

**eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of February 16, 2021**

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		Good evening. It has been a year since City Council has had a live meeting , only audio. WHY is the mayor not allowing Zoom mtgs like most government agencies? That is not Democracy. Please start holing Zoom meetings or Cisco.	2/16/2021
9. (21-0133) Recommendation to receive and approve Commission appointments and reappointments for Non-Charter Commissions.	Mohammed Forouzesah	mohammed.forouzesah@csulb.edu		<p>Mohammed Forouzesah, Ph.D., MPH                      Professor Emeritus in Public Health                      CSULB                      Mohammed.forouzesah@csulb.edu                      949-292-5888</p> <p>Mayor Robert Garcia and Council. I ask Council direct staff to draft the strongest possible ordinance and not provide exemptions for any flavored tobacco products in Long Beach.</p> <p>I am very familiar with the cultural aspects of the Hookah use. Many Islamic clergy have opposed the use of any substances that would bring harm to the body according to religious rulings. This include smoking and the use of hookah. Culture is used as an excuse. Hookah users inhale the fume deep into their lungs. Such deep inhalation enables ultrafine particles to enter into the lung tissues and causing irreversible damage.</p> <p>As of today, most all Hookah bars all over the Middle East are closed due to COVID restrictions.</p> <p>Water pipe smoke is associated with increased risk of disease including cancer, lung disease, bladder cancer, mouth cancer, and adverse effects during pregnancy</p> <p>Thank You</p>	2/9/2021
11. (21-0135) Recommendation to forward a request from community members to the Government, Personnel and Elections Oversight Committee to consider naming the Long Beach Performing Arts Center the "Beverly O'Neill Arts Center" in honor of her contributions to Long Beach.	Ron Batson	ronbatson1@hotmail.com		Appreciate all that Beverly O'Neil may have done for Long Beach, but prefer you just "add" her name to the existing name..... "Beverly O'Neil Performing Arts Center of Long Beach". Not a supporter of cancel culture or changing historical names. Thank you	2/16/2021

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15. (21-0145) Recommendation to request City Attorney to prepare a resolution by the first week of March in support of the certification and publication by the National Archivist of the State of Virginia's ratification of the of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), in addition to support for the joint resolution introduced in Congress on January 21, 2021 to eliminate the arbitrary deadline towards full constitutional ratification.	David Ochoa	davidgochoa98@gmail.com		The Equal Rights Amendment is the great unfinished work of the Civil Rights Movement and the Women's Liberation Movement. Over the last 50 years since the Amendment was approved by Congress, we have seen the constant attempt to erode the rights of women everywhere and let it fall to a male-dominated Congress to rectify the consequences of the failure to ratify the ERA. Our country has made great strides in the cause of women's rights over the decades, but there remains much work to be done, and the ERA helps bring us one step closer to that great promise of "a more perfect union". Support women's rights, support equality, support the ERA!	2/16/2021