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| IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL HYBRID CITY COUNCIL MEETING PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-08-21 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Michelle Baker             | michellebaker199@gmail.com |                | People don't feel comfortable coming into City Hall since you don't mandate vaccines. Please allow telephonic comments again.                                                                                                                                                                                  | 7/18/2021       |
| 6. (21-0683) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and any necessary documents including subsequent amendments, with the Harvard Kennedy School Government Performance Lab, on behalf of What Works Cities, for the potential placement of two fellows, in the total amount not to exceed \$150,000, for a one-year period. (Citywide)                                                                                                                | Padric Gleason<br>Gonzales | padric.gleason@gmail.com   |                | It's disappointing to see that the Council will spend \$150,000 to hire Harvard fellows you rejected community choice aggregation (CCA) due to its \$35,000 application fee. So you'll spend 4x to tap into the Ivy League, but you can't spend a rounding error to empower community solar energy... so lame. | 7/17/2021       |
| 11. (21-0689) Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFP PD20-069 and award a contract to Tyler Technologies, Inc., of College Station, TX, for the purchase of an Electronic Citation Data Collection System, in an annual amount of \$405,622, with a 10 percent contingency of \$40,562, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$446,184, for a period of two years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods at the discretion of the City Manager and | Michelle Baker             | michellebaker199@gmail.com |                | Why don't you enforce the parking laws for everyone? Selective enforcement is illegal                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 7/20/2021       |
| PUBLIC COMMENT:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Michelle Baker             | michellebaker199@gmail.com |                | Councilmember Uranga should resign from the Coastal Commission and should not be allowed to vote on budget issues pertaining to the Long Beach Animal Shelter. He is still under investigation for animal neglect/abuse and this is inappropriate.                                                             | 7/20/2021       |

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| 13. (21-0691) Recommendation to request City Manager and City Attorney to review other cities' policies and prepare an ordinance to enhance penalties for participating in or being a spectator at a street takeover event.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Carlos Ovalle              | csovalle@gmail.com       |                | I oppose any ordinance giving more police powers to the LBPB.<br>" The LBPB is ranked worst police department in California and fourth worst in the nation by <a href="https://policescorecard.org/">https://policescorecard.org/</a><br>" The LBPB has broader powers than Long Beach residents and perhaps even city council understand when it comes to use of advanced surveillance technology.<br>" The LBPB cannot be trusted since they've repeatedly lied to the public with regards to things like license plate readers that they then share with ICE and possibly other federal agencies." The LBPB already has broad Orwellian police powers such as facial recognition, cameras, drones, etc. | 7/20/2021       |
| 13. (21-0691) Recommendation to request City Manager and City Attorney to review other cities' policies and prepare an ordinance to enhance penalties for participating in or being a spectator at a street takeover event.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Padric Gleason<br>Gonzales | padric.gleason@gmail.com |                | This looks like a solution in search of a problem and it reminds me of Florida's "anti-riot" laws that unconstitutionally restrict First Amendment freedom of speech rights. We don't want people blocking traffic, sure, but is this really a problem in our City? I don't think so. Stop wasting time on "enhancing penalties" and address the root causes of the problem (if there is one) instead.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 7/17/2021       |
| 14. (21-0692) Recommendation to approve a Third Amendment to Employment Agreement with Thomas B. Modica, City Manager, Contract No. 35514, to increase the City Manager's current annual compensation by five percent (5%) for an annual compensation amount of \$309,612.93 at the hourly rate of \$148.343 per hour effective July 31, 2021; and<br><br>Adopt resolution amending Section 2 of Resolution No. RES-20-0108, known as the Salary Resolution of the City of Long Beach, to implement the Third Amendment to terms of the employment agreement with Thomas B. Modica, City Manager. (Citywide) | Alise Brillault            | akbrillault@gmail.com    |                | I am a Long Beach resident who opposes this measure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 7/20/2021       |

