

Good evening Mayor Garcia, City Councilmembers and The City, I am Frances Emily Dawson Harris and reside in District 1

LONG BEACH IS BETTER!

I believe that although the United States of America is a democratic nation; and blessed with numerous freedoms; surely, the right to bears arms does not mean the right to kill for racial, radical, egotistical or vindictive reasons.

Residents and visitors in the City of Long Beach, we must step up to the plate and be an example to our entire nation and the world.

Black Lives Matter too; All Lives Matter too and Blue Lives Matter too!

Please consider halting even peaceful protesting! Action is needed now: Stop All forms of gun violence and racism; exercise the right to promote peace, unity, love, respect, equality and understanding.

Now, in regards to the provision of an independent investigator/investigation:

It is my understanding it is not within the jurisdiction of the Long Beach City Council to agendize, recommend and approve an independent investigator regarding allegations of police misconduct; excessive force; false arrest; shootings and complaints with racial or sexual overtones.

Why? Because it is a potential conflict of interest. Also, please refer to Attachment A; and the

L.B. City Charter: Article XIA-Citizen Police Complaint Commission and Section 1152- INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR.

1. Long Beach Police Department conducts an internal investigation for all shootings
2. The District Attorney (DA) investigates all shootings which result in deaths
3. The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office will do an investigation revolving around the cause of death
4. The Federal Government always has the opportunity to review any use of force, wrongful doing and any questionable conduct by any law enforcement agency. This decision is made by the Attorney General.
5. The Department of Justice which includes the U.S. Attorney General's Office provides a public comment line (tele. # 202-353-1555); write (address below); or, via internet (e-mail: justice.gov/contact us: The Office of the U.S. Attorney General; Department of Justice; 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20530

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THE COMMISSION

The Citizen Police Complaint Commission (CPCC) is a chartered-mandated body of 11 Long Beach residents who are appointed by the Mayor and the City Council. The Commissioners receive extensive training on the policies and practices of the Long Beach Police Department, applicable laws and are kept informed of the latest court decisions and policies that affect police discipline and personnel investigations. The CPCC's [By-Laws](#) set forth the structure and authority of the Commission. The primary objective of the Commission to conduct a thorough investigation into allegations of police misconduct improving the demeanor of Long Beach Police Officers toward the public and maintaining community trust in the local law enforcement agency.

THE CITIZEN POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSION'S MISSION:

The mission of the Citizen Police Complaint Commission is to provide independent, impartial, and objective civilian oversight of the Long Beach Police Department under the authority of [Sections 1150-1155](#) of the city charter. Special emphasis is placed on those complaints from the public involving allegations of excessive force, false arrest, and racial and/or sexual overtones. The Commission is a fact-finding body, supported by an administrative and investigative staff that relays the Commission's findings and recommendations to the City Manager who, by the Charter, makes the final determination in matters of alleged police misconduct.

• [CPCC Objectives](#)

7/16/2016
** Anita Dempsey: Executive Director*

THE COMMISSIONERS:



DISTRICT 1

B. Terhune (Terry) Beebe, Vice Chair



DISTRICT 2

Raul A. Anorve



DISTRICT 4

Richard Lindemann



DISTRICT 6

Jose M. Flores



DISTRICT 8

Josie Castellanos



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Suely Saro



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David Clement, Chair



DISTRICT 5

Alvaro Castillo



DISTRICT 7

Jeffrey Price



DISTRICT 9

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Miles Nevin

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THE CITIZEN POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSION HISTORY

* On April 10, 1990 the Long Beach electorate amended the City's Charter to include Sections 1150-1155, which established the Citizen Police Complaint Commission (CPCC). The amendment grants the CPCC authority to receive, administer and investigate, through an Independent Investigator, allegations of police misconduct with emphasis on excessive force, false arrest, and complaints with racial or sexual overtones.

<http://www.longbeach.gov/citymanager/cpcc/>

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* Sec. 1152. - INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR.

The *City Manager* shall appoint an Independent Investigator, as needed, who shall serve at the pleasure of the *City Manager*. The investigator shall have the authority to receive, administer and investigate, at the direction of the *Commission*, allegations of *police* misconduct, with emphasis on excessive force, false arrest and *complaints* with racial or sexual overtones. The investigator shall thereafter report the results of said investigations to the *Commission*.

(Added by Prop. 1, 4-10-1990, eff. 5-3-1990)

- The office of the investigator shall be located outside of the Public Safety Building.

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Note: The FBI agent (Justin) informed me during a conversation on July 15, 2016 the following;

* "If a civil case or lawsuit has been filed; then, the lawyer representing the plaintiff or ~~On~~ ⁱⁿ behalf of the deceased ^{estate} can have their own private ~~at independent~~ investigation."

