents are somehow a positive? Our nerves are shot, our immune systems challenged, people like myself had their asthma triggered by the air pollution. This now leaves us MORE susceptible to Covid-19. You can ignore reality but not the consequences.	7/7/2020
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Marie Rolla	marie.a.rolla@gmail.com						We need more accessible free testing! It's nearly impossible to get a Covid test right now. I work in a salon and I really shouldn't be working right now during this pandemic but if I am I need to at least be able to get tested regularly to keep our community safe	7/6/2020
15. (20-0625) Recommendation to direct City Manager to work with the Fire Chief to present a report on the status of Long Beach's H.E.A.R.T. in 30 days and to include data on calls of service, proactive contact with individuals experiencing	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com						the CARE team model is not effective. They are not available on the weekends and they drive up and down the beach and don't stop when they see homeless on the beach. I don't understand what their purpose is? We should be using that money to invest in the QOL program and expand it.	7/6/2020
15. (20-0625) Recommendation to direct City Manager to work with the Fire Chief to present a report on the status of Long Beach's H.E.A.R.T. in 30 days and to include data on calls of service, proactive contact with individuals experiencing homelessness, and the Continuum of Care Partners.	Fred Sparrevoehn	zsmrtfred@aol.com						The homeless should be sent out of the city, not encouraged to stay here. We need people to work our farms. House them close to the farms, and let them work. People with good jobs have enough trouble trying to live here because of the high costs. They shouldn't have to compete with the government for the housing that is available.	7/6/2020

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18. (20-0629) Recommendation to approve the expenditure of \$10,000 in the General Fund Group as a reward for information leading to the identification and conviction of the individuals responsible for an arson fire on May 31, 2020. (Citywide)	Andrea Antony	andrea.anton y.33@gmail. com						I request a NO vote on this item. This money should be repurposed towards housing and rent support. Solving a crime LBPD allowed to happen seems a much lower priority than making sure residents of Long Beach don't suddenly lose their housing just as COVID is worsening and hospitals are filling up.	7/7/2020
18. (20-0629) Recommendation to approve the expenditure of \$10,000 in the General Fund Group as a reward for information leading to the identification and conviction of the individuals responsible for an arson fire on May 31, 2020. (Citywide)	Alejandra Martinez	martineza51 4@gmail.co m						I am formally requesting a NO vote on this measure. Please ensure that thw expenditure proposed is instead repurposed towards housing and rent support. Our community is hurting due to the forced "reopening of our economy" support the community.	7/7/2020
18. (20-0629) Recommendation to approve the expenditure of \$10,000 in the General Fund Group as a reward for information leading to the identification and conviction of the individuals responsible for an arson fire on May 31, 2020. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla @gmail.com						<p>I strongly support investigating what happened at the corner of 7th and Pine on the evening of May 31st, 2020.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing any how information recompensed by this or other financial rewards is used as part of the effective conviction of those shown through independent investigation to be responsible.</p> <p>Having worked off that very same corner in front of those businesses listed, it must be said here it is astonishing that - for all the tremendous outlay of time, monies, other resources, personnel, etc. specific to video surveillance on both that intersection and the conjoining 7th and Pacific intersection - there is even a need for a financial reward.</p> <p>I was four blocks directly south on 3rd and Pine at dusk when this fire was set. There were dozens of LBPD officers wearing more gear than I have ever seen in a football locker room, let alone a hospital, in front of me then on that corner. How many were on other corners?</p> <p>For all we spend, what good were they then?</p>	7/6/2020

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18. (20-0629) Recommendation to approve the expenditure of \$10,000 in the General Fund Group as a reward for information leading to the identification and conviction of the individuals responsible for an arson fire on May 31, 2020. (Citywide)	Marie Rolla	marie.a.rolla@gmail.com						We could have saved 20k if the cops would have actually done their job that night. My boss had to stand outside of her business with a crowbar and fight off looters that came into town from other cities while the cops literally watched and laughed	7/6/2020
19. (20-0630) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents, including any necessary amendments, with the Federal Aviation Administration, to accept a grant award in Airport Improvement Program Grant for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 funding, for capital improvements to Taxiway B and Taxiway L, in an amount not to exceed	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						Budget Season!  We need to see an equity analysis on these tremendous outlays of investment and resources for carbon intensive sectors.	7/7/2020



