

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** John McMullen <mcmullenjohnw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 10:24 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** "Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project"

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford,

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project. Speaking as a fourth generation Long Beach citizen and as a member of the stakeholders' committee who advised the programatic details for the project, our community will benefit greatly when this project is built.

Thank you for your service to our community and for devoting resources towards the planning and implementation of this vital project.

Best regards,

John W. McMullen

John McMullen  
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6138 Corsica Circle, Long Beach CA 90803  
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#LBwaterfun

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**From:** steveclapp2007@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 9:52 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Cc:** Debby McCormick  
**Subject:** Belmont Pool

I want you to know that I support the Belmont Pool. Keep it simple and understandable. How much money do you need and where are going to get it. Good luck!!

Sent from Yahoo Email App for Android

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**From:** Kathy Magana-Gomez <kmgspeechpath@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 6:37 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the Appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool Project

For anyone having trouble trying to write you can copy or re word something like this or add anything else you want to make it more personal. Thanks much

Email address:

[Mark.hungerford@longbeach.gov](mailto:Mark.hungerford@longbeach.gov)

Subject: Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool Project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project!

This project had been unanimously approved by the City Council twice. This positively affects residents of every district in the City and surrounding cities. I was brought up with the Belmont Pool and it was something we had been very proud of. Our kids all learned to swim, dive or play water polo there. We need a safe place for the future generations to learn water safety. This project will be the pride of Long Beach.

Please forward this to each City Council member.

Sincerely,

Kathy Magana-Gomez  
Long Beach Resident- University Park Estates

Kathy Magaña-Gomez, CCC-SLP

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**From:** Jessica Pollack (Payne) <jessicaintl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 11:02 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford; Mayor; Suzie Price; Council District 1; Council District 2; StacyMungo.com; Council District 3; Council District 4; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9  
**Subject:** Please Deny EIR Appeals for Belmont Plaza Pool

The Pool at Belmont was a huge part of my family. When my son was an infant, we would play outside the pool weekly when we went for walks at the beach. I had no idea that soon, he would fall in love with Springboard and Platform Diving. He joined the Parks and Rec diving class in 2000. He came through the locker room, saw the 10 meter platform and was hooked. He started diving with McCormick Divers as soon as the Parks and Rec program finished. As a reward for hard work, he was allowed to jump off the platform. In that first year, there was already talk of the pool being rebuilt. That plan was dashed shortly after 9/11. It was brought up again in 2005, but at that time, we were living in Australia.

While there, we met divers from around the world. Almost everyone had a fond memory of training and competing at Belmont. It was not just a Long Beach Gem, it was an International Icon.

After the 2013 closing, the pool was unanimously approved by the City Council. Throughout the process, thousands upon thousands of voices have been urging Long Beach to fulfill its promise to rebuild the pool with just a handful of detractors causing problems like the EIR Appeals.

Please don't let a few, selfish people who want to stop this project for their own desires overshadow the benefits to the entire aquatic community and Long Beach.

Please deny the EIR Appeals.

Jessica Payne

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Phone 562-331-7804

**From:** [Walt Bowser](#)  
**To:** [Mark Hungerford](#)  
**Subject:** Belmont Pool  
**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2017 5:13:20 PM

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Dear  
Members of the Long Beach City Council (c/o Mark Hungerford)

Please **Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project.**  
**#aquaticsLB**  
**#LBwaterfun**

As an age grouper a few decades ago, I had the joy and awe of swimming in the Belmont Plaza pool for several meets. Long Beach has a long successful history of producing as well as hosting world class aquatic athletes and should maintain this preeminent position by rebuilding a swimming and diving facility at Belmont.

Thank you for your consideration.

Walt

**Walter Bowser**  
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**From:** Jake Jeffery <jake@groundflesh.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 5:35 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Belmont Pool

Dear Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project. We all know this is getting ridiculous. The waiting game needs to end. (This project had been unanimously approved by the City Council twice). I was brought up swimming in the original and went on to play with Wilson Water Polo in high school. My daughter is 8 and really into diving. We drive across town to facilities, although nice, that don't measure up to what we once had with Belmont. I want my kids to have the same opportunities that I had. This pool will put Long Beach aquatics back on the map.

Please forward this to each City Council member.

Sincerely,

Jake Jeffery

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**From:** anngadfly@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 6:10 PM  
**To:** Council District 4; Council District 1; Council District 2; Council District 3; Council District 5; Council District 7; Council District 9; Mayor; Council District 8; Council District 6; Mark Hungerford  
**Cc:** mfp2001@hotmail.com; Hoorae1@aol.com; lcangel@charter.net; jweins123@hotmail.com; tami\_bennett@hotmail.com; mbcotton@hotmail.com; renee\_matt@live.com; corlisslee@aol.com; mbcotton@hotmail.com; achris259@yahoo.com; cec1174@aol.com; jweins123@hotmail.com; gordana.kajer@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Fwd: El Dorado Audubon Comments -- Belmont Pool Final EIR, March 2 Planning Commission  
**Attachments:** Belmont Shore\_4-21-08 [herons].jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-22-08 [birds]\_003.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_011.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_040.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_045.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_047.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_052.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_053.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_055.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_062.jpg; BelmontShore\_3-11-07.jpg; BelmontShore\_3-24-13\_1.jpg; BelmontShore\_3-24-13[4050].jpg; BelmontShore\_3-24-13[4062].jpg; BelmontShore\_3-24-13[4169].jpg; BelmontShore\_3-24-13[4195].jpg; BelmontShore\_4-27-10.jpg; BelmontShore\_4-27-10[9759].jpg; BelmontShore\_12-22-10.jpg

Dear Decision Makers:

Mary Parsell, Conservation Chair for El Dorado Audubon, submitted the following letter to the Planning Commission for the March 2, 2017 hearing. I am forwarding this to you to be certain that it is entered into the record for the May 16 appeal.

Thank you,  
Ann Cantrell

You have my permission to send to the City Clerk or whomever.

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**From:** Mary Parsell <mfp2001@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 7, 2017 1:40 PM  
**To:** Ann Cantrell  
**Subject:** El Dorado Audubon Comments -- Belmont Pool Final EIR, March 2 Planning Commission

*from the desk of Mary Parsell  
Conservation Chair, El Dorado Audubon*

Dear Ann & all,

Here are the photos and letter submitted March 2, 2017 regarding the Belmont Pool Final EIR to Planning Commission.

A copy of this letter was sent to Joe Weinstien, Chair of CARP, Melinda Cotton, Jeff Miller. I plan to be Long Beach CC council meeting May 16, 2017.

If I can be of further assistance, in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me at 562/252-5825, email: [mfp2001@hotmail.com](mailto:mfp2001@hotmail.com) (checked once a day).

For the birds,

Mary

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**From:** Mary Parsell <[mfp2001@hotmail.com](mailto:mfp2001@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 2, 2017 3:35 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford; heidi Eidson clerk PC  
**Subject:** Fw: Belmont Pool Final EIR, March 2 Planning Commission

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El Dorado Audubon Society  
PO Box 90713  
Long Beach, CA 90815

*Mission: Conservation of Native Birds and their Habitats and Education*

March 2, 2017  
3:30 p.m.

Mr. Mark Hungerford  
cc: Ms. Heidi Eidson

Long Beach Planning Commission Members  
City of Long Beach, Development Services, Planning Dept.

RE: Final EIR, Belmont Pool, Planning Commission meeting, March 2, 2017

Dear Planning Commission Members  
Attn: Mr. Hungerford,

Our mission is conservation of native birds and their habitats and education to our members and the community. Our concerns are as follows:

1. We are concerned that the design of the building is a hazard to birds on the Pacific Flyway.

See a recent news article -- The Vikings' shiny new stadium is a giant death trap for birds.

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/sports/nfl/the-vikings%E2%80%99-shiny-new-stadium-is-a-giant-death-trap-for-birds/ar-AAnEqdJ?ocid=HPCDHP>



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[www.msn.com](http://www.msn.com)

Birds beware.

2. We are concerned with the loss of mature trees in Belmont Plaza Park where Black-crowned Night Herons and Snowy Egrets have nested for many years. Where are the trees to replace the loss of nesting trees? Is it possible to plant trees on the site of the temporary pool? Herons and egrets are protected species on the Coastal areas by the California Coastal Act and California Coastal Commission. We have asked city staff in the past about a site to plant trees that would be of the size that herons and egrets could nest in and no solution to this has been offered.

3. Photos are attached of Black-crowned Night Herons nesting in Belmont Plaza Park  
Photos taken of birds in the trees by Belmont Pool, ranging from 2007 to 2013. Photos of birds in the trees by Belmont Plaza Pool from 2007 to 2013. The nesting Black-crowned Night Herons and Snowy Egrets are one of the annual treasures of the area. Photos were taken by Howard Freshman.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mary

Mary Parsell  
Conservation Chair, El Dorado Audubon  
Email for purposes of this communication: [mfp2001@hotmail.com](mailto:mfp2001@hotmail.com)

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**From:** Daniel Weber <twowebers@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 6:54 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford:

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project. As an area swim coach and swim parent, I see this pool as imperative to the future of the swimming, diving, and water polo. As a Long Beach resident, I believe this pool will have a tremendously positive impact on our city.

Please forward this email to the members of the Long Beach City Council.

Regards,  
Leslie Weber

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** magenta976 <magenta976@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 7:46 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool Project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project!

This project had been unanimously approved by the City Council twice. This positively affects residents of every district in the City and surrounding cities. My son is a part of the McCormick Dive family that is desperately looking for a permanent home. The Belmont pool is something we would be proud of. Our kids all learned to swim, dive and play as well as gives a safe place for the future generations to learn water safety. This project will be the pride of Long Beach.

Please forward this to each City Council member.

Sincerely,

Jennylee vaca

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7.

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Steve Furniss <sfurniss@tyr.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 8:33 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Cc:** Simon Harling  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

To Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford:

I am writing you to express how important the replacement of the Belmont Plaza pool site is to the Southern California aquatics community at all levels; swimming, diving and water polo. An indoor competition facility, done correctly, will be a tremendous economic generator for the City of Long Beach as it will be the dominant site for the majority of aquatic competitions held annually in addition to being a facility for training and general fitness swimming for many southland area citizens.

As both an interested citizen who trains at the current temporary pool and as a former Olympic swimmer who both trained and competed at Belmont Plaza pool before its demise, I want to urge the City Council to deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project which will only serve to delay the process of getting this great new facility underway.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. #aquaticsLB and #LBwaterfun.

Sincerely,

Steve Furniss

Steve Furniss  
Team Management Director

P: 1-800-252-7878 | C: 714-585-8953 | F: 714-373-0903



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**From:** Greg Shea <gshea50@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 8:55 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Appeals to EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project should be fairly evaluated before proceeding further.

Dear Mr. Hungerford,  
I am a Long Beach resident and swimmer at the Belmont Pool.  
We do need an aquatic facility to replace the Belmont pool. It needs to meet the needs of ALL City residents.

The current design as proposed is simply too expensive and fails to serve all the residents of Long Beach.

Please design a facility which is fiscally and environmentally sound.  
Please design a facility which serves the entire community and not just a group of nostalgic, self interested people.

I believe a simpler, less intrusive, far less expensive open- air facility can meet all the requirements of the community and serve as an effective draw for tourism.

Effective teaming with business think tanks could provide you with an income generator for the city and not a projected expense burden.

Please re-think this proposal.

Best Regards,  
Greg Shea

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Fred Gilbert <sainfast@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 9:24 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford. Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project. My family has used the old pool and now the temporary pool for years and we need a great pool for our city and community. Please forward to all city council members. Thank you for supporting this important city project!

#aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun

Sincerely,

Fred Gilbert  
Proud LB Resident  
+1 562 607 6626  
Sainfast@yahoo.com

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Debby McCormick <diventenis@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 9:30 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool Project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

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This project had been unanimously approved by the City Council twice. This positively affects residents of every district in the City and surrounding cities. I was brought up with the Belmont Pool and it was something we had been very proud of. Hundreds of thousands kids learned to swim, dive or play water polo there. We need a safe place for the future generations to learn water safety. This project will be the pride of Long Beach and will bring world wide recognition to the City.

Please don't let a handful of unhappy residents ruin this opportunity for the majority that care about the future of the community and aquatics.

Please forward this to each City Council member.

Sincerely,

Debby McCormick

[www.mccormickdivers.com](http://www.mccormickdivers.com)  
"Making a Splash since 1968"

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**From:** Michael Selna <michaelselna@socal.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 10:13 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Belmont Olympic Plaza Pool

Honorable Members of the Long Beach City Council: I am writing to urge you to adopt the resolution certifying the Environmental Impact Report and additional actions listed in the agenda for the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center. I was a sophomore at Cal when the original pool was constructed and the Olympic Trials were held in 1968. I competed in several meets there while in college, including a Pac 8 championship. Over the years I have watched many significant swimming and water polo championship level events at Belmont. You are probably aware that this pool is famous for high school, college and international level swimming and water polo championships. It draws people from not only all of Southern California but the entire Pac 12 collegiate region and the nation. I have watched my sons compete there in CIF Southern Section high school championships that included teams from Santa Barbara to San Diego. My most recent meet at Belmont was a regional master's championship, I believe in 2010. We were all sorry to see this iconic facility go away but we understood the need.

I believe the Belmont Plaza Pool will continue to be an iconic competitive swimming and water polo facility. But just as important, it serves the aquatic needs of the local community and improves the health of your constituents as a result.

As a person who has witnessed the entire history of this outstanding facility I urge you to deny the appeals and certify the EIR, and to complete the entitlement process, allowing this fine project to move forward. Best Regards and thank you for your service to the citizens of Long Beach and Southern California. Mike Selna

Michael W. Selna, P.E., BCEE  
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Huntington Beach, CA 92648-6611  
714-374-5686  
714-742-1201 (cell)

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Adam Payne <admpain@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 10:31 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny The EIR Appeals for Belmont Pool Project.