X You may contact the local branch of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at:
 Federal Bureau of Investigations
 11000 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 1700
 Los Angeles, Ca. 90024
 Tele. # 310-477-6565

* You May Also File Your Complaint Via Email Directly To:

Internal.Affairs@longbeach.gov

* Department investigators make every effort to uncover the truth in each situation. In those cases where a citizen feels that a proper investigation has not been conducted, the citizen may contact any of the below listed agencies:

* **Agency Contact Information**

Long Beach Police Department 400 West Broadway Long Beach, CA 90802 (562) 570-7236	Long Beach Police Department INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION 400 West Broadway Long Beach, CA 90802 (562) 570-7343
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District Attorney's Office Los Angeles County 275 Magnolia Ave, Suite 3195 Long Beach, CA 90802 (562) 247-2000	Grand Jury Los Angeles County Criminal Courts Building #B303 Los Angeles, CA 90012
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Federal Bureau of Investigation 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite #7370 Long Beach, CA 90802 (562) 432-6951	Citizen Police Complaint Commission Long Beach City Hall 13th Floor 333 West Ocean Boulevard Long Beach, CA 92802 (562) 570-6891
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Attorney General's Office
State of California
Attn: Public Inquiry Unit
P.O. Box 944255
Sacramento, CA 94244

This information is available in an alternative format by request to the Personnel Administrator at (562) 570-7120.

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FILING A COMPLAINT

Every person has the right to make a complaint against any employee of the Long Beach Police Department. A complaint can be made in person, by telephone, by mail, by email or by a person not directly involved in the incident. Complaints can also be made anonymously. The Commission adheres to all applicable laws and to its [Policies and Procedures](#) when processing and investigating allegations of misconduct by police personnel.

WHO MAY FILE A COMPLAINT?

Anyone who feels that a police employee has violated your rights, or anyone who has witnessed
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 enforcement personnel will be documented and/or referred to the appropriate agency.

WHEN TO FILE A COMPLAINT?

The Commission recommends filing a complaint soon after the incident occurs, however, complaints can be filed directly with the CPCC within one year of the date of the incident. The CPCC reviews all citizen complaints filed directly with the Long Beach Police Department.

It is against the law to file a complaint that is known to be false. Citizens knowingly filing false complaints against an officer are subject to a civil lawsuit for monetary damages.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT?

A formal complaint is required to initiate an investigation. A complainant can telephone (562) 570-6891, [mail-in a complaint form](#), or come to the CPCC office located at 333 West Ocean Boulevard, 13th Floor, Long Beach, 90802. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Appointments are recommended, but not required. Mail-in complaint forms are also available in [Khmer](#), [Spanish](#), and [Tagalog](#).

To expedite the processing and investigation of the complaint, the complainant is encouraged to provide as much information as possible regarding the allegations, including witness names, photos, recordings, and other physical evidence that is available.

Third party complaints will be reviewed and investigated if sufficient information is available. All

complaints remain on file for the statutory time period and can be considered when evaluating overall police-community relations.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER FILING A COMPLAINT?

The case is assigned to a CPCC investigator who reviews reports, interviews witnesses and conducts field investigations to collect information relevant to incidents and allegations of misconduct. The complaint and the investigative data is compiled as a brief and is submitted to the Commission for review. The Commission deliberates in Executive Session and renders a finding for each allegation. Complaints that lack sufficient data and witness cooperation can be closed by staff.

- * The Commission's findings are forwarded to the City Manager for final disposition. The complainant and police officer will be notified of the final disposition by mail.

WHEN IS A HEARING CONDUCTED?

A hearing is a fact-finding forum regarding a specific allegation of misconduct.

The Commission, by a majority vote, can elect to hold a hearing regarding a complaint. The Commission can subpoena the complaining parties, witnesses and police department records pertaining to the complaint. The Commission must follow specific procedures.

A TRIBUTE FOR THE TWENTY-SIX ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADA

Mayor Garcia, City Council Members and the City, celebrate the twenty-six anniversary of

The signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), a landmark freedom document

Surely, the ADA adds a ray of light to the darkness seen by the visually impaired or blind

Surely, the ADA bridges the gap between architectural barriers by providing better access

Surely, the ADA lessens the near or complete silence heard by the hearing impaired or deaf

Surely, the ADA unveils insight regarding physical, hidden, cognitive and mental disabilities

Surely, the ADA reflects an understanding of the limitations and challenges of the disabled community

Surely, the ADA recognizes the unique; yet, powerful humanity within the souls of people with disabilities

Surely, the City's commitment complying with the intent and spirit of the ADA of 1990 is noteworthy

People with abilities and disabilities, let your voices soar higher than an eagle in the sky

Believe that your divine and victorious purpose in life does make a difference

Now, go forth, inspire mankind by your generous spirit; surely, a great soul

Rejoice! Celebrate the twenty-six anniversary of the ADA on July 26, 2016 by wearing blue!