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RE: LIBRARY / PUBLIC SAFETY TAXES

I believe that the Long Beach taxpayers are being duped by that old shell game that our government plays so deftly—the hostaging of services for more taxes. This often happens when a government entity wants more money in its general fund. They hold out on services that constituents desire and then request additional taxes. Then they use the money previously designated from the general fund for those same services for other purposes. It's just a shell game.

Instead of paring down needless bureaucracy, this administration has cleverly reduced services near and dear to citizens' hearts such as libraries and public safety and now is essentially blackmailing voters for more money in the form of taxes.

It's time that this City cuts unnecessary pork, learns to live within its budget and prioritizes services to best serve Long Beach citizens who are already

taxed to the max. *If you vote for these measures, public safety must come 1st.*

Sincerely,

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