I first started diving at the age of six. It was part of a summer Long Beach Parks and Rec dive camp taught by one of the local life guards at the Belmont Pool. I am told that I hated the first two days, but by the end of the second week I was in love and never planned on stopping. I signed up for regular lessons with the local club team the McCormick Divers and began diving regularly with Charlie and Debby.

At the age of seven my father accepted a job offer across the world in Australia, and my mother was worried that we would never be able to find a coach out there. She asked Debby if she had any recommendations for dive clubs in Australia not expecting to get a real response. Debby put my mother in contact with Australian Olympic coach (and Mexican Olympian) Chava Sobrino.

When we returned from Australia 5 years later Debby took myself and my younger sister Madelyn happily back into the McCormick Family. When it came time to transition from high school diving to college diving once again Debby was by my side. I had the grades to go to some great schools, but my grades alone were not enough for ones that I had my eyes set on: USC. Debby went over my head and talked to the head diving coach at USC Hongping Li (also an olympian) and helped me secure a position as a walk on into the USC Swimming and Diving team. I cannot imagine what my life would be like without diving, and especially without Debby McCormick.

I grew up with the world class facility on Belmont shore. I believe that had I been forced to use the smaller facilities that the current McCormick generation are reduced to using. I would never have gotten to where I am today. The diving world is losing some of its most famous diving towers. The Belmont shore tower was the first to go, followed most recently by the Mission Viejo Dive Tower also being demolished. Without world class facilities, the diving world is shrinking, and traveling long distances to pay to use other pools. A local pool would bring back large swim, dive, and even water polo tournaments.

At one time The Belmont Pool hosted the Pac 10 (now Pac12) swimming and diving championships. This competition has since moved to Washington state, far from the Southern California Aquatic Capital of America.

The sad excuse for a pool that resides in the parking lot has no class or equivalence to the pool that once stood on the empty plot of land.

I believe that it is my duty as a graduate of the McCormick Diving program to give back, in hopes that the city of Long Beach will do the right thing, and give back to the future athletes of Southern California's Aquatic community.

Sincerely,

Adam Payne

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Kip Fulbeck <seaweed@arts.ucsb.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 10:33 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** EIR appeals

To the Honorable Members of the Long Beach City Council:

I urge you to deny the EIR appeals for the Belmont Plaza pool project.

I have been swimming at the Belmont pool since the 1970's. It is an architectural anchor to the great history of Southern California swimming. Please let it be the anchor for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Kip Fulbeck  
Professor  
Department of Art  
University of California, Santa Barbara

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Amy Bodek  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 6:40 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Fwd: oppose passing of Belmont Pool DEIR/May 16th Council meeting/Hearing on the Pool EIR

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Tom Modica" <[Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov](mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov)>  
**To:** "Dino D'Emilia ([ddemilia@andpen.com](mailto:ddemilia@andpen.com))" <[ddemilia@andpen.com](mailto:ddemilia@andpen.com)>  
**Cc:** "Amy Bodek" <[Amy.Bodek@longbeach.gov](mailto:Amy.Bodek@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: oppose passing of Belmont Pool DEIR/May 16th Council meeting/Hearing on the Pool EIR

Tom Modica  
Assistant City Manager  
City of Long Beach  
(562) 570-5091

**From:** SUSAN MILLER [<mailto:mpshogr@msn.com>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2017 3:31 PM  
**To:** Council District 9 <[District9@longbeach.gov](mailto:District9@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 2 <[District2@longbeach.gov](mailto:District2@longbeach.gov)>; Jeannine Pearce <[Jeannine.Pearce@longbeach.gov](mailto:Jeannine.Pearce@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 4 <[District4@longbeach.gov](mailto:District4@longbeach.gov)>; Daryl Supernaw <[Daryl.Supernaw@longbeach.gov](mailto:Daryl.Supernaw@longbeach.gov)>; Suzie Price <[suzie@suzieaprice.com](mailto:suzie@suzieaprice.com)>; Council District 3 <[District3@longbeach.gov](mailto:District3@longbeach.gov)>; Stacy Mungo <[Stacy.Mungo@longbeach.gov](mailto:Stacy.Mungo@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 5 <[District5@longbeach.gov](mailto:District5@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 8 <[District8@longbeach.gov](mailto:District8@longbeach.gov)>; Dee Andrews <[Dee.Andrews@longbeach.gov](mailto:Dee.Andrews@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 1 <[District1@longbeach.gov](mailto:District1@longbeach.gov)>; Council District 7 <[District7@longbeach.gov](mailto:District7@longbeach.gov)>; Mayor <[Mayor@longbeach.gov](mailto:Mayor@longbeach.gov)>; Robert Garcia <[Robert.Garcia@longbeach.gov](mailto:Robert.Garcia@longbeach.gov)>; Patrick West <[Patrick.West@longbeach.gov](mailto:Patrick.West@longbeach.gov)>; Tom Modica <[Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov](mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov)>; Mark Hungerford <[Mark.Hungerford@longbeach.gov](mailto:Mark.Hungerford@longbeach.gov)>; Eric Lopez <[Eric.Lopez@longbeach.gov](mailto:Eric.Lopez@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** oppose passing of Belmont Pool DEIR/May 16th Council meeting/Hearing on the Pool EIR

Dear Mayor, City Council and City Staff,

RE: May 16th, 2017 City Council meeting item/ Hearing on the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center

*Please include this letter in the public record.*

A number of issues/concerns have been pushed aside on the proposed Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center ( BBAC). My issues per the EIR

[http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental\\_planning/environmental\\_reports.asp](http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp)

4.1 Aesthetics The Scoping Process was flawed so is the City re-issued and circulated the NOP for the Draft EIR between April 9, 2014, and May 8, 2014 . During Scoping, the proposed pool plan shown was the same size, height and footprint of the demolished Belmont Pool so very few complaint letters were received. (SEE attached pool plan that was circulated for the Scoping Process.) The Scoping Process and NOP are entirely invalid and do not take into account the impaired vistas, scenic view and road traffic/road diet that the "bubble" pool design present. **Obstructed public views** at Bennett Ave. : Section 4.1, Aesthetics and in the Local Coastal Program (LCP) include policies for retention of existing Termino and Bennett views. Visual impacts are analyzed from public vantage points, as required by CEQA. Figure 4.1.1 doesn't even depict the café and restrooms located at the end of Bennett Ave that obstructs public view. Figure 3.5 on page 15 of 48 shows the café and restrooms are a major obstruction. This is a public view corridor and the location of the café and restrooms block it. The project does not preserve or enhance identified view corridors. The location of the café is under Coastal Commission jurisdiction. Ocean Blvd. is designated as a scenic roadway. A seven story tall building in a neighborhood that has a 3 story building height restriction is not compliant with policies - it blocks and obstructs the view of a Scenic coast

4.2 Air Quality Again this methodology was based on the Scoping Process. The Scoping Process was based on a pool plan that is not the same as viewed during the DEIR process. This is invalid.

4.3 Biological Resources This again is based on the Scoping Process methodology which is a pool plan not being reviewed presently. The Belmont pool plan now is an ETFE covered structure. ETFE structures are known to harm flight paths of the birds, birds peck/collapse ETFE structures, only professional rock climbers can do maintenance, cleaning and leak repair on an ETFE structure. ETFE material is not self cleaning. (I live across from the Belmont pool location. I have had a sample of ETFE on my outdoor balcony. The ETFE sample has collected the black grim particles that permeates the air on the coast and even the down pouring rain last Sunday afternoon, May 7th did not clean or wash the black grim from the ETFE sample. So how are rock climbers suppose to circumnavigate the bird deterrent wire necessary on the ETFE roof to keep the Sea Gulls from pecking the roof be able to clean a roof that has black grim sticking to the ETFE. Every morning for the last 24 years, I hear the birds pecking my clay tile roof of my townhouse to drink the condensation and peck apart whatever food morsels they are consuming. So the ETFE pool building will be exposed and prey to this bird activity. Plus if bird pecks damage the ETFE roof either the entire ETFE diamond section must be replaced which is very costly or a "duct tape patch" is applied. This duct tape patch is evident at the new ETFE Anaheim train station - tape patches all over the ETFE roof is visually unappealing.

4.4 Cultural Resources Invalid base of methodology using a pool design that is not even being contemplated.

4.5 Geology Invalid base of methodology using a pool design that is not even being contemplated.

4.6 Global Climate Change Invalid base of methodology during Scoping using a pool design that is not even being contemplated

4.7 Hazards and Hazardous Materials Invalid base of methodology during Scoping using a pool design that is not even being contemplated.

4.8 Hydrology-Water Quality My comments submitted for the DEIR concerned Sea Level Rise/flooding the entire beach parking lot and the first floor of the building. The response I was given and I quote: On page 249, Section 4.8, Hydrology *The lower level of the building (pool equipment and storage) and associated parking areas would be below the projected water line under both scenarios; however, these areas would not be open for public use, and therefore, would not subject visitors to the Project site to significant cumulative impacts related to Sea Level Rise.*

The parking lot is public use, so this response is not valid. The parking lot being unusable and deterring accessibility is a negative impact and constitutes a significant impact. The fact that any areas of this facility would be under water should be of great concern. The comment "lower level of the Pool not being public" again flies in the face of common sense - if the first floor is flooded where equipment and facility operations exist - the aquatic facility will not function, be useable and present maintenance problems. None of the mechanical or electrical systems will function. This again is a significant negative impact.

What, perhaps, could have been added to the analysis was a bit of common sense. Common sense applies which the Supreme Court has recently observed. We are still in a drought with water restrictions, multiple pools are not water conservation.

4.9 Land Use **Conflict with the Federal Migratory Bird Act:** removing habitat/interfering with protected birds' homing habitat environment, placing high dome structure in the flight path of the protected birds, pool chemicals, lights emitting from clear dome structure/outdoor pools and noise decimates the habitat area. Development of sensitive lands such as coastal and riparian areas and restriction of wildlife causes habitat loss and is the leading decline in plant and animal diversity and populations.

4.10 Noise **California Coastal Act, Chapter III, Section 30240 protects environmentally sensitive habitats,**

Sections 8.80.150, Section 8.180.160 and Section 8.80.170 The making or continuing, or causing to be made or continued of any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing in the area. Section 8.80.190 Noise disturbances that are prohibited: "whistle, or similar device, intended primarily for nonemergency purposes from any place, for more than ten (10) seconds in any hourly period. Section 8.80.200 prohibits the sounding outdoors of any whistle or similar device except for emergency only. Section 8.80.200.L noise sensitive areas - there is a preschool right across from Belmont Pool. Noise, air and light pollution will increase exponentially.

4.11 Recreation Invalid base of methodology using a pool design that is not even being contemplated.

4.12 Transportation and Traffic East Olympic Plaza provided a staging area for swim team buses to load/unloading plus the buses usually stayed parked on East Olympic plaza. With removal of East Olympic Plaza and East Ocean Blvd. being reduced to one lane, traffic on East Ocean Blvd will be backed up. The EIR does not give a definite traffic management plan. There needs to be mitigation for traffic. The earlier Belmont Pool plan (see first attach above) closed the Bennett Ave entrance to the Belmont Pool, making made Granada Ave the main entrance. Buses would enter at Granada & loop around within the beach parking lot/do the bus staging within the parking lot not East Ocean Blvd.

4.13 Utilities Invalid base of methodology using a pool design that is not even being contemplated.

5.0 Alternatives A definitive look at alternative sites was grossly neglected and not given a broad analysis.

The ETFE tensile material specified for the Pool roof is a poor material choice for a structure along the coast. See FAILURE of the ETFE material: <http://www.airsculpt.com/latest->

[news/problems-etfe-roofs-canopys/](#) To meet the CA Energy Code which requires blocking 91% of sun light penetration, the ETFE must be solar dot imprinted. The solar dot imprinted EFTE is opaque, this is does not allow a clear view to the exterior. People inside of the Pool building can not see a clear view of the ocean. The Pool building does not fade into the surrounding landscape because it is not a clear material. ETFE is poor sound proofing. Rain on an ETFE structure makes a deafening drumming sound internally. Likewise, the noise created inside of the ETFE bubble will transfer to the outer surrounding residential neighborhood. Sunlight easily penetrates ETFE causing pool water temps to overheat, air conditioning/condensation issues inside and the night time lighted pool will disturb the quality of life for human and wildlife residents.

