

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of August 10, 2021

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9. (21-0765) Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the departments of Health and Human Services, and Police. (Citywide)	Parisa Vinzant	parisa@vinzantgroup.com		Good Evening Mayor and City Council Members, I write to strongly encourage City Council to meaningfully consider and adopt the People's Budget priorities over the short-and-long-term. For too long, the city has inequitably funded police as the sole means of providing for Long Beach's safety and wellbeing, but with the city's recent Racial Equity & Reconciliation Framework process and report, it calls us as a city to confront and address the root causes of inequity in health, housing, economic opportunity & environment through a creative rethinking of public safety and the appropriate reallocation of funding to invest in a new and more expansive community-driven vision of public safety and health initiatives and specifically to invest in our long marginalized Black community. As Long Beach emerges from the pandemic, please go the extra mile to center the needs, voices, and solutions of our city's BIPOC communities in your decision-making. Thank you for your consideration of my remarks.	8/10/2021
9. (21-0765) Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the departments of Health and Human Services, and Police. (Citywide)	Susan McKibben	susanmckibben@gmail.com		Hello. My name is Susan McKibben, I am a resident of the 7th Council District. Unfortunately, LBPd has a long history of racist violence and excessive force that the paper tiger known as the Citizen Police Complaint Commission has yet to ameliorate in its 30 years of existence. I urge the Council to defund Long Beach PD and reinvest in community-based and community-led services that improve quality of life, advance equity, and prevent violence. I support the People's Budget, including demands to ban surveillance technology, to fund family reunification and reentry programs for the formerly incarcerated; to invest funds in community crisis response services separate from police, and to expand and increase hours for homeless services, also separate from police. We have the money and the people. Long Beach can make our City a safe place for all of us to thrive if we don't throw all our money at policing and instead invest it in community care.	8/10/2021

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13. (21-0769) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the Public Works Department to prepare a report exploring the costs and feasibility of expanding the Alamitos Beach parking lot and adding additional parking on Shoreline Drive and surrounding areas.	Linda Scholl	lscholl2011@gmail.com		<p>We need responsible action for protection of the community well being, not just for visitors. This area is first and foremost a residential area. Voices and activities on the beach are welcome. Last week a man was shot and killed there. It is being misused for illegal loud night partying and drug transactions by irresponsible visitors. Last night they were blasting rap music at 2:30 am from that parking lot. Yet the beach was supposedly closed! It requires a security gate with access control and police patrol at night regularly to control violators. The neighborhood also requires traffic control officers to prevent racing and violating tailpipe noise that disturbs the community. The addition of parking on Shoreline will become heartache for the neighborhood and a huge safety hazard if proper police traffic enforcement is not added. We hope Ms. Allen considers her police experience to help the neighborhood.</p> <p>Thank you, Dr. Linda Scholl 700 E. Ocean Blvd.</p>	8/9/2021
13. (21-0769) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the Public Works Department to prepare a report exploring the costs and feasibility of expanding the Alamitos Beach parking lot and adding additional parking on Shoreline Drive and surrounding areas.	james goodin	jimgoodin@aol.com		<p>While I completely agree with the need for additional parking at Alamitos Beach and the surrounding area, the Alamitos Beach parking lot needs a security component. In the last couple of months there have been two shootings (including a murder on August 6th) and several broken windows in nearby residences. The neighbors in the high-rises that surround the Alamitos Beach parking lot are frightened.</p> <p>The Junipero, Belmont Pier, and Granada (both entrances) beach lots all have barriers--Alamitos Beach does not. The Convention Center parking lot is closed to the public when not in use. The Alamitos Beach parking lot also needs a barrier!</p> <p>Request that the City Council ask the City Manager and Public works to include a security task to the study. Bring back suggestions on how to secure the parking lot after hours. When the (new) Alamitos Beach Snack Bar and the beach bike path are closed, there is no need for the parking lot to be open to the public.</p>	8/9/2021