




**R-37**

**Date:** April 3, 2007  
**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Bonnie Lowenthal, Vice Mayor, Councilmember, 1<sup>st</sup> District   
**Subject:** **Amend LBMC 2.52.020 Purpose of the Public Safety Advisory Commission**

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The Long Beach Public Safety Advisory Commission (PSAC) has an outstanding record of providing in-depth analyses and thoughtful policy recommendations to the City Council on public safety issues. PSAC serves as a forum for community discussion of these public safety policy issues and encourages participation from all sectors of the community.

Long Beach Municipal Code 2.52.020 limits the purpose of PSAC "to consider only those public safety policy matters over which the city council has control that are related to police service."

As fire services are a critical element of public safety in the City of Long Beach, I recommend an amendment to the Long Beach Municipal Code to add fire services to the public safety policy matters which the Public Safety Advisory Commission may consider. With the amendment, the purpose of PSAC in the Municipal Code would be "to consider only those public safety policy matters over which the city council has control that are related to police **and fire** services." (change bolded for emphasis)

**Recommendation:** Request that the City Attorney draft an amendment to Long Beach Municipal Code 2.52.020 to add fire services to the public safety policy matters which the Public Safety Advisory Commission may consider.