Mitigations not sensibly addressed in EIR:

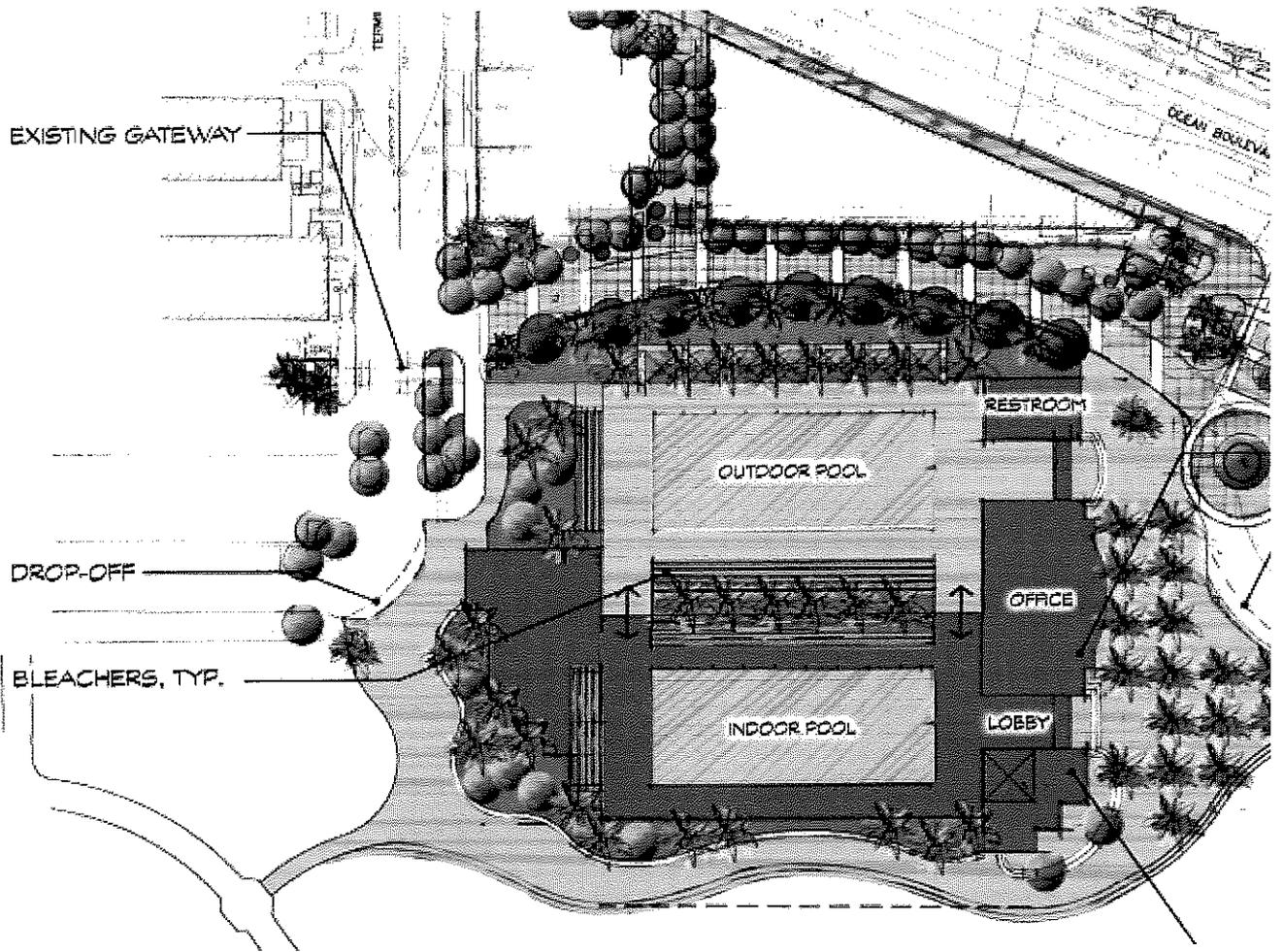
1. measures for an alternative aquatic facility site
2. mitigations for parking when parking lot is underwater
3. mitigation for traffic infrastructure due to imperiled one lane traffic on East Ocean Blvd and elimination of East Olympic Plaza
4. mitigation measures taken to protect the residents and wildlife from noise, air, light pollution

Sincerely,

Susan Miller

Resident and property owner across from the Belmont Pool for 21years

Member of the Belmont Pool Stakeholders Advisory Committee



## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Raquel Dakota <raqeldakota@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 4:49 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Marl Hungerford

Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project #aquaticsLB and #LBwaterfun.

The new belmont plaza pool is important to me. I grew up swimming, diving, and playing waterloo there. I earned a full athletic scholarship to The University of Hawaii, because of access to the the Belmont Plaza Pool facility. The Belmont Plaza Pool is a big part of the Long Beach community. Many star athletes and olympians have come out of Long Beach, CA because of our Belmont Pool. I really look forward to my children one day participating in aquatic sports there. We must rebuild the pool that was promised to us.

I hope each council member can read my email.  
Thank you for your time.  
Raquel D. Bartlow

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Shelly Santoro <shellybellysantoro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 4:49 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** To LB CITY COUNCIL

Please deny the appeals for the Belmont Plaza pool RIB PROJECT to allow for a new facility to be built which would meet the needs of the entire swimming community and the citizens of Long Beach!

Thank you

Shelly Santoro

Las Vegas Masters Swimming and former Belmont Shores CIF competitor!

Sent from my iPhone

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Mary Parsell <mfp2001@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 4:46 PM  
**To:** CityClerk; Council District 4; Council District 5; suzie@suzieprice.com; Tom Modica; Amy Bodek; Mark Hungerford; joe weinstien; Jeannine Pearce; Council District 2; Council District 3; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 9; Daryl Supernaw; Lena Gonzalez; Stacy Mungo; Dee Andrews; Al Austin; Rex Richardson  
**Cc:** joe weinstien; Anna Chistensen Los Cerritos; Melinda Cotton; jeff.miller@csulb.edu; Ann Cantrell  
**Subject:** May 15, 2017 Belmont Plaza Pool Appeal --El Dorado Audubon Comments -- Belmont Pool Final EIR, March 2 Planning Commission  
**Attachments:** Belmont Shore\_4-21-08 [herons].jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-22-08 [birds]\_003.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_011.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_040.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_045.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_047.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_052.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_053.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_055.jpg; Belmont Shore\_4-23-08 [birds]\_062.jpg; BelmontShore\_3-11-07.jpg; BelmontShore\_3-24-13\_1.jpg; BelmontShore\_3-24-13[4050].jpg; BelmontShore\_3-24-13[4062].jpg; BelmontShore\_3-24-13[4169].jpg; BelmontShore\_3-24-13[4195].jpg; BelmontShore\_4-27-10.jpg; BelmontShore\_4-27-10[9759].jpg; BelmontShore\_12-22-10.jpg

*from the desk of Mary Parsell, Conservation Chair*  
El Dorado Audubon Society

May 15, 2017  
4:45 p.m.

City Clerk, City of Long Beach  
RE: City Council Meeting, May 16, 2017  
Belmont Pool Appeal

Agenda Item # 2 file 17-0371, May 16, 2017 City Council Hearing, this letter is in response, please include in the public record

If I be of assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me at 562/252-5825, *email: mfp2001@hotmail.com (checked once a day).*

For the birds,

Mary

Mary Parsell  
Conservation Chair, El Dorado Audubon

cc: Joe Weinstien, CARP, Ann Cantrell, CARP  
Jeff Miller, Melinda Cotton, Anna Christensen

**From:** Mary Parsell <mfp2001@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 2, 2017 3:35 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford; heidi Eidson clerk PC  
**Subject:** Fw: Belmont Pool Final EIR, March 2 Planning Commission

El Dorado Audubon Society  
PO Box 90713  
Long Beach, CA 90815

*Mission: Conservation of Native Birds and their Habitats and Education*

March 2, 2017  
3:30 p.m.

Mr. Mark Hungerford  
cc: Ms. Heidi Eidson

Long Beach Planning Commission Members  
City of Long Beach, Development Services, Planning Dept.

RE: Final EIR, Belmont Pool, Planning Commission meeting, March 2, 2017

Dear Planning Commission Members  
Attn: Mr. Hungerford,

Our mission is conservation of native birds and their habitats and education to our members and the community. Our concerns are as follows:

1. We are concerned that the design of the building is a hazard to birds on the Pacific Flyway. See a recent news article -- The Vikings' shiny new stadium is a giant death trap for birds.

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/sports/nfl/the-vikings%E2%80%99-shiny-new-stadium-is-a-giant-death-trap-for-birds/ar-AAAnEgdJ?ocid=HPCDHP>



The Vikings' shiny new stadium is a giant death trap for k

[www.msn.com](http://www.msn.com)

Birds beware.

2. We are concerned with the loss of mature trees in Belmont Plaza Park where Black-crowned Night Herons and Snowy Egrets have nested for many years. Where are the trees to replace the loss of nesting trees? Is it possible to plant trees on the site of the temporary pool? Herons and egrets are protected species on the Coastal areas by the California Coastal Act and California Coastal Commission. We have asked city staff in the past about a site to plant trees that would be of the size that herons and egrets could nest in and no solution to this has been offered.

3. Photos are attached of Black-crowned Night Herons nesting in Belmont Plaza Park  
Photos taken of birds in the trees by Belmont Pool, ranging from 2007 to 2013. Photos of birds in the trees by Belmont Plaza Pool from 2007 to 2013. The nesting Black-crowned Night Herons and Snowy Egrets are one of the annual treasures of the area. Photos were taken by Howard Freshman.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mary

Mary Parsell  
Conservation Chair, El Dorado Audubon  
Email for purposes of this communication: [mfp2001@hotmail.com](mailto:mfp2001@hotmail.com)

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** FRANK CAMPBELL <fcamp@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 4:28 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Cc:** FRANK CAMPBELL  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

I have spent many days swimming at Belmont Plaza. I have missed not going to meets in Long Beach. I swam in the 1970s at high school meets, Pac 10's and National level meets, at Belmont. When I returned from the University of Oregon, I moved to Long Beach because of those great experiences. When my kids started swimming we started to go back. We would get hotel rooms and spend money at Belmont shore and downtown.

Long Beach can get back to being the Aquatic Capital of the West coast with the proposed pool. I have visited Federal Way multiple times a year for swim meets, and would rather spend my money in Long Beach at the hotels and restaurants. #aquaticsLB

I live in La Canada and once month due to business I swim in the outdoor pool in Long Beach. I am amazed out how busy the pool is. Long Beach should be the leader in water safety and learn to swim and I believe the new pool will be help with this mission. #LBwaterfun

Please forward email to other city Council members

Please deny the EIR  
Frank Campbell  
Swimmer  
5089 Fallhaven Lane  
La Canada Ca 91011

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Tim O'Brien <tobrienusa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 4:25 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool Project

Dear Members of the Long Beach City Council,

As a former athlete that competed in the Belmont Plaza facility for years and a USA Olympic Coach, I encourage you to move forward with the plans for the new facility and deny any appeals to do otherwise.

I live in Fort Lauderdale where we also have a world class aquatic center sitting on the ocean. The City recently voted to proceed with millions of dollars in renovations because of the dollars that will come to the City for events, the value of providing healthy sports for kids AND the importance of having a place where children learn to swim and handle themselves safely in the water.

This project has been unanimously approved by the City Council twice. This positively affects residents of

This project will be the pride of Long Beach and the swimming and diving communities worldwide will come to your city to compete and spend their tourism dollars.

Sincerely,

Tim O'Brien  
NCAA All-American  
2000 U.S.A. Olympic Coach

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Lucy Streeter, <hidiverlws@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 4:13 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Mark Hungerford

Mark,

Can you please forward this to each member of the LB City counsel.

To: Members of the Long Beach City Counsel,

Please do not DENY the appeals to the EIR for Belmont plaza pool project. This pool helps so many in your community!  
Please!

Water Aerobics is a non impact sport and soothes the soul.

Swimming is so important to our youth.

Children need to learn how to swim so we don't have drowning accidents!

Diving is so much fun!

These activities are so necessary.

Please, Please, Please

support this most important project.

Sincerely,

Lucy Streeter

#AquaticsLB

#LBwaterfun

Sent from my iPhone

## **Mark Hungerford**

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**From:** Debra Morimoto <DebraMorimoto@calpanel.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 4:11 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIRfor the Belmont Plaza pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council,c/o Mark Hungerford.

Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project,#aquaticsLB and #LBwaterfun

This pool is needed for the region and the community.

Debra Morimoto  
4108 Pine Ave  
Long Beach, Ca 90807

**Debra Morimoto**

**Cal Panel**

**562-897-2087**

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** albecarrie@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 3:17 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool Project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford:

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project!

This project had been unanimously approved by the City Council twice. This positively affects residents of every district in the City and surrounding cities. I was brought up with the Belmont Pool and it was something we had been very proud of. Our kids all learned to swim, dive or play water polo there. We need a safe place for the future generations to learn water safety. This project will be the pride of Long Beach.

Please forward this to each City Council member.

There have already been far too many delays. While I understand there are objections, the benefits of this project far outweigh the difficulties. I support a Long Beach that will make us proud and attract national and world-wide supporters and visitors. (Think Olympics!)

Sincerely,  
Carol Ostberg  
676 Loma Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90814

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** drno5150@netscape.net  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 2:39 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool Project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

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Please forward this to each City Council member.

Sincerely,

Charles Collins

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Mackenzie Schuler <kenzschuler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 2:23 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Belmont Plaza Pool

Dear Members of the Long Beach City Council (c/o Mark Hungerford),

I am writing to ask that you please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project.

This pool has been integral in my life and so many others. Supporting Belmont is supporting a healthy California.

Thank you,

Mackenzie Schuler  
Texas Christian University Swimming 2011-2015

#aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun

Sent from my iPhone

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Kellie woodworth <kelliewoodworth@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 2:05 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project!

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Please forward this to each City Council member.

Sincerely

Kellie Woodworth

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** SilverPeak Performance <silverpeakperformance@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 2:02 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Belmont Pool

Mark Hungerford

My name is Charles McPeak I am a local swim coach and grew up around my pool and others in the area and was shocked when I heard that that pool is in danger. The pool has been part of Long Beach and the swimming community for a very long time. So I am asking you to please Deny appeals to EIR for Belmont Plaza pool project." #aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun. It will be a tragedy in the community if we lose another safe spot where people can enjoy swimming and fitness.

Thank you

Charles McPeak

SilverPeakPerformance@gmail.com

## **Mark Hungerford**

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**From:** Andrea Matiauda <asmatiauda@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 1:19 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Belmont Pool

### **HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL**

My name is Andrea Matiauda and I am a resident of Long Beach and reside at 293 Granada Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90803. The purpose of this email is to encourage the Members of the Long Beach City Council to **DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT**. This project is critical to Long Beach maintaining its status as the Aquatics Capital of the United States. This project is great for the City of Long Beach and all of its unique communities and should continue to move forward to completion. The Belmont Pool Project's economic benefits to the City of Long Beach are immeasurable.

