

eComments Report for Sustainable City Commission Agenda of May 28, 2020

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Sustainable City Commission on non-agenda items of interest to the public within the Commission's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.	Dave Shukla							As one of the co-founders of the Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy, a research and advocacy organization dedicated to science-based and equity-focused action on climate change, I urge the Commission to hold a study session at your next meeting on the CAAP, on updating CAAP targets and options in light of Covid-19, and specifically on how CCA programs can help us achieve our sustainability and environmental performance goals.	5/28/2020
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2. 20-009SC Recommendation to receive a presentation from Long Beach Public Works Mobility Team on Active Transportation Projects and Programs.	Dave Shukla							<p>I look forward to this being presented in the meeting today.</p> <p>I am supportive of the Vision Zero framework - data for LA's framework was one of our projects in the Advanced GIS course at UCLA in spring of 2017 - and I am very impressed with the data collected and presented thus far.</p> <p>The one common policy option for cities, counties, and states to achieve zero pedestrian deaths is to lower speed limits - even on arterials - to 35 mph. Note that most of the fatalities for ped/bike and/or all modes on slides 4-5 are in sections of cross-town arterials with high density of places (shops, schools, workplaces) that can be served by active transportation options. Better demographic data on collisions would tell us who is speeding in these (also disadvantaged) areas.</p> <p>The City of Long Beach needs stricter regulations on e-scooter vendors/companies - the numbers on slide 17 are a joke.</p> <p>Slide 21 is pretty scant, I expect to hear more</p>	5/28/2020

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3. 20-010SC Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Aquarium of the Pacific on their Climate Resilience Work.	Dave Shukla							I look forward to this presentation.	5/28/2020
PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS	Moreplanet lesswaste							LB Sustainability Commission, I would like to call to attention the amount of waste being produced in the city of Long Beach, waste includingÂ but not limited to single-use plastic utensils and plastic to-go containers, these items are being overused in this time of Covid-19. Efforts to furtherÂ eco-friendly business in Long Beach lie within the Green Business Program, but I believeÂ we can do more as a city to regulate plastics in Long Beach all around. If we are taking food home to eat, why are single-use, plastic utensils still available/necessary? These plastics use oil to create, causingÂ damage to the environment before they are used, and are easily broken down in the ocean, in the best case scenario they are left in the landfill where their average shelf life will be 1,000 years. We should be disallowing single-use plastic utensils in Long Beach and reinforcing the plastic straw ban which I feel has gone back to old ways.	5/27/2020