

eComments Report for Public Safety Meeting Agenda of September 16, 2020

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<p>PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM</p> <p>CIVIC CHAMBERS IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC</p> <p>PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO USE eCOMMENT TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY ALSO BE</p>	Vin Olefer	pnolefer@gmail.com						<p>We have needed non-police emergency response systems in Long Beach for years. Drugs and mental health crisis intervention could be handled much better and less threateningly by someone who is not a cop. People who feel rightfully endangered by police should be able to receive help without that threat, and citizens should be able to call for a neighbor in distress and not worry that their concern will result in brutality or unnecessary arrest. Plenty of other cities have had these programs and phone numbers for years. Why is Long Beach so far behind?</p>	9/14/2020
<p>3. (20-0899) Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Police Department on current use of force policies and future policy changes based on national conversations, research on best practices, and pending legislation.</p>	Leslie Davis	leslielkd@gmail.com						<p>I would like to recommend adopting the program 8CantWait that has been proven to reduce police violence by 72% enabling immediate change to police departments: https://8cantwait.org/</p> <p>The CAHOOTS program is also excellent for setting up a collaboration between the police and the community. Eugene, Oregon reports that in 30 years the CAHOOTS program has never had a serious injury or a death that their team was responsible for. https://www.npr.org/2020/06/10/874339977/cahoots-how-social-workers-and-police-share-responsibilities-in-eugene-oregon</p> <p>Thank you for your serious consideration of the above.</p> <p>Leslie Davis District 2</p>	9/14/2020

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3. (20-0899) Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Police Department on current use of force policies and future policy changes based on national conversations, research on best practices, and pending legislation.	Pernille Lopez	lobo9193@gmail.com						It all starts with having the right set of values, culture and leadership. That must be the starting point. If that isn't addressed new policies and programs will not make a difference. Starting with reviewing current values, creating a culture of service and protection of all citizens and incorporating core values into recruitment, training and leadership.	9/14/2020
6. (20-0902) Recommendation to receive a report on the CAHOOTS program and potential Long Beach feasibility.	Vin Olefer	pnolefer@gmail.com						There is no reason a police officer should be the person to respond to crisis calls about mental health, drugs, homelessness, domestic violence, or neighborhood disputes. People in these situations could very rightfully feel even more endangered by police response. If it's not feasible now, make it feasible. Long Beach cannot remain so far behind other similar cities, it's a disservice to our community. As someone who has had to call police for neighbors in distress at home and at work, I deserve another option than to potentially have blood on my hands or traumatize someone in need.	9/14/2020
ADJOURNMENT	Amy Ford	amyford6331@yahoo.com						I strongly support the police in Long Beach and would like to see funding increased for the police. Law and order is the most important issue for me. I want to feel safe where I live. I do not want to be hassled/panhandled or yelled at by homeless people in Belmont Shore. I am appalled that the police are disrespected when they have one of the most difficult jobs I can imagine. Please vote to increase police protection for your constituents.	9/14/2020