

Memorandum

To: Housing and Budget Committee

CC:

From: Raman Vasishth

Date: 11/13/18

Subject: Agenda item 2 dated 11/13/18 Library Renaming / Honoring Kell's - ref
Long Beach Convention Center

Ref: Mayors letter dated 10/15/18

Residents are aware of the Mayor's October 15, 2018 & have included it as attachment regarding the Long Beach Convention Center. With that in mind as you know residents are vastly opposed to renaming anything in CD5 including the El Dorado Library.

Towards that I'm providing you polling data from Nextdoor.

With respect to the Convention Center, I wanted to let you that in addition to the CD5 and City manager being caught by residents trying to rig the library renaming, the City has conducted 2 separate outreaches. I have provided you a copy of the Councilwoman Mungo's new letter and that outreach was available city wide and on the LBPL website.

Because the polling went so far against thee lady that brought it, she and Pat West created yet another outreach. What is key is that both polls requested residents input to allocate any city asset to honor the Kells. Similar results that occurred in CD5 with the Library occurred with that.

For the Survey that Councilwoman sent out in her newsletter, it actually asks residents about the Long Beach Convention Center.

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I issued a PRA for both surveys and flatly the city Councilwoman and City Manager has refused to provide any information publically regarding the survey many residents took. Both Surveys are required by law to be turned over to the public, but were not.

For the first Survey the city has operational control of the survey, They can also get it through IT as all other cities I know would in this circumstance. But they have refused. I've been told to my face by the city that I need to sue them because they know the state of LA Prosecutor doesn't chase that type of stuff.

However the information gleaned from the second survey shows

CD	Support renaming of a city asset in honor of LBC 1st elected Mayor Ernie Kell	I'm not sure how I feel about renaming	I'm against the renaming of a city asset on honor of LB 1st elected Mayor	Participation	% Against using any city assets honoring Kell's	% For using any city assets honoring Kell's
CD9	6	0	2	8	25.00%	25.00%
CD8	4	0	3	7	57.14%	42.86%
CD7	5	1	9	15	33.33%	64.29%
CD6	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
CD5	15	9	64	88	17.05%	72.73%
CD4	3	2	15	20	15.00%	75.00%
CD3	14	2	24	40	35.00%	60.00%
CD2	3	2	10	15	20.00%	66.67%
CD1	1	1	1	3	33.33%	33.33%
Total	51	17	128	196		
%	26.02%	8.67%	65.31%			

Overwhelming against naming anything for the Kells for any asset in the city

- Policy and Procedure AR8-7 requires that Staff submit results of the outreaches the city spent resources to create. It states as follows:
 “The City Council shall refer all such requests to its Housing and Neighborhoods Committee for study and subsequent recommendation to City Council. At the same time, the City Council will refer such requests to staff and/or concerned advisory bodies for any input that would be of

assistance to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and, ultimately, the City Council, in reaching a final determination.”

This survey 2, is pertinent to making that Convention and library final determination even if it did not contain all the residents in CD5. You cannot get to everyone and that survey has now been out there for over a year.

It should also be noted that Pat West deleted the actual poll that deliberately broke the chain of custody. He did however provide the information I’ve given to you now that he claims was gleaned from the poll.

Interim screen snap shots also show that residents city wide in higher numbers against using city assets. Residents watching did not remember it the same way and numbers were closer in line with the interim percentages.

69% of LBC (citywide) residents indicated they preferred status quo and that NO City assets be dedicated to honor the Kells,
11% of LBC (citywide) residents support dedicating city assets to honor the Kells.
5% of LBC residents for honoring the Kells and 5% unsure.

688 voting

Results of the CD5 Residents library outreach on Nextdoor gleaned the following results and provided no doubt to where residents stood:

92% of CD5 residents responding indicated they preferred status quo and that the El Dorado Library name not be changed.
4% indicated the supported the library name change
1% supported renaming the library after someone else.

