



City of Long Beach Working Together to Serve

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Date:

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To:

Mayor O'Neill and City Council Members

From:

Frank Colonna, Councilmember, Third District & Rae Gabelich, Councilmember, Eighth District & L

Subject:

Municipal Band Concerts

After attending several of our City's municipal band concerts this summer, we witnessed the overwhelming enthusiasm and support for our band from the community. Thousands of families attend with picnic baskets, lawn chairs, and the satisfaction of knowing that their tax dollars were being invested back into the community. As elected officials it is important to recognize the value and strength of the outstanding municipal band series and it's positive impact on neighborhood pride.

Presently, the summer concert series consists of twenty-four concerts at various parks, significantly less than years past.

Suggested Action:

As a result, we request the City Manager to evaluate the addition of at least two more concerts in each park next season and present the findings at a scheduled budget study session.