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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com					Do not serve Putin. In any way. You do recognize that that is what you are saying when you are making this pledge, yes?	8/18/2020
CONSENT CALENDAR:	Shaine Barnett	itsmeabbeyb@gmail.com					Pertaining to the budget hearing: please allocate funds back into our communities that need it! Programs within the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition need our help. The City Manager claims a \$12.9 million reduction in the LBPD's budget, the actual difference between this past year's adopted budget and the proposed budget for this upcoming year is \$4 million. Be honest with us about where our city's money is going, you are not doing enough.	8/18/2020
10. (20-0776) Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract with Galls, LLC, of Lexington, KY, for furnishing and delivering fire uniforms, on the same terms and conditions afforded to the Orange County Fire Authority, in an annual amount of \$500,000, with a 10 percent contingency of \$50,000, for a total annual amount not to exceed \$550,000, until the Orange County Fire Authority contract expires on October 2, 2022, with the option to renew for as long as the Orange County Fire Authority contract is in effect, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com					Why is the OCFA, ever, a model for anything in Los Angeles County?  If their entire county cannot Shut Down when it is time to do so, and, objectively, spread the virus, why do we care about any standards they make there?  Asking for a friend.	8/18/2020

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<p>11. (20-0777) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and any subsequent amendments, including any amendments to the amount of the award, with the County of Los Angeles for the Nurse Family Partnership Program, to accept and expend grant funding in an annual amount not to exceed \$148,853, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager; and</p> <p>Increase appropriations in the Health Fund Group in Health and Human Services Department by \$148,853, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com					Support. Thank you.	8/18/2020
<p>13. (20-0779) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an amendment to Contract No. 33907, and any necessary documents including subsequent amendments, with the Los Angeles County Development Authority, (formerly the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles), for supplemental law enforcement services to the Carmelitos Housing Development, to extend the term of the contract through December 31, 2020. (District 8)</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com					Ugh... Robert Luna is speaking right now, and every argument he is making is one for taking these responsibilities out of his hands. How does this City expect any trust with casuistries like these?	8/18/2020

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15. (20-0781) Recommendation to request City Attorney to prepare an ordinance establishing the weight limit on the Ravenna Bridge not to exceed 34 tons. (District 3)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com					Would be better if it was 16 tons.	8/18/2020
16. (20-0783) WITHDRAWN Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the following Departments: Public Works, Police, and Library Services.	Patricia Benoit	benoit333@hotmail.com					Please support our Library Services.	8/18/2020

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16. (20-0783) WITHDRAWN Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the following Departments: Public Works, Police, and Library Services.	Holly Zirretta	hzirretta@gmail.com					Do NOT decrease funding for police and fire. Arenâ€™t you the same ones who pleaded with us to pass Measure A to INCREASE funding for police and fire. And you expect the voters to ignore that and agree with DECREASING their funding? Meanwhile, Mayor Garcia increases his staff and goes out politicking with the democrats in power. Please donâ€™t let Long Beach go the way of Seattle, Portland and Chicago. Voters may have remained somewhat detached up to now and have let the mayor and some council members get away with these shenanigans, but not anymore. We all watched while downtown LB burned. It is forever cemented in our memories. You finally got us to pay attention to what you are doing.	8/18/2020
16. (20-0783) WITHDRAWN Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the following Departments: Public Works, Police, and Library Services.	Wendy Henning	wrhenning@earthlink.net					My husband and I have been citizens of the great city of Long Beach for over fifty years. We do not want to see the LB Police force de-funded. May we suggest that an across the board cut in pay for all city employees help to shoulder the financial burden and the costs of the Pandemic? An across the board cut would make it more palatable for all.  Thank you, Wendy and John Henning	8/18/2020

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16. (20-0783) WITHDRAWN Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the following Departments: Public Works, Police, and Library Services.	Ray Mehler	raymond.d.mehler@gmail.com					<p>We oppose any reduction of police expenditures at this time of continuous threat of unrest and actual rioting. We fully support the Long Beach Police Department and believe our officers have been doing a difficult job for many years with excellence and professionalism.</p> <p>We should actually increase the police budget until the increased threat to lives and property has ended.</p> <p>Ray and Suzette Mehler</p>	8/18/2020
16. (20-0783) WITHDRAWN Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the following Departments: Public Works, Police, and Library Services.	Patricia Jackson	trishaj05@aol.com					<p>While our Police Department could use an evaluation of policies, procedures, and staffing, independent of the union representing our police officers, cutting programs that assist and affect the community is not the way to fix the problem. Please do not defund programs that help the homeless, and other groups in need of help replacing sworn officers with civilians. Perhaps looking at the bloated administration might be a better way.</p>	8/18/2020
16. (20-0783) WITHDRAWN Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the following Departments: Public Works, Police, and Library Services.	Cathy Simpson	cathyjsoukup@gmail.com					<p>Why would you withdraw a Budget Hearing?? This is vitally important right now. We need to defund the police and use many of those funds for education, mental health, and social work! PREVENTION not REACTION! Lives (especially Black Lives) are at stake.</p>	8/17/2020