**AGAIN, PLEASE DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT.**

Thank you.

Regards,  
Andrea Matiauda

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Suzanne Caron <suzanne@flightschoolgymnastics.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 1:14 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool Project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

“If we build it, they will come”. I know it’s a bit corny and straight out of Field of Dreams, However, it’s true. I built it and they came. I am owner of Flight School Gymnastics in Torrance Ca I built Flight School from nothing, We started with zero kids and after 3 and half years later, I have 750 students. The reason we are successful is kids sports. Like gymnastics, swimming and diving bring a sense of community and is so craved today. With our crazy changing times, it’s now more important than ever to get kids off the couch, away from their phones and off social media. They need this pool! Not just for McCormick Divers, but for the future of our community and the future of our children. Long Beach had that and will again when the Belmont Pool is built. If you build it, they will come. And Long Beach will get back the gathering point that is so needed.

**Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project!**

This project had been unanimously approved by the City Council twice. This positively affects residents of every district in the City and surrounding cities. This project will be the pride of Long Beach.

Please forward this to each City Council member.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Caron  
Owner, Flight School Gymnastics

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Sergei C <scswimming@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 1:10 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny EIR appeals for Belmont Plaza pool project!

Dear Mr. Hungerford and members of the Long Beach City Council. Please deny EIR appeals for the Belmont Plaza Pool project. I am a member of USA Masters Swimming organization and a life-long recreational and competitive swimmer.

The city of Long Beach will greatly benefit and residents greatly served from such a modern facility as proposed Belmont Plaza Aquatics Complex.

**PLEASE DENY EIR APPEALS FOR BELMONT PLAZA POOL.**

Sincerely,

Sergei Cemenenkoff

850 E. Ocean Blvd, #312

Long Beach, CA 90802

(562) 253-5792

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** John and Suzanne Caron <jandscaron@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 1:02 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool Project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project!

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Please forward this to each City Council member.

Sincerely,

John Caron

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Tyler Jean <tylbjean@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 12:47 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Keep Belmont Pool Alive

Dear Members of the Long Beach City Council (c/o Mark Hungerford),

I am writing to ask that you please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project.

This pool has been integral in my life and so many others. Supporting Belmont is supporting a healthy California.

Thank you,

Tyler Jean  
UC Santa Barbara Swimming 2011-2015

#aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Parrington, David Neale <parrin00@utk.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool Project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford,

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project!

This project had been unanimously approved by the City Council twice. This positively affects residents of every district in the City and surrounding cities.

In my capacity as Diving Coach at the University of Tennessee Swimming and Diving Team the Belmont Plaza pool has very significant historical significance to all Tennessee Volunteer alumni in that we won the 1978 NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Team Championship there. We would love nothing more than to return to a new venue on the same site and try to win it there again. We talk to all of our in-coming freshmen of the significance of Long Beach in 78!

This project will be the pride of Long Beach. Rest assured the NCAA will return there, not to mention USA Diving, USA Swimming and both and International swimming and diving meets. It will provide an incredible site for generations to come for the residents in the area to learn to swim, dive, play water polo, synchro swim possibly and watch world class events. [#aquaticsLB](#)

As they say 'Build it and they will come'. These big events will provide economic well-being to the area as well as pride. [#LBwaterfun](#)

Please forward this to each City Council member.

Sincerely,

Dave Parrington

**Head Diving Coach**

University of Tennessee | Allan Jones Aquatic Center  
2200 Andy Holt Ave. | Knoxville, TN 37996  
Office: 865.974.8102 | Cell: 865-384-5974 | Fax: 865.974.1287



**TENNESSEE**  
SWIMMING & DIVING

## **Mark Hungerford**

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**From:** Shaun Bradley <SBradley@metahousing.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 12:20 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** BELMONT POOL PROJECT

**HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL:**

My name is Shaun Bradley and I am a resident of Long Beach and reside at 55 Park Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90803. The purpose of this email is to encourage the Members of the Long Beach City Council to **DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT**. This project is **critical** to Long Beach maintaining its status as the Aquatics Capital of the United States. This project is great for the City of Long Beach and all of its unique communities and should continue to move forward to completion. The Belmont Pool Project's economic benefits to the City of Long Beach are immeasurable. **AGAIN, PLEASE DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT**. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Shaun C. Bradley

**Mark Hungerford**

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**From:** Lisa Dissman <ljdisman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 12:12 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** DENY all appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool Project.

**HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL**

**My name is Lisa Dissman and I am a resident of Long Beach and reside at 5254 E. Appian Way Long Beach, CA 90803. The purpose of this email is to encourage the Members of the Long Beach City Council to DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT. This project is critical to Long Beach maintaining its status as the Aquatics Capital of the United States. This project is great for the City of Long Beach and all of its unique communities and should continue to move forward to completion. The Belmont Pool Project's economic benefits to the City of Long Beach are immeasurable. AGAIN, PLEASE DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT.**

**Thank you.**

Lisa Dissman  
562-719-7551

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Kevin McVerry <Kevin@mcverrylaw.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 11:54 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Cc:** suzie@suzieAprice.com  
**Subject:** Belmont Plaza Pool EIR

Dear Mr. Hungerford,

As a longtime member of the swimming community I want you to know that I have had the privilege of swimming at the Belmont Plaza pool going back to the 1960s.

I can also recall that Long Beach has been the site of at least 2 US Olympic Trial swim meets going just a few years ago as well as the late 1960s early 1970s.

Long Beach holds a unique and wonderful position in the aquatics community in Southern California, the United States and even the world.

I am hopeful that the Council will **deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project.**

I thank you for your consideration.

**#aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun.**

Kevin Patrick McVerry  
751 Daily Drive, Ste. #325  
Camarillo, CA 93010  
(805) 484-5600 (Office)  
(805) 484-1622 (Fax)  
(805) 444-6669 (Cell)  
[kevin@mcverrylaw.com](mailto:kevin@mcverrylaw.com)  
[www.mcverrylaw.com](http://www.mcverrylaw.com)

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Amy Opheim <amysnowopheim@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 11:38 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford,

As the parent of a competitive diver who dives with McCormick divers, I am writing to ask you to deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project. We desperately need this facility in order to continue our training, as do hundreds of other Long Beach athletes. Not to mention the income this facility will generate for our city through the local, state, regional, and national events that will be hosted there.

Please forward this request to each council member on my behalf.

Thank you,

Amy Opheim  
C3 Marketing and Copywriting  
[amysnowopheim@gmail.com](mailto:amysnowopheim@gmail.com)  
[www.c3copywriting.com](http://www.c3copywriting.com)  
562.972.1855



**#aquaticsLB** and **#LBwaterfun**

## **Mark Hungerford**

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**From:** Peter Knapp <pknapp1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 11:35 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council-

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project. This project has been thoroughly studied and vetted with the community, and has been delayed far too long. Aquatics is too important to this community to see this project jeopardized. The temporary pool is already starting to show its age, and the city needs to move forward. Thank you, Peter Knapp, Masters swimmer, Age group swim coach, Catalina Channel swimmer

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** John Lee <jl906090@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 11:14 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Cc:** suzie@suzieaprice.com; Registrar@spmasterswim.org  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project, #aquaticsLB and #LBwaterfun.

To: Members of the Long Beach City Council c/o Mark Hungerford

Dear Mr. Hungerford: You have had an extensive, thorough Environmental Impact Report covering all the salient, pertinent issues, and approving the Belmont Plaza Pool Project.. Appeals to it are unnecessary and a waste of council's time and taxpayer's money. Please Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project. (#aquaticsLB and #LBwaterfun.) Please precede with the project with all haste to meet the overwhelming community needs, the facility is to provide.

Thank you for your time and the council's consideration.

Best Regards,

John Lee  
Member Southern Pacific LMSC and USAT

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Phil Bond <Phil.Bond@fmb.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 11:12 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT

**HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL**

My name is Phil Bond and I am a resident of Long Beach and reside at 510 Los Altos Ave, Long Beach, CA 90814. The purpose of this email is to encourage the Members of the Long Beach City Council to DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT. This project is critical to Long Beach maintaining its status as the Aquatics Capital of the United States. This project is great for the City of Long Beach and all of its unique communities and should continue to move forward to completion. The Belmont Pool Project's economic benefits to the City of Long Beach are immeasurable.

**AGAIN, PLEASE DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT. T**

Thank you.

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## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Rich <richafirm@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 11:08 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Belmont Pool Construction

Hello Mr. Hungerford,

I urge you and your city council to continue the approval of the reconstruction of the Belmont Plaza Pool. When the pool was operational I averaged 3-4 trips a year to your city to participate in swimming and water polo competitions. Traveling from the Central Coast of California I would bring teams of up to 30 athletes to stay 3-4 nights in your city. We always enjoyed our stays there!

Coach Firman  
PUMA Aquatics  
(Formally) Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Charis Hoppe <choppe@sansum.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 10:45 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Belmont Pool

Dear Members of the Long Beach City Council (c/o Mark Hungerford),

**I am writing to ask that you please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project.**

This pool has been integral in my life and so many others. Supporting Belmont is supporting a healthy California!

Thank you,

Charis Hoppe  
UC Santa Barbara Swimming 2012-2016  
Team Captain

**#aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun**

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## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Kim O'Shea <execdirscs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 10:45 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project

Dear Mark Hungerford, Members of the Long Beach City Council and Planning Commissioners:

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project.

The facility could provide invaluable water safety services as well as competitions that would have a positive economic impact in the community of Long Beach.

If Southern California Swimming can be of assistance in any way, please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration.

#aquaticsLB and#LBwaterfun.

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Thank you!

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## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Amy Royle <saroyle2002@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 9:25 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the Appeal to the EIR for Belmont Plaza Pool Project

To All City of Long Beach Councilmembers,

I am writing you to express my support for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project and ask that you **deny the appeals to the EIR** for said project. Long Beach has always prided itself in its rich aquatic history and moving forward with a state of the art aquatic center is vital in continuing that legacy. #aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun

Thank you,

Amy Royle  
3rd District Resident

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Kristin Mendenhall <krismedenhall@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 9:02 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Approve EIR for Belmont Plaza Pool Project, #aquatics LB

Mr. Hungerford,

I write to support approval of the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project. I grew up in Southern California and was a competitive swimmer for most of my life. We always looked forward to our meets at Belmont Plaza. It was a great setting and a great pool. I was lucky enough to watch one of my teammates qualify for the Olympics at the pool. I also attended CIF meets as a coach for a local high school and watched college water polo games there as a Pac-12 alum. The pool has provided great services for every water sport. For swimming in Southern California, Belmont Plaza should remain one of the premier swimming sites in the nation so that Southern California continues its storied history in the sport. The pool's presence benefits the City because we are good visitors, spending money at the local restaurants and not disrupting local activities. It also brings positive national attention to the area.

Kristin Mendenhall

South Pasadena, CA

US Masters Swimmer and former AAU Swimmer with El Monte Aquatics

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** brussell@eastdilsecured.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 8:52 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Belmont Pool

Honorable Mayor and Members of The Long Beach City Council,

My name is Brian Russell and I am a resident of Long Beach and reside at 20 Laguna Place, Long Beach, CA 90803. The purpose of this email is to encourage the Members of the Long Beach City Council to DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT. This project is critical to Long Beach maintaining its status as the Aquatics Capital of the United States. This project is great for the City of Long Beach and all of its unique communities and should continue to move forward to completion. The Belmont Pool Project's economic benefits to the City of Long Beach are immeasurable. AGAIN, PLEASE DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT. Thank you.

Best,

Brian Russell  
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## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Dennis Rice <Dennis.Rice@ridgedevelopment.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 8:14 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** PLEASE FORWARD TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT

### HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL

My name is Dennis Rice and I am a resident of Long Beach and reside at 340 Corona Ave, Long Beach, CA 90803. The purpose of this email is to encourage the Members of the Long Beach City Council to **DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT**. This project is critical to Long Beach maintaining its status as the Aquatics Capital of the United States. This project is great for the City of Long Beach and all its communities and should continue to move forward to completion. The Belmont Pool Project's economic benefits to the City of Long Beach are immeasurable. **AGAIN, PLEASE DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT**. Thank you.

#aquaticsLB and #LBwaterfun

\*\*\* please note new temporary address below \*\*\*

**Dennis Rice**  
Executive Vice President

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## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Amanda Ellery <amandajohnnykatie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 8:12 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Fwd: Belmont Pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council,

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool project so the pool construction can move forward for swimmers of all ages and abilities.

Thank you,  
Amanda Ellery

#aquaticsLB  
#LBwaterfun

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Sean Dunbar <sdunbar265@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 8:02 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council c/o Mark Hungerford:

Hello. I'm a resident of the 3rd district here in Long Beach.

I'm writing to ask that the city council deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project.

I believe the pool would bring tremendous benefits to the city of long beach and should be built as quickly as possible.

This aquatics complex will be capable of meeting everyones needs including both recreation and athletics. It will be able to host large swim meets and water polo tournaments. These tournaments are typically 2-3 days long, so hosting these tournaments will increase revenue for both local hotels and restaurants.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sean Dunbar

#aquaticsLB  
#LBwaterfun

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Jacqueline Corcoran <jacqueline.corcoran.2008@lawmail.usc.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 6:38 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford:

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project. As a lifelong swimmer, I cannot think of a community gathering space that has more significance. A pool in Long Beach celebrates fitness, recreation, competition, and the year-round sunshine in Southern California. The pool is where I automatically head to burn off work stress and see my friends. At a time when people have become increasingly sedentary and focused on screens, a pool speaks to the values of our community, including engaging in physical activity, interacting socially, and modeling positive behavior for our children. Please deny the appeals for the pool project so members of the community of all ages have the opportunity to experience the same passion for the water that I know so well. Thank you for your time. #aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun

Jacqueline Greene

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Loren Kaiser <loren.kaiser@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 10:23 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Belmont Pool Project Support

Dear Members of the Long Beach City Council (c/o: Mark Hungerford)

I'm sending this note as a Belmont Shore resident to send my full support for the Belmont pool project. As a kid I fondly remember swimming there and now I have my daughter Haley beginning Junior lifeguards this Summer here in the shore. My son Cooper is 6 and will follow after her when he is of age. LB Aquatics is a special thing we have going and need to continue.

