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Subject: Consent Calendar Items 4/5/22

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To: Long Beach City Council

Re: Consent Calendar Items C-16, C-17, C-18, C-19

Dear Decision Makers:

We are requesting that Consent Calendar Items 16, 17, 18, and 19 be removed **from the Consent Calendar** for discussion and special action.

Item 16 allows a fee waiver of \$8,250. Items 17, 18, and 19, fee waivers of \$5,000 each for a \$23,750 total loss of revenue for the City. As I tax payer, I expect the members of these private yacht clubs to pay for the privilege of using public docks.

We regularly attend the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings. There are always 5-10 Fee Waivers on the agenda and most of them are approved. I have never understood this process. While most of the requests are for good causes, why set fees for private use of public facilities and then allowed certain organizations free use? **These lost fees could be used to revive the Park Rangers and other needed park programs.**

We are especially concerned about the Navy Yacht Club's waiver for the July 3 Big Bang on the Bay fireworks event. These docks are at the end of Oil Dock Road and very close to nesting shore birds. **We** stood under those trees with blankets to catch falling baby herons and egrets **while the area shook with the noise of explosions.** There is currently a law suit against the promoter of the Big Bang event charging **the** lack of needed permits and pollution of waters in the bay. This damaging event needs to be stopped, not encouraged with fee waivers.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Ann Cantrell and Anna Christensen, co-chairs,
Sierra Club Los Cerritos Wetlands Task Force**