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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Dave Shukla						<p>My thing is Freedom of Conscience.</p> <p>For that, more than once, I have pledged, and performed, service for my country.</p> <p>Not for a wage. Not for a degree. Not for a medal.</p> <p>When we see people like Michael Caputo and Paul Alexander lie and cheat and try (and fail) to pit us against one another, frankly, I do not see American values - I see apparatchiks to Capital.</p> <p>Honestly, what do you think a petro-state like Putin's is going to teach us about how to get *out* of climate emergency?</p> <p>What am I supposed to tell relatives of mine in Commonwealth countries when they tell us this country, our country, looks to them like South Africa did in the 1970s and 1980s?</p> <p>Um...nobody likes a tourist, nobody likes people treating them like they are transitory or transactional...sure I don't treat people that way.</p> <p>But I live here. I walk these streets and drive these roads. I grew up here. Went to school, everything, here.</p> <p>So: you're my countryfolk and it's my charge to keep trying, I suppose.</p>	9/15/2020
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Sean Dean						<p>This flag flies over the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier:  <a href="https://youtu.be/xp1cAG87Z74">https://youtu.be/xp1cAG87Z74</a>                      I have already reported its atrocious condition, and that of the other flags and banners on this pier, which supposedly honors veterans. I have been told that it would be replaced; however, that was a month ago. I'm sorry; it's just not that hard.                      The neglect that resulted in this situation should never have happened, but I hoped, once it was pointed out, that shame would inspire a quick fix to it. Let me be clear: honoring veterans by hanging rags over a trashed pier is no honor.</p>	9/14/2020

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM	Michelle Baker						Months later, why don't we have video meetings? We are one of the few cities that don't do this.	9/13/2020
1. (20-0909) Recommendation to adopt resolution expressing its Intent to prioritize spending of the Oil Barrel Production Tax Revenues for Specific Purposes, if approved by voters in the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election; and  Provide direction to City Manager regarding possible informational/educational materials relating to the ballot measure to be provided to Long Beach residents. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla						<p>For the Record:</p> <p>We need a full-cost accounting of Measure H monies collected and disbursed heretofore.</p> <p>The City of Long Beach needs to understand how much it has strayed from its post-war roots, where after the war was over, we Won the Peace.</p> <p>We did not just build the Arsenal of Democracy, but civil society afterwards. I will always be grateful for that, and for the half-century of quality institutions in Long Beach - including LBUSD in the 1990s when I was a student.</p> <p>Seen?</p> <p>We fought the fascists. We won by being democratic and dealing openly and honestly with our problems.</p> <p>Long Beach has harboured many, for over a century.</p> <p>We need to start thinking in realistic, science-based, decadal and centennial terms with respect to human-induced climate change.</p> <p>This City, and its Oil, have had an identifiable, disproportionate, and ultimately harmful impact not just on emissions upstream or down, but on the types of economic and political power relations and growth paths we promote.</p> <p>DS.</p>	9/15/2020

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6. 20-0914 Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from the Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk relative to the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla						Support.	9/15/2020

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<p>9. (20-0917) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and any necessary amendments, with Safe Harbor New England Boatworks, of Portsmouth, RI, to complete the construction of a multi-purpose patrol vessel, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$363,000, inclusive of taxes and fees; and</p> <p>Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Police Department by \$135,000, offset by Department of Treasury Asset Forfeiture Funds. (Citywide)</p>	S. Miles						<p>Police presence and aid are extremely important throughout Long Beach, and especially in lower income areas where crime is more prevalent. We appreciate and need our law enforcement throughout our city!</p>	9/15/2020

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10. (20-0918) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding, and all necessary documents, including any subsequent amendments, with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and Long Beach Job Corps Center (LBJCC), to provide local law enforcement authority to enforce laws and conduct investigations on LBJCC premises, at 1903 Santa Fe Avenue, which are under federal jurisdiction, for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. (District 7)	S. Miles						Yes--more police presence, not less, is needed!	9/15/2020
12. (20-0920) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents, including any amendments, with the California Office of Emergency Services Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program, to receive and expend funding for forensic science crime laboratory equipment and training, in the amount of \$56,980, for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020; and  Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department by \$56,980, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla						Support.	9/15/2020

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<p>13. (20-0921) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents, including any amendments, with the State of California Office of Traffic Safety, to receive and expend the 2021 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant, in the amount of \$580,500, for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021; and</p> <p>Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department by \$580,500, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)</p>	Dave Shukla						What is the rationale for continuing to accept these monies for this purpose in these ways?	9/15/2020

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<p>14. (20-0922) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents, including any amendments, with the County of Los Angeles (County), to receive and expend grant funding in the amount of \$49,000 from the County Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Program, for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021; and</p> <p>Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the Police Department by \$49,000, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)</p>	Dave Shukla						<p>Would this work be better performed out of Development Services, the City Auditor's Office, the City Attorney's office?</p> <p>I.e. any office other than "police are the public policy of last resort for the wealthy because, apparently, having as much money as the President makes you more American than anyone else" ???</p>	9/15/2020

