

Good evening. My name is Prof. Don Gaudard. I live at 240 Chestnut Avenue, in the 1st Council District.

I wrote the first gay rights ordinance to pass in the United States in 1972. In 1977, President Carter invited me and 13 other openly gay people to the White House to meet with members of his Cabinet to plot strategy to overcome anti-gay laws throughout the United States.

Last spring, Mayor Foster nominated me to serve on the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission, and this Council elected me to serve.

I attended my first Commission meeting in June. I discovered that the chair of the Commission was termed out over 15 months ago. The vice-chair position was vacant; the Secretary was also termed out more than 15 months ago. In sum, this 9 member Commission only has 3 members whose terms are current – those from the 1st, 6th, and 8th Districts. 3 of the Commissioners have served more than 9-1/2 years despite the Municipal Code stating that after 8 years, they were termed out.

At the June meeting, there was only 1 item on the agenda – that was to cancel the July and August meetings – PER TRADITION. I repeat – PER TRADITION, the July and August meetings were cancelled!

Then I received a notice in the mail that there was an emergency August meeting to introduce the new commissioners and to go over how the Commission functions.

At the August meeting, the termed-out Chair passed out copies of the Commission's Bylaws. The Commissioners then proceeded to spend about one hour amending the Bylaws.

There is only 1 slight problem. The Bylaws are direct quotes from the Municipal Code. In other words, this dysfunctional Commission is now amending the Municipal Code.

The Commission is meeting tomorrow at 9 am on the 2nd floor of the Senior Center. At that time, the Commission is going to finish amending the Municipal Code.

Municipal Code Section 2.18.090 provides that this Commission submit an Annual Report. **The last Annual Report submitted by this Commission was in 2007 – that's right – 2007, more than 5 years ago.**

The City's web site for this Commission is horribly out of date, yet when I inquired, none of the Commissioners who had been on the Commission for more than 9 years had any idea who was responsible for updating the web site or how it gets done.

I implore you to spend some time cleaning up this Commission. Both the seniors in Long Beach and the City Council deserve better than 5 years of neglect by this Commission.

I would encourage each of the Council members here to send someone from your office to attend the Commission meeting tomorrow to observe this fiasco in action, particularly those in Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9 for whom there are no current members on the Commission.

I would also encourage Council members, particularly those of you who are running for Mayor, to investigate this catastrophe and to remedy it by beating the bushes for fresh blood for this Commission. 24.6% of the residents of Long Beach are age 50 or older; we need your help.

Thank you, and I hope to see you tomorrow at the Commission meeting.



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Senior Services Advisory

Senior Citizen Advisory Commission

2013 Commission Meeting Schedule

| Commissioners | Date | Location | Address |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| * Rita Ellner rellner@aol.com (Chairman) | January 16 | Long Beach Senior Center | 1150 E. 4th St. |
| 0 Diane Johnson djohnson@alpertjcc.org (Vice President) | February 20 | Long Beach Senior Center | 1150 E. 4th St. |
| * Barbara J. Bolln (Secretary) | March 20 | Long Beach Senior Center | 1150 E. 4th St. |
| 0 Fredrick Dunn | April 17 | Long Beach Senior Center | 1150 E. 4th St. |
| 2 Charles K. (Horton) | May 15 | Long Beach Senior Center | 1150 E. 4th St. |
| Joe Batarse (Recreation Supt.) joseph.batarse@longbeach.gov | June 19 | Long Beach Senior Center | 1150 E. 4th St. |
| Norma Salazar - Walker (Clerical Support) norma.salazar-walker@longbeach.gov | July 17 | Long Beach Senior Center | 1150 E. 4th St. |
| | August 21 | Long Beach Senior Center | 1150 E. 4th St. |
| | September 18 | Long Beach Senior Center | 1150 E. 4th St. |
| | October 16 | Long Beach Senior Center | 1150 E. 4th St. |
| | November 20 | Long Beach Senior Center | 1150 E. 4th St. |
| | December 18 | Long Beach Senior Center | 1150 E. 4th St. |

(All Meetings Begin at 9:00 a.m.)

Annual Report:
2007 Senior Advisory Commission Annual Report

Commission Objectives:
The duties and functions of the Commission, as stated by the City of Long Beach Charter, are as follows:

- To act in an advisory capacity to any City department, or City Council committee concerned with senior problems on all matters pertaining to older Americans and their needs.
 - To assemble information on problems and their solutions for older American through all available means, including public hearings.
 - To be empowered on its own initiative to make recommendations to senior citizen service agencies on matters within its purview.
 - To act to facilitate coordination between existing and proposed programs for the elderly.
 - To carry out such studies as may be assigned to it by the City Council.
 - To report to the Mayor and City Council its findings from time to time.
- City Ordinance 2.57.030

Commission Structure:
The Commission is comprised of fifteen citizens of Long Beach over the age of 50 years who are appointed for a two-year term, for a maximum of four terms. The regular meeting of the Commission is held on the second Thursday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Long Beach Senior Center. The Executive Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. to develop the Commission agenda and respond to any emergency business.

For more information, please contact:

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0 **MOVED OUT OF TOWN**

0 **TERMED OUT - 6/30/14**

2- **TERM EXPIRED 6/30/12**

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Social Security

1. Disability benefits
2. Spousal benefits
3. Surviving spouse benefit
4. One Time Death benefit

Medicare Part B

1. Missed enrollment
2. Extra premiums
3. Forced change in coverage

Medi-Cal

1. Eligibility (income)
2. Transfer of assets
3. Estate recovery and liens

Retirement Benefits

1. Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity
2. Qualified pre-retirement survivor annuity
3. Required minimum distribution
4. Benefits upon divorce

Federal Civilian Retirement Benefits

Retirement Protections with "Spousal IRA"

Taxpayers

1. Income Taxation
 - a. Filing status
 - b. Tax preparation
 - c. Divorce taxation
 - d. Gift and estate taxation

Military Families

Veterans

1. Educational benefits
2. VA Guaranteed Home Loan Program
3. Disability benefits
4. Death benefits
5. Burial

Immigration

1. Immediate relative spousal visa
2. Naturalization