

City Council Meeting Statement

Hello, Council Members ~ Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you. My name is: YVONKE SHAFER I am a ~~resident~~ of Long Beach and am very concerned regarding matters that are affecting/our city financially and from a community standpoint. BUSINESS OWNER

Specifically, I am concerned about the legal matter that attorney Matthew Pappas has filed in the Superior Court – Pack vs. Long Beach – against the City in regard to whether or not a police officer on the Long Beach Police Department has committed acts that are in violation of the Federal Civil Rights Law, specifically 42 USC 1983. I refer you to a Declaration filed in that case and read directly from that Declaration:

“On August 30, 2010, I was present at the 1 A.M. Patient Collective when a city officer came into the collective, issued a citation, and ordered us to close down because we were in violation of city ordinances governing medical cannabis collectives. He did not sign or date the citation but left it with us. The officer was approximately 25 years of age.

On August 31, 2010, another officer came to the collective. The officer approached me and identified himself as a city inspector. He had a badge showing he was business license inspector. He said that our collective was in violation of the medical marijuana collective permit law of Long Beach. I then brought him in and showed him our business permits we have on the wall in the front of the collective.

Approximately two weeks ago, a Long Beach Police Officer that I believe has the surname “Posim” approached me outside the door of the collective and told me that he would “f ___ with you and your daughter and the owner of the place as long as you stay here.” He then followed me when I left to go home. I have observed him parked outside of the collective almost every

day since he made that statement to me. One of the days, he pointed a spotlight into my car as I was driving home.”

If this declaration is true – and I have no reason to believe that it is not – is the City of Long Beach going to have to pay a huge sum of money as a result of the actions of that police officer simply because he does not like a medical marijuana collective? How much more money are we, as residents of Long Beach going to have to pay for this kind of outrageous actions by a few City employees?

Long Beach has one of the best, if not the best Police Department in the State of California. I wonder what steps Mr. Shannon has taken to protect our interests as citizens of Long Beach from further financial complications as a result of actions like this. We cannot even afford to pay the hard working women and men of the Long Beach Police Department now.

Mr. Shannon, may we please have your response – and ASSURANCE that the City is not going to lose even more professional police officers as a result of one officer who apparently does not agree with California law?

Thank you. . . . Mr. Shannon