It is my hope that someday both of my children will swim in an amazing new facility that will continue make Long Beach an aquatic leader. Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont pool project. We need it for our kids, community, etc!

#aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun

Please do what you can council!!

Loren Kaiser  
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5215 E Broadway st  
Long Beach, CA 90803

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Judy Donie <judydonie@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 10:07 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

Dear Mr. Hungerford,

I sincerely hope that you will forward this email to all of the members of the Long Beach City Council.

I urge the Council to deny the protests to this wonderful and much needed project, the rebuilding of the Belmont Plaza pool.

I would like to say that Diving has been a part of my life for the past 40 years.

While I don't live in Long Beach, I have been at the pool there and have watched very talented young people learn, practice, and compete in Diving.

I know what a positive influence this sport can have on young impressionable people.

I know that it can turn lives to a good and positive direction.

I know this because I saw what it did for my son, who did dive in meets at the original pool.

He went on to become an Olympic medalist and even more important, a caring and productive adult who now trains young people who live in his city, New York.

Thank you for taking the time to let me share my opinion and story.

I was a Swimming Coach for many years and firmly believe that this sport is also critically needed for our youth.

I look forward to hearing that this project for the betterment of the youth of Long Beach has been approved.

Yours,  
Judy Donie

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## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Steve Kraemer <steve@wcrsi.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 9:10 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Fwd: Belmont Pool Update - Urgent request to all!

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford  
([mark.hungerford@longbeach.gov](mailto:mark.hungerford@longbeach.gov)).

I live at 278 Argonne Ave., Long Beach, CA. I am neither into swimming or diving. That being said I fully support all the people who are trying to rebuild the Belmont Plaza pool. Long Beach it's not a surfing community, what a water sport community including swimming water polo and diving. Do not Be the city Council who is remembered as the council who ended Long Beach's identity as a waterman haven and one of the best cities to succeed in water sports. Unequivocally I say:

**Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project and move the project forward post haste. Too much time has already been wasted in dilatory objections.**

**Did anyone have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.**

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## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** SUSAN MILLER <mpshogrl@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 7:20 PM  
**To:** Tom Modica; Eric Lopez; Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** May 16th City Council meeting/ADA accommodations

Hi Tom, Eric and Mark,

The Hearing about Belmont Pool is on Tuesday, May 16th City Council agenda. I have a fractured vertebrae and have been in a body brace for months. I am out of the brace but lost substantial muscle tone. I can not stand or sit for very long and can not do stairs. I want to do public comment on Tuesday night but need to have ADA accommodations to assist me. I would appreciate that a straight back chair be at the table at the top/back of the audience of the Council chambers with a microphone so I can sit during my public speaking time. Also, please inform the Mayor or whomever to please look up & to call me to speak since I am unable to stand in line to make public comment at the podium microphone.

I would appreciate a return email acknowledging my ADA accommodations will be handled.

Regards,  
Susan Miller

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Melinda Cotton <mbcotton@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 4:00 PM  
**To:** Suzie Price; Mayor; Council District 1; Council District 2; Council District 5; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 8; Council District 4; Council District 9  
**Cc:** Tom Modica; Patrick West; Amy Bodek; Charles Parkin; Michael Mais; Mark Hungerford; CityClerk; Heidi Eidson  
**Subject:** Please protect the public and valuable public structures from sea level rise, wave action, shoreline erosion, etc. - BBAC Hearing May 16th  
**Attachments:** Coastal Commission May 11 Letter re BBAC.pdf; FY17 Cap Improv Pgm Unfunded Projects New.pdf; Black Final Ltr to City 2-7-17.pdf

Dear Councilmember Suzie Price, Mayor Robert Garcia, Vice-Mayor Rex Richardson and Councilmembers Gonzalez, Pearce, Supernaw, Mungo, Andrews, Uranga, and Austin,

I'm sure you all have read carefully the California Coastal Commission's letter of May 11th (attached) regarding the proposed location of the Belmont Beach & Aquatic Center. The Commission letter details the many problems and concerns related to expected sea level rise, wave action, shoreline erosion, etc. along the coast in Belmont Shore. The warning is clear: "Commission staff believes that the best practice is to avoid locating new development in hazardous areas subject to sea level rise and shoreline erosion."

I urge you to take that letter to heart, and ask City Staff to reevaluate the plan to locate the BBAC on the beach, and find an alternate location.

In recent months, we've experienced storms that wrenched two docks from the Belmont Pier, overflowed the Pier and beach parking lots, and nearly combined with a King Tide that could have caused even more exceptional damage - according to Dr. Juliette Finzi Hart, USC Dornslife/Sea Grant Program and Dr. Timu W. Gallien, Scripps Institution of Oceanography who spoke at a Climate Change event at the Aquarium of the Pacific in January.

And in March our Councilmember Suzie Price hosted a "Tsunami Evacuation Walk" beginning at the Belmont Pier featuring local earthquake and tsunami experts to help highlight the need for tsunami preparedness. All of this serves as evidence that building a very large, very expensive facility serving thousands of young people and swimmers, divers and water polo participants, their coaches, families and enthusiastic fans is a very bad idea.

Please reconsider.

The location also demands especially expensive construction techniques - with expected costs in excess of \$103 million. The expensive facility would use up tens of millions of Tideland Fund dollars that are badly needed for other beach and tideland related projects. The FY17 Budget showed \$358 million in Unfunded Tidelands Project Requests (see attached list of 53 unfunded projects, including the dilapidated Belmont Pier, the obsolete Lifeguard/Marine Safety Headquarters in District 2, the Leeway Sailing Center, etc. ).

There are other issues as well: The Aquatic Center is not consistent with the Site Plan Review Findings. It is not "compatible in design, character, and scale with neighboring structures and the community in which it is located". Current height limits of 25'-30' and zoning have been memorialized in the City's Local Coastal Program certified by the California Coastal Commission. Nearby businesses and residences are predominantly two stories.

This entire area surrounding the proposed project is officially designated by the City of Long Beach as a Parking Impacted area. Vehicle traffic in the area from Downtown Long Beach on Ocean Blvd. continuing on through Livingston and 2nd Street in Belmont Shore is highly congested. And since the DEIR was issued the City has imposed a "Road Diet" on the segment of Ocean Blvd. east bound from Termino, reducing vehicle access to the project area to a single lane in each direction. Access is further hindered by the planned closing of Olympic Plaza Drive to vehicle traffic. This congested area cannot handle the more than 4,250 spectators and hundreds of participants coming and going from the Aquatic Center that are called for in the EIR. The EIR was conducted before Olympix Fitness (a health club replacing Yankee Doodles) opened, with an allowed capacity of more than 500 and no parking of its own. And Councilmember Price recently told the Council about the large increase of beachgoers in this area, enjoying the ocean and sand itself, playing volleyball, biking and walking/running on the beach paths, taking their dogs to Rosie's Dog Beach, etc.

In fact parking in Belmont Shore and adjacent coastal areas has become so congested for residents, visitors and businesses that at the February 14, 2017 City Council meeting, Councilmembers Suzie Price, Jeannine Pearce and Roberto Uranga asked staff to review the feasibility of residential parking permit programs in coastal areas and possible residential use of beach parking lots.

The Pool EIR itself recognizes the expected traffic and parking impacts on surrounding residents and businesses by requiring an Event Traffic Management Plan for all events drawing more than 450 spectators. "Flag men", off-site parking and shuttle service are noted as expected requirements to handle the congestion, although there exists no convenient 'off-site' parking in the area.

In addition, the area does not have the necessary hotels, restaurants, and other facilities to handle the large crowds of people desired and expected for aquatic events.

The proposed Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center would best be located in downtown Tidelands sites noted in the EIR, such as the "Elephant Lot" at the Long Beach Convention Center. While the EIR dismissed several downtown Tidelands locations, in June of 2016, when George Lucas of Star Wars fame was looking for a site for his Museum, Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia publicly "tweeted" "Hey @lucasmuseum, this is the Mayor of Long Beach. Would love to have you in Downtown LB on the water. Let's talk." @RobertGarciaLB June 24 Certainly if this Tidelands site was available to the Lucas Museum, it should also be available for the hometown BBAC. The Convention Center site is also expected to be used for a large temporary pool to serve 2024 Olympic Games water polo competition.

As Alternative 2 in the EIR points out, the existing \$5.3 temporary pool can be made permanent at a nominal cost with added permanent facilities. Along with the two existing outdoor pools these three pools can well serve the Belmont Shore and 3rd District community pool needs.

I will not go into additional deficiencies of the EIR and lack of CEQA compliance, as it is well laid out in the letter to Planning Commission from Attorney Michelle Black of the respected law firm Chatten-Brown & Carstens. Ms. Black sent the attached letter to the City's Development Services Department on Feb. 7th challenging the City's EIR/CEQA process and demanding recirculation and revision of the Pool EIR. *(I have attached her letter)*

Another major issue is the unknown final cost of the BBAC and \$1.8 million projected yearly operating and maintenance costs that will be borne by the City's Parks Department. The Parks and Recreation Department budget comes out of the General Fund, and additional BBAC costs will have citywide affects.

For all these reasons, and more, I request that the Council uphold the Appeal, deny the requested project entitlements and require that the Belmont Beach & Aquatic Center Environmental Impact Report (EIR) be revised and reissued the other issues denied.

Thank you.

Melinda Cotton

Belmont Shore resident of 34 years

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February 7, 2017

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*Via email* [craig.chalfant@longbeach.gov](mailto:craig.chalfant@longbeach.gov)

Re: Environmental Impact Report for the Belmont Pool Revitalization  
Project, SCH No. 2013041063

Dear Mr. Chalfant:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Long Beach resident, Gordana Kajer, as part of the environmental process for the Belmont Pool Revitalization Project (“Project”), also known as the Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center.

As the City has acknowledged, the Municipal Code requires the installation of story poles to provide City residents and officials with information about the scope, size, and view impacts that the Belmont Pool Revitalization Project will have that the City and the public can determine whether the project, as proposed, is appropriate or desirable. (Long Beach Municipal Code section 21.21.302(5)(b).) Similarly, the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) was enacted to ensure that government officials and the public are informed about a project’s potential environmental impacts *before* any final decisions about a project are made. (*No Oil, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles* (1975) 13 Cal.3d 68.) These impacts include impacts on views, aesthetics, and recreation. (see, e.g., *Ocean View Estates Homeowners Ass’n, Inc. v. Montecito Water Dist.* (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th 396.)

The Belmont Pool Revitalization Project will construct a 125,500 square foot indoor-outdoor pool and café complex in the place of the 45,595 square foot pool complex that was recently demolished. (DEIR p. 3-25.) In addition to tripling the size of the building onsite, the Project will also increase the height of the building that will house the indoor pool to 71 feet. (*Ibid.*) When the 7-foot-tall concrete base is included, the Project building will be 78 feet tall – 18 feet and nearly two stories higher than the highest point of the former pool building. (December 15, 2016 Planning Commission Staff Report, p. 1.) The draft EIR failed to account for the height of the concrete base in

its descriptions of the Project, misleading the public about its impacts, until the final EIR and errata were released in August 2016. The bubble structure will be 300 feet long, when measured north to south and measure 200 feet long, east to west. As a result, the Belmont Pool Revitalization Project will be more prominent and of much greater mass and scale than the previous building, and ocean views from E. Ocean Boulevard, S. Termino Street, and E. Midway Street will be diminished. The building's additional height will also block ocean views from further away than under the former pool building. The Project will dominate eastward views from those strolling the Belmont Pier. (Fig. 4.1.3, 4.1.6) While private views will also be affected, these are *public* views, protected by CEQA, the California Coastal Act (Pub. Resources Code § 30251 ["Permitted development shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along the ocean and scenic coast areas"]), and the City's General Plan (*see, e.g.*, Open Space and Recreation Element—Policy 1.2). Public views inland of sky and trees of boaters and of users of the beach pedestrian and bike paths will be impeded.

On December 15, 2016, the City agreed to install a single story pole at the Project site in an attempt to satisfy Long Beach Municipal Code section 21.21.302(5)(b). Although, as evidenced by the public challenge to the City's failure to require sufficient poles, multiple story poles would provide the public and City officials with a greater understanding of the Project's scope, size, and its impacts on public and private ocean views, even the installation of the contemplated single pole is important to understand the impacts of the Project. As the City noted in the staff report accompanying the adoption of the story pole ordinance, "When story poles are in place, observers can get an accurate sense of the size and scale of proposed construction projects." (August 19, 2008 City Council Staff Report, p. 2.) Unfortunately, we have been informed that the City will not be revising or recirculating the final environmental impact report (EIR) prepared for the Project, which was released in September 2016.

The City's refusal to revise the final EIR to include the information obtained from story pole installation and to recirculate the final EIR is contrary to state law (CEQA) and the City's Municipal Code. First, the entire purpose of the story pole requirement is to demonstrate to the public a project's size, scale, mass, and impact on views so that this information is available during the public hearings and City consideration of a project. Section 21.21.302 (5)(b) provides, "Building height variance applicants shall erect story poles which accurately represent the full extent of the proposed structure...including decks and eaves." In order to provide sufficient time for the public and City decisionmakers to see the poles, they are required to be installed "at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the first public hearing." (*Ibid.*) The Code also requires story poles to "remain in place through the end of the appeal period."