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20. (20-0631) Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFQ AP19-133 and award contracts to Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical and Environmental Science Consultants, of Irvine, CA and Twining, Inc., of Long Beach, CA, for as-needed construction materials testing and inspection services for various development projects at Long Beach Airport, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,300,000, for a period of two years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager; and authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contracts, including any necessary amendments.	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						<p>We need to see an Equity Lens on these contracts - as the City Manager has repeatedly said, where you spend your money is where your priorities are, and not a council meeting goes by without multi-million dollar contracts, grants, lures of every kind for building out this highly carbon-intensive industry.</p> <p>How many of our children and grandchildren will remember Long Beach not for Daugherty Field, but for the incredible costs of carbon pollution externalized onto everyone else but the sources and drivers of that pollution? No amount of papering over attribution on a per capita basis can obscure the fact that the overwhelming historical responsibility for CO2(e) emissions comes from four sectors: cars, ships, planes, and the Gas and Oil Department.</p> <p>How long will this City keep investing in the wrong things ... aaaaaannnndddd ... in so doing, not even follow its own equity guidelines for promoting local hires for local infrastructure work? Asking for a friend...</p>	7/7/2020
21. (20-0632) Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Section 10.34.040 relating to no-cost parking at certain City-owned and operated lots for	muneeb khatri	riyankhan3@yahoo.com						<p>This website and I conceive this internet site is really informative ! &lt;a href="https://houstonembroideryservice.com/custom-patches/"&gt;Custom Patches Near Me&lt;/a&gt;</p>	7/7/2020
21. (20-0632) Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Section 10.34.040 relating to no-cost parking at certain City-owned and operated lots for drivers with valid disabled	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						<p>Support this item. Thank you.</p>	7/7/2020

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NEW BUSINESS:	Marie Rolla	marie.a.rolla@gmail.com						Why are you increasing taxes instead of simply defunding LBPD? I can support an increase in oil taxes to support our community but before that happens we need to discuss the police budget. It's been months of protests during a global pandemic and y'all are really sitting here acting like it's business as usual. None of y'all are getting my votes next election. You say you're listening but I don't see action	7/6/2020
NEW BUSINESS:	Gretchen Swanson	gretchen.swanson3@gmail.com						I strongly urge the City Council to request the city manager/attorney to compose a ballot measure that would allow LB voters the opportunity to successfully counter the regressive oil-based economic environment that exists today. Rather - and in an informed way - recognize that the City is not properly resourced with the current oil excise tax and monies from a progressive tax would lead us towards environmental justice.	7/5/2020
NEW BUSINESS:	Steve Askin	ska2@columbia.edu						As scientists have amply demonstrated, our planet's survival requires that we move quickly to wind down production and consumption of fossil fuels. It is tragic that our Long Beach government lacks the power to do what we really need to do, which is put a halt to oil production within our city's jurisdiction. But an increased per barrel tax is a small step in the right direction. In my view, we should not view this tax as a permanent source of revenue, since it should be our goal to tax offshore oil out of existence. Rather than solely looking at oil as a revenue source, I recommend that the Council specifically direct the City Manager to provide a range of options up to and including the maximum tax that would be permissible under relevant laws and regulations, even if that makes further oil production in Long Beach uneconomic.	7/3/2020

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23. (20-0636) Recommendation to request City Manager to engage California State Lands Commission and other stakeholders regarding potential modifications to the Oil Barrel Production tax	Alejandra Martinez	martineza51 4@gmail.co m						We need equity base use of funds for this proposed tax modification. Please provide specific language of what the funds will be used for. The proposed is too vague.	7/7/2020
23. (20-0636) Recommendation to request City Manager to engage California State Lands Commission and other stakeholders regarding potential modifications to the Oil Barrel Production tax;  Request City Attorney to prepare all necessary documents to place a ballot question on the November 2020 ballot for an increase in the Oil Barrel Production Tax and to work with the City Manager to provide options and financial impact on the amount of the tax and mechanisms for a progressive tax that increases over time and for a resolution defining the City Council's intent for use	Eduardo Lara	elara@ucla.e du						My name is Dr. Eduardo Lara, a constituent of CD 2, and writing in support of item 23. As a CSULB professor who teaches on environmental racism, I can assert this ballot proposal bridges racial and environmental justice together in a novel way. Furthermore, this recommendation for voters to decide on an increase in the Oil Production Tax and earmarking funds for racial equity projects is a necessary step toward the reconciliation process for the city. The current tax should be more aligned with our neighbor, Signal Hill, at \$ 0.67 per barrel, as opposed to the current \$ 0.47 rate. Though ultimately weaning ourselves away from oil should be the ultimate goal due to the current climate change crisis, this intermediate step can serve to re-invest in high need areas that have historically been overlooked while advancing a progressive tax. Down the road, organizations like, but not limited to, Black Lives Matter Long Beach, LBIRC, and Latinos in Action, can help inform implementation.	7/7/2020

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23. (20-0636) Recommendation to request City Manager to engage California State Lands Commission and other stakeholders regarding potential modifications to the Oil Barrel Production tax;	Pamela Cole	golfangel@aol.com						There have been a fair amount of vote by mail ballots sent out in 90803 To either dead people, or people who moved long ago, and also to some current residents multiple copies.  What should we do about it???	7/6/2020
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23. (20-0636) Recommendation to request City Manager to engage California State Lands Commission and other stakeholders regarding potential modifications to the Oil Barrel Production tax;  Request City Attorney to prepare all necessary documents to place a ballot question on the November 2020 ballot for an increase in the Oil Barrel Production	Sandra Kroll	sdkroll10@gmail.com						Please support the proposed Oil Barrel Production item, #23, on Tuesday's Council meeting agenda. It is designed to help fund local efforts to address racial inequities in our communities, and falls within the "Framework for Reconciliation," specifically in regard to health disparities.	7/5/2020