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| 15. (21-0693) Recommendation to request City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending Chapter 2.44 of the Long Beach Municipal Code to: (1) revise the title of the Human Relations Commission (HRC) to the Long Beach Equity and Human Relations Commission; and, (2) to amend the purpose, functions, and membership of the HRC, as outlined in Attachment A. (Citywide) | Greg Buhl      | gdbuhl@gmail.com           |                | Name changes are important, but while you are handling this name change the LBPD is actively undermining the goals of the Commission and the Framework on Reconciliation. The Framework on Reconciliation promised to address facial recognition through a public process that looked at the racial bias and equity issues raised by police use of the technology. The LBPD contribution to the process was to mislead the public about the existence of their decades old facial recognition program and then to secretly draft a policy without public involvement that fails to address the equity issues raised. The LBPD has locked in a deficient policy while the commission worries about what it calls itself, instead of its actual mission.                                                                                                              | 7/20/2021       |
| 15. (21-0693) Recommendation to request City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending Chapter 2.44 of the Long Beach Municipal Code to: (1) revise the title of the Human Relations Commission (HRC) to the Long Beach Equity and Human Relations Commission; and, (2) to amend the purpose, functions, and membership of the HRC, as outlined in Attachment A. (Citywide) | Christina Hall | chall@tnpsocal.org         |                | It is with great pleasure that we submit this letter of support for agenda item 15, to prepare an Ordinance amending Chapter 2.44 of the LBMC to revise the title of the Human Relations Commission to the Equity and Human Relations Commission; to amend the purpose, functions, and membership of the HRC; and to fund \$200,000 per year to support the work of the Commission. As the City of Long Beach engages in efforts to institutionalize equity and infuse an equity lens throughout its practices, policies, and decision-making, it is critical that an independent, citizen commission has the ability to advise City Council on matters of equity and social justice, and be on hand to provide accountability and thought-partnership throughout the process.<br><br>We will be submitting a full letter to the City Clerk's Office on this issue. | 7/13/2021       |
| 21. (21-0646) Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by amending Chapter 21.61 relating to Maintenance of Low Income Housing in the Coastal Zone, read and adopt as read. (Citywide)                                                                                                                                                    | Cynde Soto     | cydsoto1@yahoo.com         |                | Thank You for bringing this item forward - I am in support<br>Cynde Soto                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 7/13/2021       |
| BUDGET HEARING:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Michelle Baker | michellebaker199@gmail.com |                | We want park rangers and more safe parking spaces. Your homeless plan is not working, we don't feel safe in our own neighborhoods.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 7/18/2021       |

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| 22. (21-0696) Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. (Citywide)                                                                                                                                | Michelle Baker             | michellebaker199@gmail.com |                | We want park rangers!!! Community policing is having park rangers at all the major parks, not just El Dorado. Also, the animal shelter needs more resources. There is a 3 week wait period for cat/spay program., not acceptable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 7/18/2021       |
| 22. Agenda Item No. 22 is listed under Budget Hearing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Alise Brillault            | akbrillault@gmail.com      |                | I strongly oppose any budget increases to LBPD. I know you are planning on increasing LBPD budget from \$247 million to \$262 million. I urge you, rather, to cut LBPD's annual budget to no more than \$100 million, and using those \$162 million for additional funding for: affordable housing; improved public transportation; creating more green spaces and parks; climate change mitigation; health and human services; and programs for youth, seniors, and BIPOC residents.                                                                                                                                                                   | 7/20/2021       |
| 25. (21-0703) Recommendation to request City Manager and all relevant City Departments to assess likely Citywide impacts of SB 9 and SB 10 and report back to the State Legislation Committee, prior to any established hearing date at the Assembly Appropriations Committee. | Padric Gleason<br>Gonzales | padric.gleason@gmail.com   |                | I write in support of SB 9 and SB 10. As a renter and a Millennial who can't afford a house in my own city, I'm tired of seeing homeowners block all attempts at increasing density. I understand that y'all want to "preserve neighborhood character"; and protect your free on-street parking (why don't you park in your garage?), but blocking development is not the way to achieve it. If you truly want to address homelessness and housing affordability, then you have to increase supply. This Council should support SB 9 and SB 10 as ways to increase density in a planned and managed way, while protecting property and owners'; rights. | 7/17/2021       |