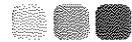
The City's EIR aggregates information about a project, including its size, scale, and impact on views and aesthetics for the ease of the public and City officials. The failure to incorporate into the EIR the information derived from story pole installation negates the purpose of the Municipal Code requirement. A law should not be construed so as to render its purpose ineffective. (*People v. Pieters* (1991) 52 Cal.3d 894, 901.)

Second, the failure to incorporate the information obtained from story pole installation is contrary to the requirement that the City "find out and disclose all that it reasonably can." (CEQA Guidelines § 15144.) Since the City is required to install the story pole, it is perfectly reasonable to include the information obtained from that installation in the EIR. This is particularly important, given that the final EIR did not thoroughly disclose the Project's adverse aesthetic impacts.

Moreover, while the CEQA baseline for analysis is normally the existing environmental conditions at the time the Notice of Preparation is released, it must be noted that the previous building was demolished in February of 2015, opening long-obstructed views of the beach and ocean to members of the public, nearby residents, and users of the pedestrian and bicycle paths. Thus, the current baseline for analysis of the Project's aesthetic impacts is this wide open viewshed, all of which will be obstructed by the Project's construction. This is a significant impact on ocean and beach views that have been enjoyed for two years. The loss of these public and private views should be disclosed, analyzed, and mitigated to the extent possible.

Finally, CEQA requires recirculation of an EIR whenever significant new information is added. (CEQA Guidelines § 15088.5.) Significant new information includes "new data" such as that which will be generated by the story pole. (CEQA Guidelines § 15088.5 (a).) Since the story pole will be the best demonstration yet of the Project's scope and scale, its impact on aesthetics, and its impacts on public and private scenic views, it will be significant new information that requires recirculation before the City may approve the Belmont Pool Revitalization Project.

We are further informed that on December 14, 2016, the night before the Planning Commission meeting regarding the story poles, the City's website link to the "Aesthetics" chapter of the EIR was nonfunctional. Ms. Kajer confirmed with Long Beach Development Services staff that the website link was broken, and that it was a "known issue" the City was working to resolve. Consequently, the full EIR was unavailable for review and comment during the public comment period as required by CEQA. Recirculation of the EIR is required to satisfy CEQA's public participation purpose. Environmental review derives its vitality from public participation. (*Ocean View Estates Homeowners Ass'n, Inc. v. Montecito Water Dist.* (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th 396, 400.)



Thank you for your consideration of these comments. We look forward to the City's recirculation of the EIR once the story pole has been installed and information derived from its placement has been incorporated into the aesthetics chapter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Michelle N. Black". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "M".

Michelle N. Black

**CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION**

South Coast Area Office  
200 Oceangate, Suite 1000  
Long Beach, CA 90802-4302  
(562) 590-5071



May 11, 2017

City of Long Beach City Council  
c/o Development Services/Planning Bureau  
333 W. Ocean Boulevard, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**RE: Appeal of Local Coastal Development Permit No. 1405-01, Belmont Beach and Aquatics Center Project, City of Long Beach**

To the Honorable Long Beach City Council:

Our agency is aware that appeals to the City Council have been filed by members of the public in regard to the approval by the City's Planning Commission of a coastal development permit for construction of a 125,500 sq. ft. swimming pool complex, café, and 55,745 sq. ft. park on a 5.8-acre beachfront site in the Belmont Shore area of Long Beach. We have received numerous inquiries from the public in regard to the Coastal Act planning issues that must be addressed as part of the coastal development permit process, and our staff offers the following comments. These comments supplement the letter our staff submitted in response to the Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed development, dated June 16, 2016.

In regard to permitting jurisdiction, portions of the project would be located seaward of the former mean high tide line (Chapter 138 Line), on State Tidelands that the legislature has granted to the City, and would extend into the California Coastal Commission's retained coastal development permit jurisdiction as shown on the Local Coastal Program Certification Map approved by the Coastal Commission for the City of Long Beach. Thus, the proposed project will require both a local coastal development permit from the City and a coastal development permit from the Coastal Commission and any development proposed on the project site must conform to the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act as well as the policies set forth in the City of Long Beach certified LCP.

Commission staff believes that the primary issue raised by this project is that, based on the information contained in the City's DEIR, although the beach is currently wide enough that the structure would likely be safe from wave action in the immediate future, given sea level rise, the new pool facility is expected to be subject to wave action and shoreline erosion over the structure's expected life. The Commission's Sea Level Rise Guidance Document and the hazards and shoreline development policies in Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act provide that new development should not be located in hazardous areas subject to sea level rise and shoreline erosion if there are feasible alternatives.

The project appears to be designed to likely ensure the structure's stability (from an engineering perspective) if the area of the beach where the seaward portion of the structure is located becomes inundated due to sea level rise; this would be achieved by utilizing a substantial foundation that would extend not only below the expected scour level of the beach but would also be built up

relatively high in elevation. As a result, this deepened foundation itself could effectively act as a seawall, or result in similar impacts to coastal resources as a seawall, raising potential issues with the hazards and shoreline development policies of the Coastal Act (including Sections 30235 and 30251), which provide that new development should be designed and located in manner to ensure geologic and engineering stability independent of the need for shoreline protection.

Moreover, both the Coastal Act and the City's LCP set forth policies to protect shoreline areas for public access and recreation. Beaches are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of new development because beaches backed by fixed or permanent development, such as the new pool facility, will not be able to migrate inland as sea level rises, and will become permanently inundated over time, which in turn presents serious concerns for future public access, recreation and habitat protection.

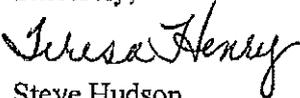
For these reasons, Commission staff believes that the best practice is to avoid locating new development in hazardous areas subject to sea level rise and shoreline erosion. In the case of this project, our staff has previously recommended to the City that it consider relocating the facility to a site that will not be affected by sea level rise/wave action for the expected life of the development, consistent with the Commission's Sea Level Rise Guidance Document and with Sections 30235 and 30253 of the Coastal Act in order to avoid potential impacts to public access and recreation along the beach.

In regard to visual resources, the project should be evaluated to determine the extent of its impact on visual resources and views from public viewing areas, including the beach, pier and public streets. The height of the proposed structure appears to exceed the allowed height for development on the site pursuant to the City's LCP, and we request that the City's address this issue in its deliberation on this matter and provide clarification on how the project would be consistent with the LCP without the need for an LCP amendment.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments to the City. Commission staff requests that the City thoroughly address these issues as part of its review of the City's local coastal development permit and adopt appropriate findings in relation to the LCP policies. In addition, we look forward to continuing to work with City staff to address these issues as part of the City's future application for a coastal development permit from the Coastal Commission for the development as well.

Please feel free to contact Charles Posner, Planning Supervisor, or me in our Long Beach office if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
for Steve Hudson  
District Director

cc: Roberto Uranga, Coastal Commissioner  
Tom Modica, Assistant City Manager  
Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services  
Linda Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager

## Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Improvement Program

### FY 2016 Estimated Infrastructure Needs

Less FY 2017 Funding

<b>Marinas, Beaches &amp; Waterways</b>	<b>\$ 368,336,000</b>
<i>FY 2017 Funding</i>	<i>\$ (3,665,000)</i>
1 Marinas	
2 Tidelands area locations	

## Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Improvement Program

### Summary of Unfunded Project Requests

#### Tidelands Capital

1 Alamitos Bay Dredging (Including Channel)	\$5,000,000
2 Alamitos Bay Marina Parking Lot Equipment	\$650,000
3 Aquarium Capital Reinvestment	\$1,000,000
4 Aquarium Challenge Grant	\$7,500,000
5 Aquarium Expansion/Improvements	\$6,500,000
6 Bayshore Playground ADA and Safety Improvements	\$500,000
7 Beach Bike Path Repairs	\$2,100,000
8 Beach Concession Stand Improvements	\$1,100,000
9 Beach Erosion Groins Program Enhancement	\$600,000
10 Beach Maintenance Fuel Storage Facility, Site 54	\$1,180,681
11 Beach Maintenance Yard Upgrade	\$660,000
12 Beach Parking Lot Resurfacing at Marine Stadium	\$596,500
13 Beach Pedestrian Path Major Nodes	\$2,000,000
14 Beach Playgrounds/Skatepark	\$2,450,000
Beach Restrooms Rehabilitation: Rainbow Harbor Lighthouse, Pierpoint Landing	\$3,000,000
15 and Shoreline Village Drive	
16 Belmont Pier Rebuild Set Aside	\$25,000,000

## Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Improvement Program

### Summary of Unfunded Project Requests

17 Belmont Pool (Unfunded Portion)	\$43,000,000
18 Bluff Erosion Repair and Landscape Improvements	\$2,000,000
19 Bluff Park Lighting Improvements and Sidewalk Repair	\$1,800,000
20 Colorado Lagoon Phase 2 Open Channel	\$23,000,000
21 Colorado Lagoon Playground ADA and Safety Improvements	\$600,000
22 Convention Center Projects (Arena, Convention Center, Theaters)	\$53,000,000
23 Davies Launch Ramp Lot Rebuild	\$600,000
24 Fishing Platforms on Belmont Pier	\$3,000,000
25 Junior Lifeguard Station	\$1,000,000
26 LED Lighting and Safety Improvements	\$505,000
27 Leeway Sailing Center Facility Rebuild	\$5,500,000
28 Levitt Pavilion Study Set Aside	\$200,000
29 Lifeguard Headquarters (Historic Building Rehabilitation and Improvements)	\$5,000,000
30 Lifeguard Headquarters Additional Improvements	\$4,850,000
31 Lifeguard Towers Replace Portable Units	\$1,500,000
32 Lighting Repair, Replacement and Enhancement	\$6,400,000
33 Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration	\$1,000,000
34 Marina Green Park Improvements	\$800,000
35 Marine Stadium Boat Storage Trailer Lot	\$800,000
36 Marine Stadium Parking Lots and Erosion Control Improvements	\$2,000,000
37 Marine Stadium Referee Stand - 3S Rebuild	\$600,000
Miscellaneous Critical Repair Projects (Convention Center and Other Critical	
38 Facilities)	\$8,700,000
39 Mother's Beach Visitor Dock Replacement	\$600,000
40 Naples Seawalls Phase 3 Set Aside	\$20,000,000
41 Orizaba Stairway Rebuild (Construction)	\$300,000
42 Peter Archer Rowing Center Dock Replacement	\$700,000
43 Queen Mary Assessment	\$800,000
44 Queen Mary Improvements	\$2,000,000
45 Rainbow Harbor Docks Repair	\$1,000,000
46 Rainbow Lagoon Improvements (Critical Repairs)	\$3,000,000
47 Rainbow Lagoon Rebuild	\$11,000,000
48 Rescue Boat 2 Station	\$7,500,000
49 Seawall Repairs	\$60,000,000
50 Security Upgrades (Gates, Cameras, Lighting)	\$5,000,000
51 Sidewalk, Stairs, Streets, Parking Lots Rehabilitation	\$12,000,000
52 Storm Drain Retrofits	\$1,200,000
53 Water Quality Improvements & TMDL Compliance	\$15,000,000

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Robert Rosen <robert.a.rsn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 2:06 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Belmont Plaza pool

Dear Members of the Long Beach City Council,

Please allow this project to go forward. Swimming is good for you and we need more pools. Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project.

Thanks,  
Robert A Rosen

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Jeff Wheeler <jwheeler@lbcc.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool Project

To the member of the City Council,

I am a resident of the 8th district. My place of employment is in the 5th district.

I care deeply about the environment and would encourage you to be diligent in any project to address environmental concerns. I thank you for addressing those concerns completely for the Belmont Pool Project. I now urge you to move forward with this project.

I realize that there is a small group of people who would prefer to have no development on the site of the Belmont Pool. They would like to maintain the new ocean view that they gained when the old pool was torn down. But the larger good that this project will do for the city and the community certainly outweighs their arguments. It is unfortunate that it is so easy to delay such an important project, and I encourage you to move forward with a plan that has the support of so many community constituencies.

Jeff Wheeler  
4344 Linden Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90807

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Beata Konopka <beata.konopka@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 1:34 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Belmont Plaza pool project

To Members of the Long Beach City Council,  
c/o Mark Hungerford

Hello Mark,

As a fellow master swimmer that has used Belmont Plaza pool a number of times I would like to reach out to Long Beach City Council, to ask to deny the appeals to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Belmont Plaza project on Tuesday, May 16.

Thank you for your support.

#aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun.

Beata Konopka  
CVMM Master Swimming

## **Mark Hungerford**

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**From:** Larry Raffaelli <larryraffaelli@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 1:14 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project!!

Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project!!

Hashtags: #aquaticsLB & #LBwaterfun  
Please forward this email to each council member!

I have 53 years as a LA County Beach Lifeguard! The Swimming Pool is one of the most important facilities you could build in a community that would SAVE LIVES! ADULTS AND CHILDREN NEED TO LEARN HOW TO SWIM AS WELL AS KEEPING IN SHAPE FOR ANY KIND OF EMERGENCY IN THE WATER!!! I have saved thousand of lives of people that can't swim and are out of shape!! The # one cause of death in children is drowning!

Save the children & Adults!!!

Larry Raffaelli  
larryraffaelli@hotmail.com

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Erik Sterne <esterne@att.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 11:36 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

To Honorable Long Beach City Council members,

So as not to delay the Belmont Plaza pool project please:

Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project #aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun.

The project means so much to the world. It has been and will continue to be an international aquatics venue for everyone. Thank you.

