

eComments Report for City Council Special Meeting Agenda of August 23, 2022

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CONTINUED BUDGET HEARING:	Marianne Buchanan	mariannebuchanan330@gmail.com		I urge council members to keep our magnificent library system at the top of your budget considerations. I am a lifelong library patron. I lived in Long Beach, moved away, and am now happily returned. Getting a library card was even before unpacking the boxes. Our libraries are now so much more than books on shelves, on eReaders or iPhones. Libraries are safe havens and community centers. Our libraries are also places where other city departments can hold community presentations--I'm thinking of Development Services' myriad and informative series on the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan. I'm wondering how that plan could incorporate our libraries. Please keep our libraries well-funded so they can continue to serve all of us, and especially the children of Long Beach. Thank you.	8/23/2022
CONTINUED BUDGET HEARING:	Lissette Flores	mlissetteflores@gmail.com		As a supporter of education and literacy, I urge the City Council to increase the Library's FY23 structural budget so that it may offer more materials to residents, increase its open hours, and permanently eliminate overdue fines. The 12 public libraries bridge educational, digital, economic, and cultural divides despite being open only 34.3 hours per week on average and having a materials budget that has not been increased in more than a decade. One-time funding is not a sustainable way to promote equity in Long Beach. I urge you to provide the Library with the structural funding necessary to increase its access to crucial educational resources. Thank you for your consideration and leadership.	8/17/2022

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1. (22-0989) Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for the departments of Library Services, Development Services, Economic Development, and Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications. (Citywide)	Barbara Schwerin	barbaraschwerin@gmail.com		As a supporter of education and literacy, I urge the City Council to increase the Library's FY23 structural budget so that it may offer more materials to residents, increase its open hours, and permanently eliminate overdue fines. The 12 public libraries bridge educational, digital, economic, and cultural divides despite being open only 34.3 hours per week on average and having a materials budget that has not been increased in more than a decade. One-time funding is not a sustainable way to promote equity in Long Beach. I urge you to provide the Library with the structural funding necessary to increase its access to crucial educational resources. Thank you for your consideration and leadership.	8/20/2022