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15. (20-0923) Recommendation adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding, including any subsequent amendments, with Daimler Urban Mobility Solutions, of Long Beach, CA, and Xtelligent, of Los Angeles, CA, to develop, deploy, and test Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAV) and a Cooperative Intelligent Transportation System (C-ITS), at no cost to the City of Long Beach, for a period of 10 months, unless extended at the discretion of the City Manager for 8 additional months, for a total period not to exceed 18 months. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla						<p>This is complete bulls---</p> <p>This is a bad project.</p> <p>You are giving away, for free, priceless real-time data about changing mobility conditions in a very unique set of placetypes throughout the city.</p> <p>To a set of players in the market with...what vested interest in seeing that data is used responsibly?</p> <p>But you'll let *them* hire a data scientist. To do what? Figure out how to privatize and hollow out this city further?</p> <p>This needs to come back before the Council, after a competitive bid process. F--- the caveats for a PPP - it's "innovative" in what, exactly? How the City gets bilked on its own roads?</p> <p>When future generations look back and ask, which American cities were the ones that could not piss the Boer out of bloodstream and could not just fix climate change in time, ass-hats short-term profit decisions like these may well be of interest.</p> <p>Not me, I am not for this blatant giveaway - to whom exactly? Whose friends are getting juiced by this utter canard?</p>	9/15/2020
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Dave Shukla						Do not send your children to war. No one wins a war. That rage never ends.	9/15/2020

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PUBLIC COMMENT:	Pat Lynch						What is your rationalization for prioritizing the purchase of \$2.35 million for artificial turf over providing a sustainable level of public safety for our city? At best, the former is "nice to have" while the latter is one of 2 major responsibilities of a city government: providing public safety and infrastructure. Please explain how you concluded that artificial turf also must take precedence over arguably more pressing issues such as the homelessness that exists throughout our city. You all talked about the "tough" budget decisions you had to make. How hard was it for you to prioritize multi-million dollar unneeded artificial turf over people's safety and health? I cannot begin to imagine how or why the city manager, mayor, and council members view your collective decision as a legitimate choice. Please help me to understand why you are spending our taxpayer money this way. Thank you.	9/15/2020
19. (20-0926) Recommendation to receive the supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and find the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.50;  Declare ordinance approving Zoning Code Amendment ZCA20-001, amending Title 21 (Zoning Code) of the Long Beach Municipal Code, to establish an Interim Motel Conversion Ordinance to facilitate the voluntary and non-permanent conversion of existing motels to temporary supportive or transitional housing for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, when a business operator enters into a contract with an approved Local Agency, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading; and	S. Miles						The Los Angeles put-up-homeless-in-hotels was a disaster, with the homeless trashing those places of temporary residency. Long Beach should take NO part in this--leave help for the homeless living situations to groups like Salvation Army and Rescue Missions.	9/15/2020

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24. (20-0935) Recommendation to adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-7170 for Taxiway B (Future Taxiway E) construction at the Long Beach Airport and award the contract to Griffith Company, of Santa Fe Springs, CA, in the amount of \$7,148,514, with a 10 percent contingency in the amount of \$714,851, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,863,365; authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary amendments;  Increase appropriations in the Airport Fund Group in the Airport Department by \$10,235,390, offset by grant revenue and funds available; and  Adopt Categorical Exemption CE-20-067. (District 5)	S. Miles						Thank you for your efforts to continue to modernize and improve the safety of our Long Beach Airport--we, and our family and friends, as well as all LB visitors, appreciate your efforts! Thank you!	9/15/2020
25. (20-0936) Recommendation to increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$8,960,000, offset by grant reimbursement funds from the Economic Development Administration, for the Long Beach Flood Control Resiliency Improvement Project; and  Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$8,960,000, offset by a transfer of Economic Development Administration grant reimbursement revenues from the Capital Grant Fund. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla						Very interested to see how this is justified, and where we may be with it in one year's time.	9/15/2020

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:	S. Miles						Long Beach prides itself on diversity, and being a city that loves and accepts diversity. We are different one from another in creed, color, and culture, and may that be something that unifies us; and may this city and our officials protect these differences not just for a few, but for all! Our creeds, or our beliefs in God and response to Him are, in fact, what make us stronger ad better--may Long Beach be a city that encourages, not impedes, these community-bettering beliefs! Church and community are absolutely essential, to Long Beach individuals, and tobthe core of Long Beach! God bless!!	9/15/2020
33. (20-0947) Recommendation to confirm City Manager's promulgation of the revised Safer at Home Health Order, issued on September 2, 2020, by the City of Long Beach Health Officer as a regulation. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla						Support	9/15/2020
33. (20-0947) Recommendation to confirm City Manager's promulgation of the revised Safer at Home Health Order, issued on September 2, 2020, by the City of Long Beach Health Officer as a regulation. (Citywide)	S. Miles						There should not be a city order telling people they are "safer at home" when that's not the truth at all--people are safer in communities, in relationship and in person-presence with one another.	9/15/2020
30. (20-0945) Recommendation to increase appropriations in the Special Advertising and Promotion Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$20,000, offset by community sponsorships for the Uptown Jazz Fest in the amount \$15,000 from Bridge Development Partners, LLC, and \$5,000 from the Port of Long Beach.	S. Miles						Where would this \$15k be coming from this year when there was no Uptown Jazz Fest?	9/15/2020
31. (20-0948) Recommendation to adopt resolution approving Memoranda of Understanding with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and the Long Beach Supervisors Employees Association. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla						Solidarity!  It is its own human value/virtue and everythink!  What does it say about a system that the only moral values that animate it are Greed and Fear?  Probably a shite system...  ...and no social system in human or natural history has lasted forever.	9/15/2020