City Outreach #3 –From City PRA Pat West data

City Outreach #3, was released on Nextdoor citywide with Pat West opening up the for comments. An interim screen capture is posted The Screen captures shows 3 categories that again go broader that the City Council Agenda Item 21 ask asked residents if they would like to see any city assets in honor of the Kells or not or if they were neutral. With 107 residents taking the survey

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Library Renaming taken from Nextdoor

At this time, I'm sure that we are all familiar with the issue of renaming the El Dorado Library. Please make your voices heard by participating in the following poll:

Choose one:

Leave the Library name as it is now the "El Dorado Library" 92%

Rename the Library to the proposed name of the "Jackie and Ernest Kell library" 4%

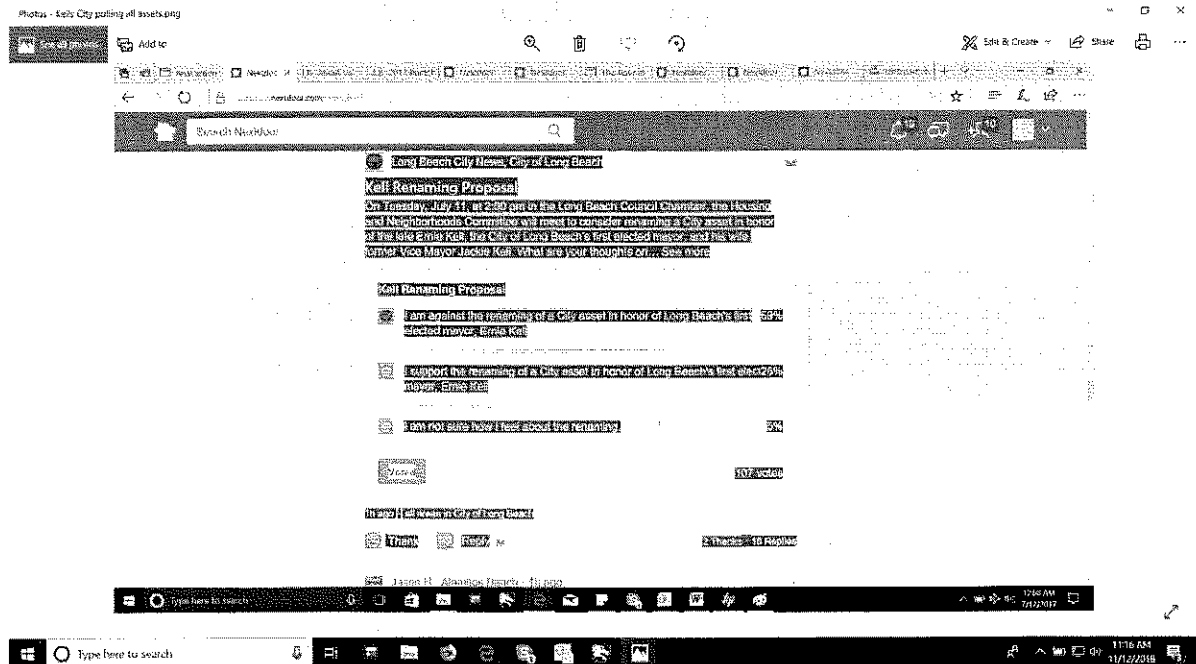
Rename the Library after something else 1%

Rename the Library after someone else other than the "Kells" 1%

Voted

688 votes

This poll has 67 replies.



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From: Stacy Mungo [mailto:Stacy.Mungo@longbeach.gov]
Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2018 10:50 PM
To: Raman Vasishth
Subject: Re: Library Renaming

Raman,

I have not withheld anything. Last we spoke you were fine on this item. No one at the forum asked me for this.

Thank you for your concern.

-Stacy

On Mar 17, 2018, at 11:31 AM, Raman Vasishth <ramanv@charter.net> wrote:

Hello Councilwoman Mungo,

I'm not exactly sure what happened at the Bancroft middle school forum because I missed part of the dialog. But soon after it concluded, I saw about 20-30 more CD 5 residents began asking for the you to provide the library renaming information you admitted you were withholding to me at your meet and greet in Carson Park. The number of additional CD5 residents participated and asking for you to provide this is about 20-25. The total is 622. I'm asking if you would be willing to reconsider and send the data to me. It's required by law for the city to provide it.