Erik Sterne

Rose Bowl Masters

Sent from my iPad

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Pete Cassiano <petercassiano@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 10:45 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Dear LB City Council,

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project!! Thank you for your support of the rich aquatic culture and tradition in Long Beach!!

Pete Cassiano  
257 Argonne Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90803

#aquaticsLB  
#LBwaterfun

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Rick Gregory <rick.gregory@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 8:40 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Cc:** lucyjohanson1@gmail.com; hankwise@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Belmont Pool

Dear Members of the Long Beach City Council,

It is with great anticipation that I urgently request you to deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool project. As a 4th generation Californian and resident of Los Angeles and Orange Counties, the Belmont is a part of my history. Please don't allow special interest groups to thwart the replacement of this special event center.

Three years ago, I had a knee injury that doctors said required surgery. After some investigation, I found that swimming had been known to rehab the kind of injury I'd sustained. I joined the Masters swim team headed by Hank Wise and started a journey that has brought me to an injury-free state. I've been in the pool a minimum of 3 days a week, every week since then. My knee is completely back to normal and I've come to enjoy my MWF swims beyond anything I'd ever imagined. Swimming has become one of the most treasured rhythms of my life. In fact, I often rearrange life to accommodate swimming! #LBwaterfun and #aquaticsLB have become a dramatic part of my life; please don't take it away!

Sincerely,

Rick Gregory  
Gregory Ventures, LLC  
P.O. Box 297  
Seal Beach, CA 90740  
714-206-8931  
Gregoryventures.com

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Theresa Miller <relocatetocerritos@ca.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 8:28 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Dear Mark,

Please Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project. I am waiting for the pool to open so I can swim there. I work right down the street at the VA and having that pool means I can come before or after work.

#aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun.

Theresa Miller  
310-713-8459  
Sent from my iPhone

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Tony Pearce <nolimitstonypearce@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 1:04 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** The Belmont Plaza. World Swimming History.  
**Attachments:** 00000001.jpg

Hi.

My name is Tony Pearce. I am a swimming coach from London England. The Belmont Plaza. World Swimming History. An integral part of.

Attachment above. A recent article that I wrote for the Swimming Times Magazine, the national swimming magazine for GB. The Belmont Plaza gets honorable mention.

Enjoy. Remember. Preserve.

Tony Pearce.

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Melissa Neuman <mjneuman@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2017 10:53 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool

To the Members of the Long Beach City Council:

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project #aquaticsLB and #LBwaterfun.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Neuman

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** jimmy <jimmychow1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2017 7:51 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford

Dear Mr. Hungerford,

I am the parent of two swimmers, and the Belmont Plaza Project is important to their swimming career future. Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project in order for the project to continue to the next phase. Thank you.

Jimmy Chow  
#aquaticsLB and#LBwaterfun

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** ntw6@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2017 6:25 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the Appeals to Belmont Pool(s) EIR #aquatics LB #LBwaterfun

TO: LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL

I urge you to vote to Deny the Appeals to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the new Belmont Pool complex.

I am a Masters swimmer. I compete several times per year -- was just in Riverside to see, enjoy and compete in the US Masters Swimming National meet. It was great, but having a facility as planned in Long Beach would be much more convenient for all of us who live in Southern California

Swimming is an important, fun, fulfilling and healthy part of my life. The new Belmont Pool facility will allow Long Beach to have all types of swim meets and diving and water polo meets. It will be great for Long Beach as well as the swimming community throughout California, our country and even the World. The sooner this project is completed, the better for the swimming community at large and Long Beach. Think of the kids in Long Beach who will learn to swim and dive and play water polo and start a very healthy, fun lifestyles.

The sooner the pools get built, the better.

THANK you,  
Neal T Wiener,  
Santa Monica, CA

## **Mark Hungerford**

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**From:** Lyndsay Naish <lpnaish@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2017 5:24 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Belmont Plaza

**Dear Councilmen and Councilwomen,**

**My name is Lyndsay (De Paul) Naish and I am writing to ask you to please deny the appeals to the Environmental Impact Report for the Belmont Plaza pool project.**

**Currently, I am a Civil Engineer for the City of Los Angeles, but formerly I am a swimmer from southern California who spent numerous weekends competing at the Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool. From Junior Olympics to the Long Beach Grand Prix - I had the opportunity to compete against world-renowned athletes and Olympians. These meets helped motivate me to reach high; I eventually accepted a full-ride scholarship to swim for the University of Southern California.**

**As a PAC 10 (now PAC 12) university, we were given the unique opportunity to compete in our PAC 10 Championships in front of a home crowd at Belmont Plaza. Swimming was my life, and many of my personal best times were swum in that indoor pool on Belmont Shores.**

**Please do what you can to support past, present, and future athletes in Southern California. If there is any way I can personally become more involved in this project, please feel free to reach out to me.**

**Thank you for your efforts,  
Lyndsay Naish**

**#LBwaterfun #aquaticsLB**

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Chris Greiner <christopherwarrengreiner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2017 4:34 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** SUSAN MILLER <mpshogrl@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2017 3:31 PM  
**To:** Council District 9; Council District 2; Jeannine Pearce; Council District 4; Daryl Supernaw; Suzie Price; Council District 3; Stacy Mungo; Council District 5; Council District 8; Dee Andrews; Council District 1; Council District 7; Mayor; Robert Garcia; Patrick West; Tom Modica; Mark Hungerford; Eric Lopez  
**Subject:** oppose passing of Belmont Pool DEIR/May 16th Council meeting/Hearing on the Pool EIR  
**Attachments:** belmontpoolproposed.png

Dear Mayor, City Council and City Staff,

RE: May 16th, 2017 City Council meeting item/ Hearing on the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center

*Please include this letter in the public record.*

A number of issues/concerns have been pushed aside on the proposed Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center (BBAC). My issues per the EIR

[http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental\\_planning/environmental\\_reports.asp](http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp)

4.1 Aesthetics The Scoping Process was flawed so is the City re-issued and circulated the NOP for the Draft EIR between April 9, 2014, and May 8, 2014 . During Scoping, the proposed pool plan shown was the same size, height and footprint of the demolished Belmont Pool so very few complaint letters were received. (SEE attached pool plan that was circulated for the Scoping Process.) The Scoping Process and NOP are entirely invalid and do not take into account the impaired vistas, scenic view and road traffic/road diet that the "bubble" pool design present. **Obstructed public views** at Bennett Ave. : Section 4.1, Aesthetics and in the Local Coastal Program (LCP) include policies for retention of existing Termino and Bennett views. Visual impacts are analyzed from public vantage points, as required by CEQA. Figure 4.1.1 doesn't even depict the café and restrooms located at the end of Bennett Ave that obstructs public view. Figure 3.5 on page 15 of 48 shows the café and restrooms are a major obstruction. This is a public view corridor and the location of the café and restrooms block it. The project does not preserve or enhance identified view corridors. The location of the café is under Coastal Commission jurisdiction. Ocean Blvd. is designated as a scenic roadway. A seven story tall building in a neighborhood that has a 3 story building height restriction is not compliant with policies - it blocks and obstructs the view of a Scenic coast

4.2 Air Quality Again this methodology was based on the Scoping Process. The Scoping Process was based on a pool plan that is not the same as viewed during the DEIR process. This is invalid.

4.3 Biological Resources This again is based on the Scoping Process methodology which is a pool plan not being reviewed presently. The Belmont pool plan now is an ETFE covered structure. ETFE structures are known to harm flight paths of the birds, birds peck/collapse ETFE structures, only professional rock climbers can do maintenance, cleaning and leak repair on an ETFE structure. ETFE material is not self cleaning. (I live across from the Belmont pool location. I have had a sample of ETFE on my outdoor balcony. The ETFE sample has collected the black grim particles that permeates the air on the coast and even the down pouring rain last Sunday afternoon, May 7th did not clean or wash the black grim from the ETFE sample. So how are rock climbers suppose to circumnavigate the bird deterrent wire necessary on the ETFE roof to keep the Sea Gulls from pecking the roof be able to clean a roof that has black grim sticking to the ETFE. Every morning for the last 24 years, I hear the birds pecking my clay tile roof of my townhouse to drink the condensation and peck

apart whatever food morsels they are consuming. So the ETFE pool building will be exposed and prey to this bird activity. Plus if bird pecks damage the ETFE roof either the entire ETFE diamond section must be replaced which is very costly or a "duct tape patch" is applied. This duct tape patch is evident at the new ETFE Anaheim train station - tape patches all over the ETFE roof is visually unappealing.

4.4 Cultural Resources Invalid base of methodology using a pool design that is not even being contemplated.

4.5 Geology Invalid base of methodology using a pool design that is not even being contemplated.

4.6 Global Climate Change Invalid base of methodology during Scoping using a pool design that is not even being contemplated

4.7 Hazards and Hazardous Materials Invalid base of methodology during Scoping using a pool design that is not even being contemplated.

4.8 Hydrology-Water Quality My comments submitted for the DEIR concerned Sea Level Rise/flooding the entire beach parking lot and the first floor of the building. The response I was given and I quote: On page 249, Section 4.8, Hydrology *The lower level of the building (pool equipment and storage) and associated parking areas would be below the projected water line under both scenarios; however, these areas would not be open for public use, and therefore, would not subject visitors to the Project site to significant cumulative impacts related to Sea Level Rise.*

The parking lot is public use, so this response is not valid. The parking lot being unusable and deterring accessibility is a negative impact and constitutes a significant impact. The fact that any areas of this facility would be under water should be of great concern. The comment "lower level of the Pool not being public" again flies in the face of common sense - if the first floor is flooded where equipment and facility operations exist - the aquatic facility will not function, be useable and present maintenance problems. None of the mechanical or electrical systems will function. This again is a significant negative impact.

What, perhaps, could have been added to the analysis was a bit of common sense. Common sense applies which the Supreme Court has recently observed. We are still in a drought with water restrictions, multiple pools are not water conservation.

4.9 Land Use **Conflict with the Federal Migratory Bird Act:** removing habitat/interfering with protected birds' homing habitat environment, placing high dome structure in the flight path of the protected birds, pool chemicals, lights emitting from clear dome structure/outdoor pools and noise decimates the habitat area. Development of sensitive lands such as coastal and riparian areas and restriction of wildlife causes habitat loss and is the leading decline in plant and animal diversity and populations.

4.10 Noise California Coastal Act, Chapter III, Section 30240 protects environmentally sensitive habitats, Sections 8.80.150, Section 8.180.160 and Section 8.80.170 The making or continuing, or causing to be made or continued of any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing in the area. Section 8.80.190 Noise disturbances that are prohibited: "whistle, or similar device, intended primarily for nonemergency purposes from any place, for more than ten (10) seconds in any hourly period. Section 8.80.200 prohibits the sounding outdoors of any whistle or similar device except for emergency only.

Section 8.80.200.L noise sensitive areas - there is a preschool right across from Belmont Pool. Noise, air and light pollution will increase exponentially.

4.11 Recreation Invalid base of methodology using a pool design that is not even being contemplated.

4.12 Transportation and Traffic East Olympic Plaza provided a staging area for swim team buses to load/unloading plus the buses usually stayed parked on East Olympic plaza. With removal of East Olympic Plaza and East Ocean Blvd. being reduced to one lane, traffic on East Ocean Blvd will be backed up. The EIR does not give a definite traffic management plan. There needs to be mitigation for traffic. The earlier Belmont Pool plan (see first attach above) closed the Bennett Ave entrance to the Belmont Pool, making made Granada Ave the main entrance. Buses would enter at Granada & loop around within the beach parking lot/do the bus staging within the parking lot not East Ocean Blvd.

4.13 Utilities Invalid base of methodology using a pool design that is not even being contemplated.

5.0 Alternatives A definitive look at alternative sites was grossly neglected and not given a broad analysis.

The ETFE tensile material specified for the Pool roof is a poor material choice for a structure along the coast. See FAILURE of the ETFE material: <http://www.airsculpt.com/latest-news/problems-etfe-roofs-canopys/> To meet the CA Energy Code which requires blocking 91% of sun light penetration, the ETFE must be solar dot imprinted. The solar dot imprinted ETFE is opaque, this does not allow a clear view to the exterior. People inside of the Pool building can not see a clear view of the ocean. The Pool building does not fade into the surrounding landscape because it is not a clear material. ETFE is poor sound proofing. Rain on an ETFE structure makes a deafening drumming sound internally. Likewise, the noise created inside of the ETFE bubble will transfer to the outer surrounding residential neighborhood. Sunlight easily penetrates ETFE causing pool water temps to overheat, air conditioning/condensation issues inside and the night time lighted pool will disturb the quality of life for human and wildlife residents.

Mitigations not sensibly addressed in EIR:

1. measures for an alternative aquatic facility site
2. mitigations for parking when parking lot is underwater
3. mitigation for traffic infrastructure due to imperiled one lane traffic on East Ocean Blvd and elimination of East Olympic Plaza
4. mitigation measures taken to protect the residents and wildlife from noise, air, light pollution

Sincerely,

Susan Miller

Resident and property owner across from the Belmont Pool for 21 years

Member of the Belmont Pool Stakeholders Advisory Committee

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Kate Hoppe <k8hoppe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2017 2:39 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Member of Long Beach City Council/Belmont Plaza Pool

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool project. As a former swimmer I have many fond memories of swim meets here at Belmont Plaza for Championship meets, such as Junior Olympics, CIF swim meet, CIF Water polo finals, and PAC 10 championship swim meet. I would love to see the completion of the new pool so my swimmer children could compete here as well. Also a nice indoor pool is desperately needed for winter swim meets.

