

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of August 24, 2021

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21. (21-0850) Recommendation to adopt resolution amending Resolution No. RES-21-0073, which established an annual special tax of \$0.14 per square-foot for Community Facilities District No. 2007-2 for commercial properties in Belmont Shore for Fiscal Year 2022, and authorized the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller to be included on the 2021-22 Secured Tax Roll, to correct Exhibit A. (District 3)	Cynde Soto	cydsoto1@yahoo.com		I urge a vote IN FAVOR of item 21 and support for SB679. Our city can not create affordable housing with the current funding sources	8/17/2021
22. (21-0851) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and take the actions necessary to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 budget as listed in Attachment A; Approve the revised Long Beach Recovery Act program allocations and approve the Fiscal Year 2021 departmental and fund budget appropriation adjustments for the Long Beach Recovery Act in accordance with existing City Council Policy; and Set September 7, 2021 as the hearing date for a continued budget hearing to take the necessary actions to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 Master Fees and Charges Schedule and establish the rates and charges for water and sewer service. (Citywide)	Barbara Schwerin	barbaraschwerin@gmail.com		As a Long Beach Public Library Foundation Board member, I would like to thank our city leaders for proposing additional funding for libraries this year. The Long Beach Public Libraries are an integral part of the City of Long Beach. The proposed \$174,000 from Measure US will strengthen the Library's youth services. The Recovery Act funds to eliminate overdue fines for one year removes a major barrier to resources. As Long Beach continues to recover from all we have faced in the last year, more investments in the Library's structural budget are needed. The City's Racial Equity & Reconciliation Report, Youth & Emerging Adults Strategic Plan, and the Digital Inclusion Roadmap all call on the City to increase the Library's open hours. We urge you to provide the Library with the funding necessary to make this possible and provide a much needed increase to its materials budget. Thank you for your consideration and leadership.	8/24/2021
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<p>22. 3 (21-0860) Recommendation to adopt the expenditures and revenues as identified in the Proposed FY 22 Budget, as amended. (A-3)</p>	Louis Rosen	lounrosen@comcast.net		<p>I urge the City Council to adopt the People's Budget Proposal, reduce the budget for the Long Beach Police Department by no less than 50%, and reinvest those funds towards community-led priorities that will create health, opportunity, and justice for marginalized communities in our city. Racism is a public health crisis, and the Black and Brown residents of Long Beach have lived under the threat of police violence for far too long. Until we reduce the capacity of the Police Department, we cannot hope to achieve a just Long Beach. We must increase the Health Department budget and create specific programs to address family reunification and reentry of formerly incarcerated persons, Black infant mortality, mental health, and homelessness services. In addition, all cannabis tax revenue must be allocated directly to the Cannabis Social Equity Program so it may be redistributed towards opportunities for Black communities, who have been harmed the most by the War on Drugs.</p>	8/24/2021
<p>32. (21-0883) Recommendation to adopt resolution in opposition to the September 14, 2021, recall election of the Governor of California. (Citywide)</p>	Craig Ursuy	craig.ursuy@live.com		<p>The city of Long Beach, a nonpartisan elected body, should not take a position on the Newsom recall. No matter how this is spun, Long Beach would be interfering in an ongoing election and essentially telling everyone in our city that their voice does not matter.</p> <p>Long Beach is not the sole opinion of our ALL our citizens in partisan issues outside our city and nor should we ever take that fundamental freedom away from them.</p> <p>It is unethical to use taxpayer money against their will in an election that may oppose their own viewpoints.</p> <p>I kindly ask that our city council vote against this ludicrous attack on our fundamental freedoms and prevent Long Beach from being the laughingstock of hypocrisy in voter suppression.</p>	8/24/2021

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BUDGET HEARING:	Adreana Langston	adreanalangston@calalum.org		My name is Adreana Langston. I've been a homeowner in 90802 for over 15 years and attended Longfellow, Hughes and Poly before that. I am asking Mayor Garcia and the City Council to invest more funding in community resources by adopting the People's Budget for the next fiscal year. The demands in the People's Budget have already been submitted to each of you so I'll just emphasize one point. Invest deeply in Community Land Trusts to create permanently affordable housing while allowing low-income residents to build generational wealth as homeowners. I myself am in foreclosure litigation after having owned a condo for over 15 years. COVID was an unexpected job loss wave that crashed on many homeowners but historically, the race related wealth gap has driven Black and Brown people out of Long Beach, out of California actually, if they had aspirations of raising a family in or, on the other end, retiring in a home they owned. The current situation is exacerbated by unjust past policies	8/24/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		It's a real shame the lack of creativity and empathy in this Council's policymaking around budgets. While many residents cry out for more funding of evidence-based community programs that prevent violence and improve citizens' quality of life, the Council restores the cuts that were made just last year. The police, rather than presenting the facts in a clear-minded and calm way, instead whips up fear over shootings and violent crime. I oppose the expansion of the police budget and I also oppose massively defunding the police. I'd like to see the Council actually put your money where your mouth is and start funding early education programs, trauma-informed family programs, public recreation and green infrastructure, and youth activities so that Long Beach residents have a ladder out of poverty. But instead, nearly HALF of the city's entire budget goes to police for more military equipment and overtime pay. Shame on this Council for prioritizing crime-chasers instead of preventing crime.	8/16/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Melvin Ramos	melvinramosbixby@gmail.com		Thank you all for the hard work. As much as I like the idea of Bixby Park bathrooms being shut down (I fear no more for my daughter at the playground), we now have to deal with people exposing themselves while doing their business around the community center. Please, get those Park Rangers to stay longer. Not only they give us a sense of safety, but they also keep the older kids from smoking pot at the skate park. We can't get away from that smell at the children's playground. Can I please take a relaxed breath while my child plays at my local park? PLEASE!	8/24/2021