

eComments Report for Budget Oversight Committee Meeting Agenda of August 6, 2020

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2. (20-0735) Recommendation to receive and file presentation on the City Manager's Proposed FY 21 Budget.	Barbara Sc	barbscesq@gmail.com						As a Library Foundation donor, I urge the Budget Oversight Committee to please support Mayor Garcia's recommendation against any cuts to the Library's FY21 hours. I also ask you to leave the Library's already very lean budget intact so that it may serve the hundreds of thousands of patrons who rely on it. The libraries provide numerous services and resources that help to bridge the City's economic, digital, and intellectual divides. The Racial Equity & Reconciliation Initiative Initial Report proved that funding and greater accessibility to Libraries is a high priority for the community as a component of equitable health services. The Library is also listed as a significant component of the Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan, Continuum of Public Safety, Early Childhood Education Strategic Plan, and in recommendations provided by the Technology and Innovation Commission's Digital Inclusion Report.	8/6/2020
2. (20-0735) Recommendation to receive and file presentation on the City Manager's Proposed FY 21 Budget.	Dee Abrahams	dee@abrahamse.org						I strongly urge you to support the Mayor's recommendation that the public libraries retain their current hours and days open without further cuts in the FY 2021 budget. Service to families and community members, including computers and broadband access for an estimated 28% of families whose children in our schools will be learning from homes without this access is essential, and homework help and family literacy programs will be even more important in this emergency. Support for job-seekers, , adaptive technology for those with disabilities ,service to veterans, connecting with social services, high school completion, senior programs,bilingual programs and special collections in languages spoken in our communities, and advanced technology access are only a few of ways our library serves our community. In these times, access is more important than ever - I strongly urge you to preserve the existing hours in the upcoming budget as recommended by Mayor Garcia. Dee Abrahamse.	8/6/2020

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2. (20-0735) Recommendation to receive and file presentation on the City Manager's Proposed FY 21 Budget.	Margaret Durnin	durninhome@aol.com						As a Library Foundation donor and Board member, I urge the Budget Oversight Committee to not cut the Library's FY21 hours and already very lean budget. The Library helps bridge the City's economical, digital, and intellectual divides. It has been and will continue to be an important City asset, especially with the COVID-19 pandemic and its ramifications. Thank you, Margaret Durnin	8/5/2020
2. (20-0735) Recommendation to receive and file presentation on the City Manager's Proposed FY 21 Budget.	Colleen Bentley	coleybentley@hotmail.com						As schools debate opening or closing, online education or in-person education, it is critical that our public libraries are open to help families, children and teenagers assist with the education of our community. It makes no sense - at least to me - that the city would cut library operations from 5-3 days per week or shorter. As a kid who would get a car ride from my mom, or when I got older, able to ride my bike to the Los Altos library branch, to sit, to listen to read. So many of our libraries are so critical to our communities ability to access computers, books, etc. We need an educated population -- let's let our libraries do that. Thank you Colleen Bentley	8/5/2020
2. (20-0735) Recommendation to receive and file presentation on the City Manager's Proposed FY 21 Budget.	Susan DeLand	susan.deland@gmail.com						As Library Foundation donor, I urge the Budget Oversight Committee to please support Mayor Garcia's recommendation against any cuts to the Library's FY21 hours. I also ask you to leave the Library's already very lean budget intact so that it may serve the hundreds of thousands of patrons who rely on it. Now, more than ever in our history, our community needs access to learning tools. The library is key to bridging the digital divide and bringing increased equity to Long Beach. It is our responsibility to enable education, job resources, health information, curiosity and imagination and keep it free and accessible for all.	8/5/2020
2. (20-0735) Recommendation to receive and file presentation on the City Manager's Proposed FY 21 Budget.	Victor McCarty	vimccarty27@gmail.com						As a lifelong resident of LB including schools and business, libraries helped shape my life. I urge your support of Mayor Garcia's request to maintain library funding	8/5/2020

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2. (20-0735) Recommendation to receive and file presentation on the City Manager's Proposed FY 21 Budget.	Susan Redfield	stredfield@aol.com						As a former President of the Board of the Library Foundation and a long time donor, I urge the Budget Oversight Committee to please support Mayor Garcia's recommendation against any cuts to the Library's FY21 hours. I also ask you to leave the Library's already very lean budget intact so that it may serve the hundreds of thousands of patrons who rely on it. Thank you! Susan Redfield, 7th District	8/5/2020
2. (20-0735) Recommendation to receive and file presentation on the City Manager's Proposed FY 21 Budget.	Kate Azar	kate@lbplfoundation.org						<p>The Long Beach Public Library Foundation urges the Budget Oversight Committee to please support Mayor Garcia's recommendation against any cuts to the Library's FY21 budget or hours. The Library is already operating on an extremely lean budget. And we've seen the important role Public Libraries play in bridging the City's economic, digital, and intellectual divides. Libraries are needed now more than ever, especially as thousands of families struggle to homeschool and those affected by the record unemployment rate need the Library's job search resources.</p> <p>The Racial Equity & Reconciliation Initiative Initial Report proved that funding and greater accessibility to Libraries is a high priority for the community as a component of equitable health services. Once it is safe for Libraries to reopen, students, parents, older adults, job-seekers, and veterans will flock to the Library seeking to get their lives and livelihoods back on track. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	8/5/2020
2. (20-0735) Recommendation to receive and file presentation on the City Manager's Proposed FY 21 Budget.	Dixie Miller	msdixipeach@yahoo.com						Post a copy of the 21 budget for all to see.	8/4/2020

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4. (20-0737) Recommendation to receive and file the highlights in the Proposed FY 21 Budget as it relates to the Framework for Reconciliation.	Dixie Miller	msdixipeach@yahoo.com						<p>I received this post today. I had no idea this was possibly being considered even though you Mayor Garcia are following other liberal cities along with the members of the city council in defunding our police. Why is this even being considered? You don't listen to the people of the city as it is. Our police are the best and we need more actually.</p> <p>You, Mayor Garcia, and the city council need to hold a public hearing on this. If your intent is to appease a very small group of people, you will absolutely be in danger of losing the majority of the people.</p> <p>Please let me know what your intent is.</p> <p>Respectfully for the time being,</p> <p>Dixie Miller https://www.facebook.com/LBPOA/photos/a.836219866414465/3384024508300642/?type=3&theater </p>	8/4/2020