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Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:59 AM
To: Alma Valenzuela
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Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:58 AM
To: Alma Valenzuela
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Before sweeping people up like they are trash we must create housing for them, establish a well-staffed and funded service system to take care of their needs including mental health care but also simple things like getting food and other necessities, making sure children can get to school, any other assistance elderly and disabled people living without homes may need.

"Sweeping" them away (what an ugly term, it sounds like something one does with a broom and trash) obviously solves nothing and is obscene and a condemnation of our community and all of us who live here and allow this to go on.

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Housing Justice Committee, Democratic Socialists of America, Long Beach

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From: CityAttorney
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:56 AM
To: Alma Valenzuela
Subject: FW: Hurricane Warning: STOP the Sweep!

Barbara Gallagher
Executive Assistant

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Alma Valenzuela

From: Barbara Gallagher
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:55 AM
To: Alma Valenzuela; Kathy Apacible; Allison Bunma
Subject: RE: Hurricane Stop the Sweep - Public Comment

Good morning,

I'll go ahead and forward them to you individually.

Thank you.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:54 AM
To: Kathy Apacible <Kathy.Apacible@longbeach.gov>; Allison Bunma <Allison.Bunma@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Barbara Gallagher <Barbara.Gallagher@longbeach.gov>
Subject: RE: Hurricane Stop the Sweep - Public Comment

Hi Kathy,

Are you able to forward to me the public comment emails individually? Thank you.

Regards,

Alma Valenzuela
Executive Assistant to the City Clerk/PPA

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To: Allison Bunma <Allison.Bunma@longbeach.gov>; Alma Valenzuela <Alma.Valenzuela@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Barbara Gallagher <Barbara.Gallagher@longbeach.gov>
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This is the last bunch.

Thank you,

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Hi Allison and Alma,

Our office received multiple emails from ActionNetwork.Org namely from the Housing Justice Committee of the Democratic Socialists of America, Long Beach, Chapter re' the sweep of unhoused encampments in CD-1 and 7 scheduled for August 22nd. All of the emails have the same comments. I will send them to you in batches.

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I am currently out of the office. I will be returning Wednesday, August 23, 2023. If you require immediate assistance, please email Barbara Gallagher at barbara.gallagher@longbeach.gov.

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From: Michael William <proton6122@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 10:19 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Fyi

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TO:Tom Modica (city manager)

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America has committed three crimes against humanity

1.) When Christopher Columbus discovered America he killed many of the indigenous people (American Indians) . Congress provides over \$20 billion a year as compensation to all Indian reservations ... JUSTICE SERVED

2.) During WW II America put Japanese Americans in internment camps. Congress has approved paid multi-million dollars as compensation to Japanese Americans ...JUSTICE SERVED

3.) America's original sin slavery. President Lincoln's attempt to give 1 mule and 40 acres of land to every slave as compensation was never full-filled ... JUSTICE PENDING

Every year America gives \$20 billion to Indian reservations , \$50 billion in foreign aid (economic, military aid) \$120 billion for illegal immigrants(housing, legal aid, health care, education) for the last 20 years it's comes out \$2 trillion. America refuses to address Negro poverty and/or pay for slavery(reparations)

White lives matter, Asian lives matter, Hispanic lives matter, Illegal immigrants lives matter but Negro lives don't matter.

150 yrs after the end of slavery and 55 yrs after the civil rights act the Negro is at bottom. The negro has the highest poverty unemployment, poverty, homelessness, crime, incarceration rate per population than any group

MEDIAN INCOME	FAMILY HOUSEHOLD WEALTH
Asians (\$99,662)	Asians (\$206,400)
Whites(\$78,912)	Whites(\$187,000)
Hispanic(\$58,015)	Hispanic(\$31,700)
Negros(\$48,175)	Negros(\$14,000)

The family household wealth of Whites, Asians & Hispanics is rising while the Negros is stagnant. If you subtract the illegal immigrants from the legal Hispanics the Hispanics median income & family household wealth will be on par with whites. Even if you include illegal immigrants Hispanics have a higher median income and family household wealth than Negros

Policies like affirmative action, minority promotion and hiring were originally designed to help the Negro achieve economic equity with whites but instead it helped Asians, Hispanics and illegal immigrants.

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