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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 10:48 AM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Regarding 8/17 Council Meeting, Agenda Item 12

**-EXTERNAL-**

Please accept this e-comment.

I urge you to adopt the People's Budget for FY 2022, because this proposal prioritizes providing concrete care to our city's residents and promotes a just recovery. I urge you to shift money allocated to the LBPD to actual community needs. Please recognize how large the LBPD's budget is relative to the overall city budget, and reallocate funds according to what the people—not cops, special interests, or an incredibly flawed and irresponsible survey by the police union—have identified as community needs.

We do not need more police, a more militarized police, more police technology, or frankly anything that invests money, power, and authority in the police force.

We need to reimagine community safety without police terror and instead grounded in transformative justice and Black empowerment. We need community-led crisis response, violence reduction, and prevention strategies that are unrelated to police, specifically the alternative emergency response teams called for in the City's Racial Equity and Reconciliation Report.

We need to protect and invest in affordable housing by creating a citywide rental housing division, funding the right to counsel for all renters, and establishing community land trusts.

We need to fully staff and fund language access in our city filled with people of diverse backgrounds.

We need to invest in our youth—which is a strategy to actually prevent crime (something the police do not do)—including funding and implementing the Long Beach Youth and Emerging Adults Strategic Plan and increasing funding for the Hero Program, Project Labor Agreement community outreach, access to physical and mental health resources and service, and childcare subsidies.

We need to protect our older adults by establishing and structurally funding the Office of Aging in the Health Department, setting aside rental assistance and small business recovery funds specifically for seniors, and building a new senior center and invest in long-term care workforce development.

We need to protect our immigrant population by increasing funding to the Long Beach Justice Fund to provide free universal legal representation to immigrant residents facing deportation, regardless of their background.

We need to take action on digital inclusion by investing in the implementation of the City's Digital Inclusion Roadmap, specifically expanding high-speed Internet access in low-income and senior communities, free public WiFi, and free access to technology devices.

The People's Budget is a pathway to ending anti-Blackness and structural racism in the City, undoing historical disinvestment that has continued for generations, and moving us closer towards a Long Beach that is safe and healthy for all. Now is the time for bold change that puts Black lives at the center and

reduces harm in every way, prioritizes communities first, invests in real essential services, and reimagines community safety.

Thank you,

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resident of district 7

-----Original Message-----

From: Bryan Quigley [mailto:b@bryanquigley.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 5:38 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Budget comments for 2022

-EXTERNAL-

Dear LB,

The proposed budget spends more on Police and Energy Resources. That seems quite backwards to me.

Energy Resources - We need to reduce funding for legacy fossil fuel energy including natural gas. We need to transition the city and the workers to renewable energy.

Police - I get that you don't want to cut the funding despite many calls to do so. But please don't increase it.

Thank you,

Bryan