

eComments Report for Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda of July 23, 2021

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<p>PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-08-21 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM</p> <p>MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE THE OPTION TO USE eCOMMENT TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY ALSO BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL TO CITYCLERK@LONGBEACH.GOV</p> <p>TO SIGN UP FOR TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE VISIT WWW.LONGBEACH.GOV/CITYCLERK</p> <p>PLEASE VIEW THE MEETING FROM YOUR COMPUTER, TABLET, OR SMARTPHONE VIA: https://longbeach.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_i</p>	Carlos Ovalle	csovalle@gmail.com		<p>Since the George Floyd protests last year, policing has been a hot issue with most residents of Long Beach. This has been exacerbated by a series of things: The increase of crime as a result of record-breaking unemployment, poverty, high housing prices, and resulting homelessness. In addition to this, the most recent report from PoliceScorecard.org now ranks the LBPB as the worst police department in all of California, and the 4th worst in the nation. The Public Safety Committee needs to hear from the public and not operate in a vacuum or to hear from only the administration/police end of the spectrum. Please hold neighborhood meetings in each district during times when working people can attend, not in mid-afternoon when working people are... working. Be transparent. Be accountable. Be representatives of the community you were hired to represent.</p>	7/23/21

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2. (21-0709) Recommendation to receive a presentation on the Citizen Police Complaint Commission and a status update on consultant.	Carlos Ovalle	csovalle@gmail.com		I was one of a group of people interviewed by Polis, the group charged with reforming the CPCC. Along with a few of the people I've spoken with over the last couple of weeks whom I know were also interviewed, I share their belief that if allowed to do their job, the consultants' report may actually be a good thing. My biggest fear is that city council and or the LBPD will attempt to influence the report. This would be a shame. Unfortunately there is presedent for this action.	7/23/21

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2. (21-0709) Recommendation to receive a presentation on the Citizen Police Complaint Commission and a status update on consultant.	Greg Buhl	gdbuhl@gmail.com		<p>I was skeptical when I heard the city had hired a company founded by police officers to lead on CPCC reform.</p> <p>It seemed like the City was delaying reform and an outside expert was not needed as 2 of the 9 members of the City Council had served on the CPCC"even thought during these years the CPCC found in favor of the police in 99.6% of all use of force misconduct cases.</p> <p>I saw this consultant process as side-stepping the Framework on Reconciliation and the City's new Equity Commission.</p> <p>However, now that I've learned the identity of the main reviewer, reviewed her academic writings, and learned of some of the local stakeholders she has chosen to interview i am more at ease with the process.</p> <p>In fact, my concern has shifted to how the LBPOA will seek to undermine the reform process.</p> <p>Since the City got to hand-pick its consultant, it would be nice to hear on the record that this Committee will not seek to undermine the recommendations the make.</p> <p>Greg Buhl CheckLBPD.org</p>	7/23/21
2. (21-0709) Recommendation to receive a presentation on the Citizen Police Complaint Commission and a status update on consultant.	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		We want a ballot measure to give control to the Commission, not the City Mgr who overrides everything and buries the findings.	7/23/21

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3. (21-0710) Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Police Department on privacy considerations and best practices associated with the use of the Los Angeles County Regional Identification System (LACRIS), Facial Recognition System.	Kenny Allen	kenny@springwavestudios.com		This is a disgusting, inadequate and downright predatory policy that makes the police department look either inept or devious, at a time when the City claims to be worried about building trust between LBPd and the public. This policy is in direct opposition to the Framework for Reconciliation, and the public has not had adequate time or notice to provide input on this. LBPd policy is missing multi-level, multi-person human review designed to prevent misidentification and counter cross-racial identification problems. The policy has no limit on submitting poor quality images which are more likely to be misidentification. The LBPd does not limit the types of crimes facial recognition can be used to investigate and there is no penalty for misuse. I am submitting this public comment to beg that the members of this committee reject this policy outright. The lives of our community members depend on it.	7/23/21

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3. (21-0710) Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Police Department on privacy considerations and best practices associated with the use of the Los Angeles County Regional Identification System (LACRIS), Facial Recognition System.	Jamilet Ochoa	jamilet@lbirc.org		Over the past decade, the Long Beach Police Department has steadily expanded its use of surveillance technology, with alarming implications for Black, immigrant, and people of color communities. This technology does not offer a benign alternative to abusive policing; it only expands and accelerates incarceration and deportation in already over-policed communities. These technologies do not keep our communities safe!	7/23/21
3. (21-0710) Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Police Department on privacy considerations and best practices associated with the use of the Los Angeles County Regional Identification System (LACRIS), Facial Recognition System.	Carlos Ovalle	csovalle@gmail.com		I object to any and all "Big Brother" technology by the LBPD. There is no better way to address crime than to address the source of crime. Jobs. Hope. Education. Healthcare. Housing. Dignity. Address the causes of crime, not the symptoms. Surveillance will increase mistrust. Surveillance will target People of Color and foment mistrust. Do the right thing.	7/23/21

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PUBLIC COMMENT	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		This city is dangerous now. People don't feel safe. Please make sure that parks like Bixby get a full time park ranger. The walking program is ineffective and just caterers to police overtime. Real change occurs with community policing and park rangers.	7/23/21