Thanks for your consideration,

Katie Simmons Hoppe  
Former Irvine Novaquatics, EL Toro High School and UCLA Swimmer

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Dennis Pursley <DPursley@ia.ua.edu>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2017 9:20 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

To: Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

As a former Olympic coach, National Team Director for USA Swimming and a club coach for many years, I am intimately aware of the history and invaluable contribution that the Belmont Plaza pool has made to the sport of competitive swimming. It saddens me to think that the proposed renovation of this facility could be blocked by appeals to the EIR. The existing facility provided a valuable service to the community for many years without any negative impact on the environment that I am aware of. I am not familiar with the grounds for the appeals, but I can't imagine that any negative impact on the environment would be of such significance as to justify the negative impact on the contribution to the community and the quality of life of the potential users that would result from blocking this project.

**For the sake of the community and the life enhancing sport of swimming, I strongly urge the Long Beach City Council to deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project.**

Thank you for your consideration,

Dennis Pursley

#aquaticsLB  
#LBwaterfun

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Katherine Horvath <katherine-horvath@aff.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2017 8:29 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Fwd: Belmont Plaza pool

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> Members of the Long Beach City Council,  
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> I am the mother of 3 boys who have been uncompetitive club swimming for most of their lives. They are now ages 18, 16 and 11 and my oldest is headed to Northwestern University in September on a swim scholarship. When he was ages 9 through 12 or 13 (until sadly it closed) his favorite pool to compete was the Belmont Plaza pool. He has so many fond memories of racing in a fast pool right on the beach. There was something so special about that venue- swim parents would play beach volleyball on the sand while the kids were in warmups and after racing the kids would all hang at the beach.  
>  
> I'm asking that the Long Beach City Council deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project. Let's get this pool up and running again for the kids and their families!  
>  
> #aquaticsLB  
> #LBwaterfun  
>  
> Thank you,  
> Katherine Horvath  
> 949-689-3236  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Miranda Stratford <mirandashanti@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2017 6:45 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford-

The Belmont Plaza pool project - must get built! As a former swimmer (UCLA) and current coach of a local high school swim team (Los Alamitos HS) I have seen the positive impact of water sports on the lives of countless, kids, teen and adults. Long Beach water sports have vibrant history and are an institution. We need a pool that equals the level of talent, hard work and dedication of our local water sports programs. Please deny the appeals to the EIR and move forward with the pool planning!

#aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun

Sincerely,  
Miranda Stratford

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** C W <cjwshome@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 9:04 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Belmont pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council,

As a parent of a former swimmer (club, high school, D1), a swimmer myself for over 60 years, and a swim official, I would ask that you do nothing that would delay the Belmont pool project. It has already been a long wait. The EIR is complete (and according to reports-already certified); now is the time to move forward, not back.

The City of Long Beach has a premiere location and a long history which has supported aquatic sports, as well as individual training and recreation. The continued progress on the pool project is a most important undertaking, for the city, the community and for all lovers of the pool. Please deny any appeal to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project and allow this most important project to proceed.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Mrs. CJ Wanser  
USA Swim Official  
SCAF Swim Official  
USMS Member

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Tony Forest <tonyforest@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 4:56 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project. #aqaticsLB and #LBwaterfun

Tony Forest

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Jack Rosenberg <jackrosenberg46@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 10:29 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool.

Please deny the ridiculous appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool projects. These appeals are brought forward by a small group of people in Long Beach who object to everything. They don't care one way or the other about the pool. This is a hobby for them. These types of appeals continue to cost the City vast amounts of money which we don't have.

Jack

[Jackrosenberg46@gmail.com](mailto:Jackrosenberg46@gmail.com)  
916 216-0344

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Kaia Hedlund <kaiahedlund@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 8:52 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

I will be out of town for your meeting to review the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Belmont Plaza project on Tuesday, May 16.

I strongly encourage you to deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project. #aquaticsLB  
#LBwaterfun

While I myself swim weekly at the temporary pool it pains me to see the thousands of young people in Long Beach and the entire Southern California area who are missing out on the chance to learn to swim, train and compete in Long Beach because of all of the ridiculous delays in this project caused by a very small but vocal minority.

I have run many collegiate swimming and water polo championships at the old Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool and have attended many many more including all of the Olympic Trials held at that facility. It pains me to have to take the Pac 12 Championships to Washington and next year we will have to take the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships to Texas. There are no other indoor championship level facilities in the state of California so Long Beach is losing out on a great deal of revenue and exposure. But more so, our youth are losing out on opportunities to learn, play, train and compete in the aquatics sports.

Thank you for all of your hard work in bringing this project this far. Let's push it to the finish line before another generation misses out.

LA 2024.

Sincerely

Kaia

**Kaia Hedlund**  
*kaiahedlund@msn.com*  
562-754-2075

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Chaney, Kevin <kevin.chaney@lausd.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Dear Mark:

I am writing you today to request that the City Council of Long Beach DENY the Environmental Impact Report and move forward with the building of the pool. I spent 3 years and many hours at the old facility training for the 1980 Olympics to play water polo for Coach Lindgren. Of course that dream was not realized but you can make dreams come true for future generations along with giving the City of Long Beach a wonderful and badly needed facility by asking that the City Council of Long Beach DENY the Environmental Impact Report. I am on twitter at kchaney56. Thank you for your time and consideration.

#aquaticsLB  
#LBwaterfun

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**KEVIN CHANEY ENCE, CBE, HTCIA | DIGITAL FORENSICS INVESTIGATOR**

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## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Michel Litt <michel\_litt@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 7:29 AM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

Theses Johnny come lately's appeals have no sense and we need our pool back right where it is supposed to be, at the BEACH! The pool brings in money **#aquaticsLB** and keeps our community active. It also will bring in future events that has made our city The Aquatic Capital of America! Please keep up the good work and deny these appeals, let us continue what we started and what our community wants **#LBwaterfun!**

Please forward my email to each City Council Member - IT IS IMPORTANT.

THANK YOU

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## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** allen@allenhightnote.com on behalf of Allen Highnote <allenhightnote@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:45 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool

I am a 25 year resident of Long Beach and live in the Bluff Park neighborhood.

**Please:**

**Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project**

**#aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun**

Allen Highnote

*Founder of Anyone Can Swim - a US Masters Swimming Program  
Certified US Masters Swimming Adult Learn-To-Swim Instructor  
Certified US Masters Swimming Coach - Level 2*

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## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Jax <jacquelineinbusiness@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:40 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Please Deny appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool

Dear Mr. Hungerford :

Thank you for helping ensure the Belmont Pool is rebuilt expediently. The large competition natatorium has been and will again (soon? please?) be at the heart of the greater Los Angeles swimming community.

I am a Long Beach native and long-time resident asking for your vote May 16 to uphold City Planning Commission's decision in support of the Belmont Beach and Aquatic Center. I can't be at attendance that particular day or else I would show up in my cap and goggles :) )

I have been involved in masters swimming for 15 years as a competitor, coach, Grunion Swim Team board member, board member for the SoCal adult swimming org SPMS, and national committee member for US Masters Swimming. Additionally, I have been a trusted Long Beach Lifeguard on the beaches for 18 years 1999-2016 working all sections of Long Beach's waterways. I love the water, I love swimming in pools and the Long Beach oceanfront (despite shark sightings), and I love sharing the experience of immersion with people new to the experience. Before that I swam at Belmont in the 1980s for USA swimming, in 1990s with high school CIF swim championships, spectating international water polo games, swimming along side Michael Phelps and other elite swimmer In the world in the days before Long Beach hosted the Olympic trials.

Personally, I will be using Belmont quite a bit once it is re-built. There are other pools but few are both indoor and much available for daily frequent use. I am on the watch for skin cancer and staying indoors is very very important to me. Once the indoor facility is complete I will play water polo and swim there 3-5 times per week year-round. This includes swim practices, swim meets, bringing my young sons to the pool for Rec Swim, swimming laps on my own for exercise-maintenance and off season training for my next big open water swim (English Channel crossing), cross-training for my next Obstacle Race (October!). Likely I'll occasionally attend to watch the beautiful diving teams and synchro teams in action. My older son loves diving and may join a class if this pool gets built before he is too old start that sport. He is 12 now.

Belmont Pool was at the center of my life as a kid on the Beach Swim team with Klaus in the 1980s and has continued to be huge in my mental map of swimming, Long Beach, and my personal history. It's been missing for the years since the closure, as you know. Since then there has been no real substitute. The effect is less interest in aquatic sports. Since Belmont closed now I bring my kids to the Los Al pool or the crowded JCC, both of which have direct sun all day so I shy away and don't go there very much. They play video games instead.

Belmont pool really does have the impact of having Long Beach be at the center of the Aquatic world. That one big natatorium allows Long Beach to hold the title Aquatic Capital.

If you build it, they will come.

Respectfully,  
Jacqueline "Jax" Cole  
Long Beach Grunions Team Member

## **Mark Hungerford**

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**From:** Bill Sive <bill.sive@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 8:31 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Deny the Appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project

Members of the Long Beach City Council  
c/o Mark Hungerford

I urge you to deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool Project. As an active member of the aquatic community of Long Beach, I would like to see this project move forward.

I am comfortable with the results of the EIR. It is crucial for this project to move forward, which in turn will place on the world state as a premiere destination for our national and world aquatic community. We are fortunate to have this asset in our community.

Thank you for you time and consideration,

Bill Sive

**#aquaticsLB**  
**#LBwaterfun**

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** Christo Brock <brewmancemovie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 6:51 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford  
**Subject:** Please Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Members of the Long Beach City Council:

I respectfully request that you deny the appeal to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project. Given that the EIR has already been certified, I would suggest that the appeals be rejected.

Given the scope of major projects such as this, there will always be obstructionists who feel impelled to stand in the way of the collective good. Rarely do these obstructionists bring any lasting good to the community. Instead, they often cause unneeded expense of money, time, and resources.

Please, let's move forward.

Sincerely,

Christo Brock

## Mark Hungerford

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**From:** karinwegner@gmail.com on behalf of Las Vegas Masters  
<LVMswimming@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 4:04 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford; suzie@suzieaprice.com  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Dear Mr. Hungerford,

We are Las Vegas Masters Swim Team, an adult competitive swim program that enjoyed competing at Belmont Pool many times in the past. We are impatiently waiting for the new pool construction, and the return of top-notch world-class swim, dive, and water polo competitions at that same location.

On behalf of the 139 members of Las Vegas Masters Swim Team, I ask that you deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project.

Thank you,

Karin Wegner  
LVM Club Admin  
[www.LVMswim.com](http://www.LVMswim.com)

**From:** michele sullivan [<mailto:michele.sullivan@icloud.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:20 PM

**To:** Mark Hungerford <[Mark.Hungerford@longbeach.gov](mailto:Mark.Hungerford@longbeach.gov)>

**Subject:** Please move forward with the Belmont pool project -deny EIR appeals

**HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL**

**My name is Michele sullivan and I am a resident of Long Beach and reside at 293 Saint Joseph, Long Beach, CA 90803. The purpose of this email is to encourage the Members of the Long Beach City Council to DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT. This project is critical to Long Beach maintaining its status as the Aquatics Capital of the United States. This project is great for the City of Long Beach and all of its unique communities and should continue to move forward to completion. The Belmont Pool Project's economic benefits to the City of Long Beach are immeasurable. AGAIN, PLEASE DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT. Thank you.**

**Michele Sullivan**

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Joanne Nelson [<mailto:shoejo@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:50 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford <[Mark.Hungerford@longbeach.gov](mailto:Mark.Hungerford@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Pool Project

Members of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

Please deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza Pool Project!

This project had been **unanimously approved** by the City Council **TWICE!**. This positively affects residents of every district in the City and surrounding cities. I was brought up with the Belmont Pool and it was something we had been very proud of. Our kids all learned to swim, dive or play water polo there. We need a safe place for the future generations to learn water safety. This project will be the pride of Long Beach.

Please forward this to each City Council member.

Sincerely,

Joanne Nelson

**From:** Jenny Kuo [<mailto:jchoikuo@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:29 PM

**To:** Mark Hungerford <[Mark.Hungerford@longbeach.gov](mailto:Mark.Hungerford@longbeach.gov)>

**Subject:** Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project - #aquaticsLB and #LBwaterfun

**HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL**

**My name is Jenny Choi Kuo and I am a resident of Long Beach and reside at 6139 Avalon Court, Long Beach, CA 90803. The purpose of this email is to encourage the Members of the Long Beach City Council to DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT. This project is critical to Long Beach maintaining its status as the Aquatics Capital of the United States. This project is great for the City of Long Beach and all of its unique communities and should continue to move forward to completion. The Belmont Pool Project's economic benefits to the City of Long Beach are immeasurable. AGAIN, PLEASE DENY ALL THE APPEALS TO THE EIR FOR THE BELMONT POOL PROJECT. Thank you.**

From: Leeann Avendano [<mailto:leeannavendano@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 3:03 PM

To: Mark Hungerford <[Mark.Hungerford@longbeach.gov](mailto:Mark.Hungerford@longbeach.gov)>

Subject: Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project

Member of the Long Beach City Council, c/o Mark Hungerford

Deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project. Please forward this email to each council member. #aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun

**From:** Rey Farooq [<mailto:r.c.farooq@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 3:05 PM  
**To:** Mark Hungerford <[Mark.Hungerford@longbeach.gov](mailto:Mark.Hungerford@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** #aquaticsLB #LBWaterfun

To the Members of the Long Beach City Council,

I was born and raised in Long Beach, and plan on returning in the next few years. Swimming is an important part of my life and the life of my family. I am writing to request that the city council deny the appeals to the EIR for the Belmont Plaza pool project.

I look forward to one day swimming at the Belmont Plaza and hope to reinvigorate Long Beach's reputation as the aquatics capital of the US.  
#aquaticsLB #LBwaterfun.

Thanks

Rey Farooq  
(562) 833-3845