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24. (20-0637) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with relevant departments to take advantage of upcoming, available external funding with the goal of creating permanent, non-congregate bridge	Jessica Wilhelm	jsswilhelm@gmail.com						Of course the city should always be looking to maximize shelter options,	7/7/2020

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24. (20-0637) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with relevant departments to take advantage of upcoming, available external funding with the goal of creating permanent, non-congregate bridge housing for people	Marie Rolla	marie.a.rolla@gmail.com						I am happy to see that we are looking into help for the unhoused. That funding needs to come from LBPD not from our taxpayers and businesses pockets!	7/6/2020

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25. (20-0638) Recommendation to request City Manager to explore the creation of the Long Beach Violence Interruption Strategy.	Marie Rolla	marie.a.rolla@gmail.com						While this type of community outreach is nice, a lot of violent crimes are the result of unmet needs. We need affordable housing, accessible healthcare, better schools, and community programs for kids. This is a good start but we need to make sure we knock out the root of the issue as well	7/6/2020
25. (20-0638) Recommendation to request City Manager to explore the creation of the Long Beach Violence Interruption Strategy.	Tonia Reyes	tonia.reyesuranga@gmail.com						The City of Long Beach's Summer Youth Employment Training Program at one time, hired over 5,000 youth a year in public sector, non profit employment funded by the Dept. of Labor, Community Development then later, a smaller program funded by the County. This program provided our youth with a great experience while at the same time providing them with money for living expenses. I am glad the city has developed a private option. Youth need to be monitored on the job. Youth can have a bad experience if they are relegated to throwing trash and filing papers. This should be real work place learning complete with 21st Century workplace skills ( Adaptability, Analysis/solution mindset, Collaboration, Communication, Digital fluency, Entrepreneurial mindset, Empathy, Resilience, Self-awareness, Social/diversity awareness) taught to participants. I was a graduate of such a program in Long Beach and later coordinated the City's program. Give us a well monitored and well supervised program.	7/3/2020

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26. (20-0639) Recommendation to review Chapter 8.100 of the LBMC which provides for a temporary eviction moratorium and rent deferment due to the COVID-19 pandemic,	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com						Support.	7/7/2020
26. (20-0639) Recommendation to review Chapter 8.100 of the LBMC which provides for a temporary eviction moratorium and rent deferment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, consider and discuss	Naida Tushnet	naidatushnet62@verizon.net						Please extend the eviction moratorium. With the new surge in Covid-19, it is even more important than ever. Folks are not back at work and are at risk of losing their homes. Extend the moratorium!	7/7/2020
26. (20-0639) Recommendation to review Chapter 8.100 of the LBMC which provides for a temporary eviction moratorium and rent deferment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, consider and discuss potential changes thereto, and if necessary, direct City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending Chapter 8.100 of the Long Beach Municipal Code. (Citywide)	Jessica Wilhelm	jsswilhelm@gmail.com						The moratorium should be extended to September 30th with the ability to extend it even further. Economic stability is far out of reach for so many and nothing could be more devastating for everything than to see homelessness further increase. Furthermore, landlords are not essential and their "fully owed" income during a pandemic should not be a guarantee--who else gets this luxury? Long Beach should feel confident in its own power as a city to extend or cancel rent beyond the governors orders. This is the time do what is needed, redefine what can be done in the name of true justice and equity.	7/7/2020
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27. (20-0641) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with all appropriate departments to include commercial small business rent relief as part of any future rent relief funding initiatives provided by the City.	Naida Tushnet	naidatushnet62@verizon.net						Small businesses are the backbone of a strong City economy. As the City continues to provide relief to resident renters, it should also provide relief to small business owners. As we have seen, the various Federal programs have not served small businesses adequately. As the granddaughter of a small business owner, I feel strongly that Long Beach must step up to help people like my grandfather. Even more significant, racial justice requires we support the few Black business owners--both to strengthen the community and to serve as models for other ambitious entrepreneurs. Data show that Black business owners operate on even slimmer margins than do their White counterparts. This would be an important step in implement the Framework.	7/7/2020
27. (20-0641) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with all appropriate departments to include commercial small business rent relief as part of any future rent relief funding initiatives provided by the City.	Marie Rolla	marie.a.rolla@gmail.com						Our small businesses are hurting right now. Forcing them to stay open instead of receiving unemployment is a big issue right now. I work in a salon and I've lost profit going back to work simply by not being able to service multiple clients at the same time, extra cleaning time, and keeping the staff at limited capacity. I know our restaurant industry is hurting even more because of the small numbers of people that are being served by day and the general population doesn't have the financial security to be supporting small businesses with take out and other COVID safe options. Reopening was a big mistake. Many of us were fine on unemployment once we finally received it and now those 3 months of safer at home orders are for nothing. We went through that struggle only to have record breaking high numbers. Our businesses are still doing poorly and service workers like myself have to risk their health for less profit	7/6/2020