

From: Susan Dilday [mailto:susandilday@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 12:11 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Re: Police Budget Agenda Item

-EXTERNAL-

Hello again!

I wanted to follow up on my previous email from the other week to make sure it was received.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Best,
Susan Dilday

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 3:03 PM Susan Dilday <susandilday@gmail.com> wrote:
Dear Council Members,

I wanted to take a moment to share my opinion on the "Defund the Police" agenda item which I understand is being discussed this evening.

I've lived in Long Beach for more than four decades. My late husband was born in Long Beach in 1942, went to local public schools and graduated from CSULB, and occupied more than 20 residences across the city until he passed away in late 2017. He thought this was the best city in the world, and when we married in 1984, we knew it was the place we wanted to raise our children, build our careers, develop deep friendships and enjoy our lives.

I want a thriving Long Beach, one that continues to grow and prosper. The city is -- and has always been -- a wonderful community of caring, hard working people. But, like in any society, there will always be a criminal element we cannot naively ignore.

Without a strong police force and broad support (both fiscal and moral) for our local officers and their superiors, our city will deteriorate. People and businesses who can will move away, and property values and city revenue will decline.

While I wholeheartedly support investment in the underserved communities, I do not believe that it should come at the expense of the general safety and police protection of all residents. We cannot allow criminals, at any level, to think we will turn a blind eye to crime or that it will go unprosecuted. In order to have a healthy, flourishing city, it is imperative that we maintain order and provide security and safety for all residents and businesses. We need to continue our steady focus on reducing and deterring crime, eliminating homelessness and protecting our city streets. This is *in addition* -- not *instead* of -- continuing to robustly invest in underserved communities and leverage opportunities that allow all citizens to prosper.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

Best,
Susan Dilday



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August 31st, 2020

Subject: Renters Deserve Dignity Not Harassment - Support Item 20, 9/1/2020 Agenda

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

With the COVID-19 pandemic and joblessness raging on, our community is stressed out every day. East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice & it's members are part of Long Beach's renter-majority ~~predominately~~ Black, Latinx, Asian American, and other people of color ~~who~~ are extremely vulnerable during these unstable times.

EYCEJ is a community-based organization that works to facilitate self-advocates in East Los Angeles, Southeast Los Angeles, and Long Beach. By providing workshops and trainings, EYCEJ prepares community members to engage in the decision-making processes that directly impact their health and quality of life. In our Long Beach site, we have residents living, working, playing & praying throughout the nine districts that are renters & homeowners of various ages, ethnicities, and nationalities.

Despite the Eviction Moratorium in place, EYCEJ's members have personally experienced or heard stories of ruthless and coercive harassment by landlords toward tenants, including unlawful eviction attempts and lockouts, failure to make timely repairs, verbal and physical intimidation and threats, entry into the home without notice, false and deceitful information about current emergency housing policies ~~the list goes on and on.~~

Housing is a human right, and everyone deserves the safe, quiet enjoyment of their home, especially during stay-at-home health orders. **I urge the City Council to immediately adopt a commonsense ordinance to address tenant harassment in order to protect vulnerable families and seniors from being maliciously harassed in their homes.**

Thank you.

Regards,

Jan Victor F. Andasan
Community Organizer
East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

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

From: Michelle Feldman [mailto:michellefeldman89@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 5:20 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Long Beach Police

-EXTERNAL-

To whom it may concern,

I'm a resident of Long Beach and have lived here for 4 years. I understand there has been talk about a proposed budget cut for LBPD. I felt it was important to share my opinion as a resident. I've had many encounters with LBPD and they've had to respond to my house for my security system and they had a prompt response and they went above and beyond to walkthrough my house to ensure no one had made entry. Not one officer responded, but at least 4-5 and I was surprised with their response and how professional they were. I know the climate right now nationwide is predominantly anti-police, however the LBPD continues to show professional and courage even during these trying times. As a concerned citizen, if we cut the departments budget and risk losing over 50+ officers and even civilian staff, the department will start to be overwhelmed with the call volume they receive which in turn will slow their response time and overwork our officers. We need to start protecting our officers and not jump on the bandwagon of "defund the police," especially when these are the men and women who we call to during our worst times.

In sum, we need to either maintain or increase their budget as much as possible and provide them with the necessary equipment, training, and resources as possible.

Thank you,

Michelle

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

From: Cami Hovarter [mailto:chovarter@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 4:35 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Public Safety

-EXTERNAL-

Please do not cut police officers! We moved to Belmont believing it to be safe for our family. We've already had our home burglarized, had vagrants camp in our alley and see an endless parade of recently released criminals walk by daily. We've been told Measure A was supposed to go to public safety? We need it now more than ever. Make safety in Long Beach a priority!

Thank you,

Cami

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ron Malouf [mailto:ronmalouf@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:14 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Defunding the Police Department

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City Council Members,

Please consider **voting against defunding** the Police Department.

Don't let Long Beach follow the ridiculous demands of these **peaceful protesters** (Criminals) that are **Destroying our Properties and Businesses**. Their attacks on law abiding business and home owners is horrible. **We need more POLICE!!!**, not fewer.

Vote for what is correct, not for what they are demanding.

God Bless,

Ron Malouf

From: Jim R [mailto:plainspeak@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; lbpdcommander-chiefstaff@lb.gov; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
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Subject: Fwd: Public Comment: City Council Special Meeting (Budget Hearing)

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----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject:Public Comment: City Council Special Meeting (Budget Hearing)
Date:Tue, 18 Aug 2020 20:53:57 GMT
From:Jim R <plainspeak@aol.com>
To:cityclerk@longbeach.gov

Public Comment
City Council Special Meeting (Budget Hearing)

City government must respond to the will of the vast majority of its citizens. How does it determine that will?

Let's speculate that Long Beach conducts polling internally. They have a department that spends time compiling lists of citizens that comprise a "representative sample" of the public in total. Then they call these individuals to survey opinions on an issue.

Let's say Long Beach has done that on the issue of policing. And that the vast majority of citizens, say eighty percent, favor supporting the police in their efforts to keep the peace and protect citizens and property.

The pollster poses a follow-up question: Do you favor a "defunding" of the police department that would result in fewer traditional officers on the street?

Let's say the same eighty percent says, "No."

Then the mandate would be clear:

To serve its citizens, the city must communicate strongly and clearly to its police personnel that the public supports them in their efforts to assure the right to vigorous speech and demonstration, while maintaining peace and the protection of citizens and property.

Ms. Zendejas, Ms. Pearce, Ms. Price, Mr. Supernaw, Ms. Mungo, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Uranga, Mr. Austin, Mr. Richardson, Dr. Garcia:

What does your "internal polling" tell you?

There should be no equivocation. Represent the will of the civic majority.

James Raschiella
Resident, District 2
562 432-1590

9/1/2020

Dear Councilpersons, Mr. Mayor, Chief Luna

I sent the preceding email to the City Clerk as a comment to the August 18 City Council Special Meeting (Budget Hearing). However, I am not confident that public written commentary ever gets before elected officials, city departments and management so I am sending it directly today.

First, it is difficult to find where on the city's website one's written comments purportedly exist (ie, the minutes of the meeting.)

Second, there is no requirement that the minutes be posted in a timely manner after conclusion of a meeting. When will they be posted, one might ask? "When we've completed them," one is told in response.

In the example of my comment above, it has been two weeks today since the Aug 18 meeting (to which it was directed) concluded and the minutes have yet to be posted.

Does this mean that the press is denied timely access to public commentary prior to writing their stories about issues presented at council?

It would certainly seem so. Unacceptable, in my opinion.

James Raschiella

attachment:

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