

eComments Report for Economic Development Finance Committee Meeting Agenda of April 30, 2020

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3. (20-0357) Recommendation to receive and file a report from Former Mayor Bob Foster on the activities of the Economic Recovery Advisory Group.	Eric Castano	turntwo67@gmail.com						<p>Long Beach should lead by re-opening businesses that can operate safely, regardless of what LA politicians have in mind. It's about time for the government to accept the fact the effect of the Covid-19 virus has been widely blown out of proportion. Even if someone wants to argue the lives saved by the shutdown were worth the damages caused by the shutdown, it is clear many businesses could operate safely using basic precautions. I got a haircut from a barber at a private residence; we both took precautions by wearing masks and a week later neither of us are sick. This could have taken place in a barber shop with the same results. When government officials shut down safe businesses, and beaches for that matter, they damage their credibility with the community.</p> <p>Please open up as many businesses as you can, as fast as you can. Don't follow LA, a city that mismanages regular affairs. And please open up our parks and beaches immediately.</p>	4/28/2020
4. (20-0358) Recommendation to receive and file a report from Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau President Steve Goodling on the status of the local hospitality industry impacted by the COVID-19 emergency.	Maricela de Rivera	derivera.m@gmail.com						<p>The arts are a critical component of our robust hospitality industry. The Arts Council of Long Beach should be a part of this discussion, as arts are and will be part of the solution.</p>	4/30/2020

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PUBLIC COMMENT	Kate Azar	kate@lbplfoundation.org						We urge City Council to keep the Library's already strained budget at its current funding level. Libraries play a critical role in strengthening our economy. They provide resources to students trying to keep up in school and those seeking job search help. They offer computer and internet access to bridge the digital divide, tutoring, computer training, and more. Although libraries are temporarily closed, they provide valuable online resources including eBooks, live tutoring, live job search support, and videos so patrons can homeschool and earn marketable job skills. The Long Beach Public Library Foundation is grateful for the generous support from families/business who have made donations of all sizes to support the library, but we can't rely on philanthropy alone. And the library cannot sustain more cuts to its budget and make these resources available to the thousands of families who rely on them. Please maintain the Library's budget-it is part of our economic recovery. Thank you.	4/30/2020
PUBLIC COMMENT	Renette Mazza	rmazza@grafairfreight.com						If the neighboring counties/cities are opening because the science, numbers infected/mortality/recovering facts do not back up a further lockdown then Long Beach should be permitted to open back up with safety guidelines in place. This whole thing is starting to look like more of political maneuver than actual safety precautions.	4/30/2020
PUBLIC COMMENT	Blanca Ureta	blancaureta4@gmail.com						<p>The following Resources can be used as a guide to open Beauty Salons and Barbershops</p> <p>https://www.modernsalon.com/624340/returning-to-work-in-the-new-normal#.XqnJeRAbvDE.facebook</p> <p>https://www.modernsalon.com/624102/28-safety-guidelines-for-reopening-salons-and-barbershops</p> <p>https://experienceispa.com/covid-19-info/2-uncategorised/400-reopening-resources</p> <p>https://www.miladytraining.com/</p>	4/30/2020

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PUBLIC COMMENT	Maricela de Rivera	derivera.m@gmail.com						As a 9th district resident of North Long Beach I can attest to my community being hit hard by the physical health, economic health, and mental health ravages of COVID-19. My spouse was laid off as a direct result of the pandemic and Safer At Home order. We currently have no income other than unemployment benefits. And yet, I implore our city and local leaders to act cautiously and not reopen any sector too soon. The inequities of COVID-19 are glaring and substantial. No one's desire for golf, and the like, is more important than the life of the employee that would have to be there. Long Beach has done well at protecting its residents. Please don't undue the sacrifices for the collective good we have endured by succumbing to those that will not be impacted most. The inequities of reopening too soon would be even more devastating than the inequities of living through the Safer At Home order. Thank you for your service to our community. My family and I are profoundly grateful.	4/30/2020