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17. (20-0782) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and find the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article 12.5, Section 15194; and  Adopt ordinance approving a zoning change from Regional Highway Commercial (CHW) to Community R-4-N Commercial (CCN), for the properties addressed as 901-945 East Pacific Coast Highway (APN's 7210-013-026, 023, 900, and 901). (District 6)	Sandra Kroll	sdkroll10@gmail.com					This proposal really needs no defense, because it represents such a coup for the City, which will gain a lovely development on a long-neglected property; and for some of our senior residents, who are in such great need of housing they can afford. While we don't accept the fact of any resident experiencing homelessness, the saddest sight is an older woman or man, most of them with health problems, contending with all of the issues related to being unhoused - including worsening of that health issue or disability. The proposed facility will actually serve as an attractive addition to the neighborhood, and perhaps inspire improvements to nearby properties.	8/18/2020
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<p>26. (20-0790) WITHDRAWN                      Recommendation to receive and file a report on the feasibility of a Long Beach Community Choice Aggregation (CCA);</p> <p>Defer for two years any decision whether to participate in a CCA, or possibly sooner if new information becomes available solidifying benefits, to allow for increased stability in the California electricity market and reduce potential risk to residents and businesses;</p> <p>Direct City Manager to perform community outreach regarding the CCA concept along with potential benefits and risks to customers, as well as to gain feedback on how supportive the community might be of a Long Beach CCA;</p> <p>Direct City Manager to prepare a study that analyzes CCA governance options including forming a stand-alone City enterprise, creating a new Joint Powers Authority (JPA) with another interested public agency, or joining an existing JPA;</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com					<p>Yeah. If you've got to take mailboxes and mail sorting machines out, the election has been called. 2016 and 2020 - the past three and a half years of illegality at the federal level has called the question, and it is all coming out in the wash.</p> <p>Stop wasting my time.</p> <p>Stop trying to take my future from me.</p> <p>Stop trying to keep my family poisoned, so that you can poison other families in parts of town that do not know better.</p>	8/18/2020

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<p>28. (20-0792) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to extend application of the Public Seawall Lease Program (Lease Program) to all phase areas of the Naples Permanent Seawall Repair Project (Project) in accordance with California Coastal Commission (CCC) Special Condition of Approval No. 10; and</p> <p>Adopt resolution amending the Master Fee and Charges Schedule and Public Seawall Lease Permit Fee (Fee) to \$0.57 annual per square-foot in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and making the Fee subject to future CPI adjustments on an annual basis using the fiscal year. (District 3)</p>	Dan Ramos	danwramos@verizon.net					<p>"...after evaluation of rental fees for submerged tidelands located adjacent to the residential properties, fees charged in other coastal communities, and extensive analysis of services and the costs reasonably borne by the City in providing those services."</p> <p>What other coastal communities surveyed received revenue from both oil operations and harbor operations? With the exception of the ports of Los Angeles and San Diego, if any other community surveyed did not have either of those two additional revenue streams in place to garner revenue, then the city's analysis is not valid.</p> <p>I suspect that revenue transferred each quarter from both the Long Beach port and oil operations into the Tidelands Fund could adequately fund the Naples Seawall Project and not require an increase in the established lease rate. If revenue transfers can be accomplished each quarter from the tidelands partners, then the city is making adequate additional revenue to fund projects and not tax its residents.</p>	8/16/2020

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34. (20-0799) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with Financial Management to waive, from March 1st, 2020 through March 31st, 2021, user fees and charges for the most vulnerable Long Beach, independent, full-service restaurants, with an emphasis on equity; and  Request Director of Economic Development and other appropriate departments to develop a Long Beach Restaurant Retention Plan, designed to improve the economic survival of restaurants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic across Long Beach.	Patricia Jackson	trishaj05@aol.com					Many of Long Beach's small restaurants are in danger of closing or have already closed. Long Beach Coffee and Tea at 480 Pine is one of the restaurants in danger of closing. Owned by a veteran and a woman, Long Beach Coffee and Tea has continued to provide food, clothing, and assistance to veterans and the homeless even though they are losing money. I first met Tom West and Shannon Francis when The Grunion ran an article before Christmas about their Angel Tree, which provided a way for residents to provide Christmas presents to Long Beach Veterans. They held a fundraising dinner to send care packages overseas to deployed service members, and continue to provide free meals to the homeless, along with providing shoes and clothing, personal hygiene items, and other necessities like socks to the homeless. They have created a fledgling non profit coffee roasting program to help veterans integrate back into society. Please help these incredible people keep their restaurant open.	8/16/2020
37. (20-0677) Recommendation to request that the Special Order issued on January 16, 2020 become a permanent policy change for the Long Beach Police Department.	Jessica Wilhelm	jsswilhelm@gmail.com					What was the Special Order? Why is the report given to the Public Safety Committee on June 23rd not available? This seems a hard item for the public to participate in without all the information.	8/17/2020