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| 26. (21-0704) Recommendation to request City Manager and all relevant City departments to seek funding and/or bring back a version of the federal American Rescue Plan funding that would address the increase of violent crime and support the hiring and training of new officers, through two police academies, to replace the officers lost recently to attrition before the department reaches dangerous lows. | Susan McKibben | susanmckibben@gmail.com  |                | Good evening. My name is Susan and I live in District 7. I oppose any increase in funding to Long Beach Police. The LBPD already receives nearly half the city operating budget. Some of these monies can and should be redirected to meet the needs of Long Beach residents - including addressing root causes violent crime. Moreover, LBPD already has an extremely poor track record when it comes to excessive force and racist violence against members of the public. If the council is serious about community safety, I strongly support putting American Rescue Plan funds or municipal funds toward real solutions such as jobs, housing, youth services, counseling services, domestic violence survivor supports, and drug treatment. Addressing Long Beach's problems means ensuring that all in the city can meet their needs and care for their families. We don't need to spend yet more funds on the money pit that is the LBPD budget. We need real solutions. | 7/20/2021       |
| 26. (21-0704) Recommendation to request City Manager and all relevant City departments to seek funding and/or bring back a version of the federal American Rescue Plan funding that would address the increase of violent crime and support the hiring and training of new officers, through two police academies, to replace the officers lost recently to attrition before the department reaches dangerous lows. | Jeffrey Robins | robins.jeffrey@gmail.com |                | As a resident of District 2, I think it is unconscionable to utilize emergency pandemic funding in this way. Constituents are still suffering from work instability, lack of affordable housing and the rising prices of goods as a result of supply chain shortages caused by COVID19. Furthermore, the city's constituents have demanded changes to the LBPD that have been unmet by the city, and a measure such as this would show utter disregard and disdain for those whom have demonstrated tirelessly for systemic change within our law enforcement practices. The safest communities are not the ones with the most police, they are the ones with the most resources; please invest in humanity.<br>- Jeffrey Robins, Resident, Long Beach District 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 7/20/2021       |
| 26. (21-0704) Recommendation to request City Manager and all relevant City departments to seek funding and/or bring back a version of the federal American Rescue Plan funding that would address the increase of violent crime and support the hiring and training of new officers, through two police academies, to replace the officers lost recently to attrition before the department reaches dangerous lows. | CR Wynne       | crwjk960@gmail.com       |                | I am a lifelong resident of Long Beach. I live in the 7th District. I am opposed to the City using funds from the American Rescue Plan to hire and train police officers. LBPD has more than enough police officers. The Police Department takes more than their share of the City's budget already. The American Rescue Plan funding should be used to feed, house, and create jobs for the residents of Long Beach.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 7/20/2021       |

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| <p>27. (21-0706) Recommendation to receive a presentation on the proposed Long Beach Safety Recovery Plan (Plan), provide input and policy direction, and approve the Plan and its priorities to address the public safety impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic utilizing available federal relief funding; and</p> <p>Authorize City Manager, or designee, to allocate in Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 21) the expenditure of up to \$5 million in the General Fund Group to implement the proposed Plan. (Citywide)</p> | Susan McKibben | susanmckibben@gmail.com    |                | <p>I'm happy to see \$5 million in general funds and/or federal relief go to address the effects of the pandemic. However, these funds should be going to housing, jobs, healthcare, educational services for children impacted by school closures, mental health supports (including addiction treatment). Long Beach residents have been through a great deal this year, and addressing those impacts and struggles is vitally important. I fervently hope that NO funds designated for these purposes would be wasted on the LBPD. We don't need the police department swallowing up yet more funding, since they already receive a massive 48% of the city operating budget. And we certainly don't need more of LBPD's racist violence and excessive force. If you want to help Long Beach spend the money on our needs, not on cops to surveil and attack us.</p> | 7/20/2021       |
| <p>27. (21-0706) Recommendation to receive a presentation on the proposed Long Beach Safety Recovery Plan (Plan), provide input and policy direction, and approve the Plan and its priorities to address the public safety impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic utilizing available federal relief funding; and</p> <p>Authorize City Manager, or designee, to allocate in Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 21) the expenditure of up to \$5 million in the General Fund Group to implement the proposed Plan. (Citywide)</p> | Michelle Baker | michellebaker199@gmail.com |                | <p>The street program does not work and you are just paying overtime. The Safe program should include money for park rangers at Bixby Park. It is too dangerous there. We need clean up and a presence there.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 7/18/2021       |