Warmest Regards,

Raman

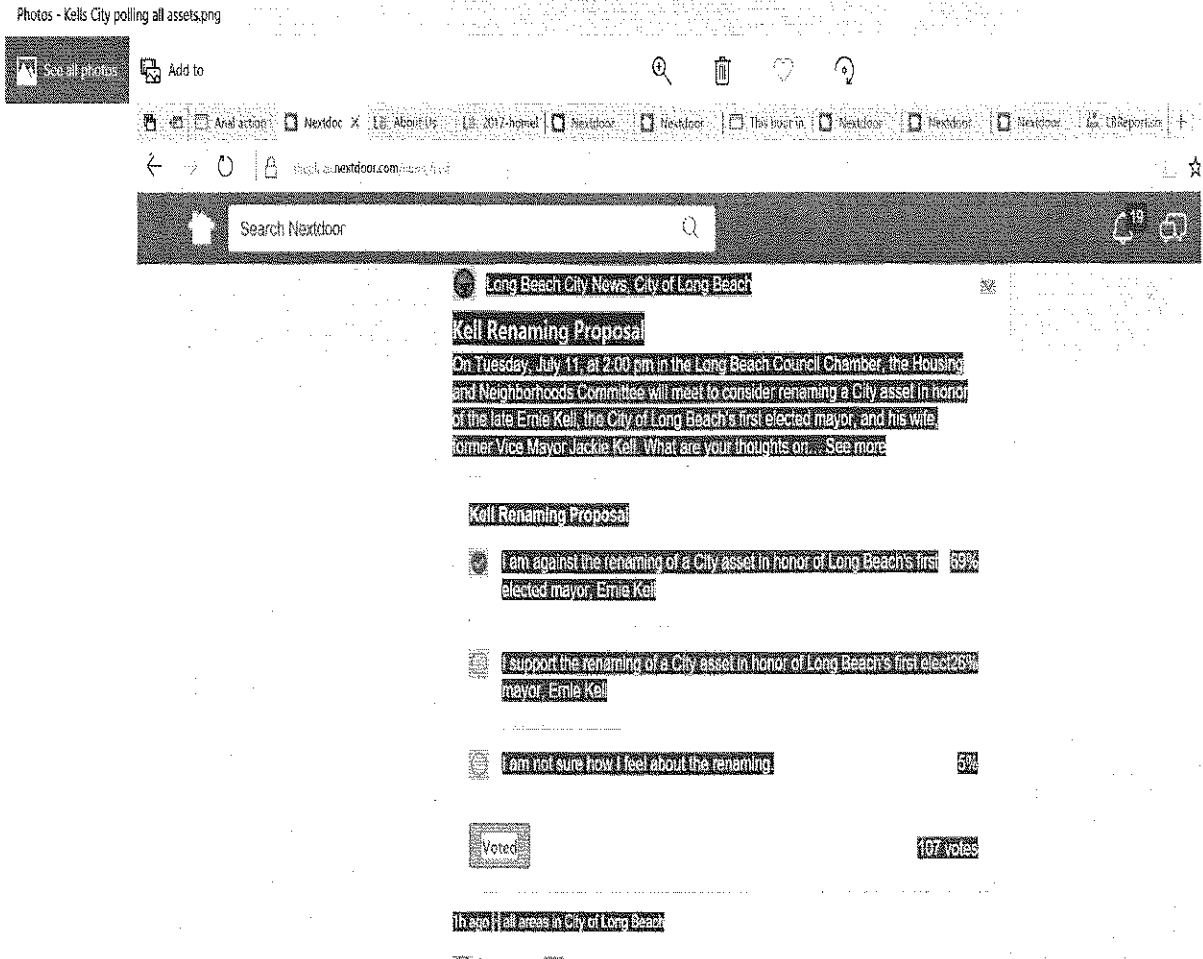
Interim polling data captured from screen shot showing that resident city wide were strongly against honoring any asset for the Kells.

Poll shows 69% against renaming asset honoring Kells

26% supporting

And 5% undecided

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Proof the CD5 office knew the city had operational control for Survey Monkey outreach for Kell's asset renaming.

From: Steve Napolitano [mailto:Steve.Napolitano@longbeach.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 9, 2018 8:32 AM
To: Raman Vasishth
Subject: Re: Request your help - Library Survey

Yes, you now know how to access the library website on your own too. Thanks

From: Raman Vasishth <ramanv@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 8, 2018 12:02:00 AM
To: Steve Napolitano
Subject: RE: Request your help - Library Survey

Hello Steve,

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I think I got it via your long hand instructions, but request your verification on 2 things. 1) Is this the link you are referring to for the department? <http://www.lbpl.org/>

2) The top link appears to have something about Thanksgiving. Would you please verify the second link down shown here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lbplfy19openhourssurvey> is what you are referring to in finding the outreach survey for the library?

From: Steve Napolitano [mailto:Steve.Napolitano@longbeach.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 4:14 PM
To: Raman Vasishth
Subject: Re: Request your help

At the top of the city's homepage is a tab for "departments." I don't know what you clicked on, but if you click on the department tab and then the library tab, it's right there...

From: Raman Vasishth <ramanv@charter.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 12:27:58 PM
To: Steve Napolitano
Subject: RE: Request your help
Hello Steve,

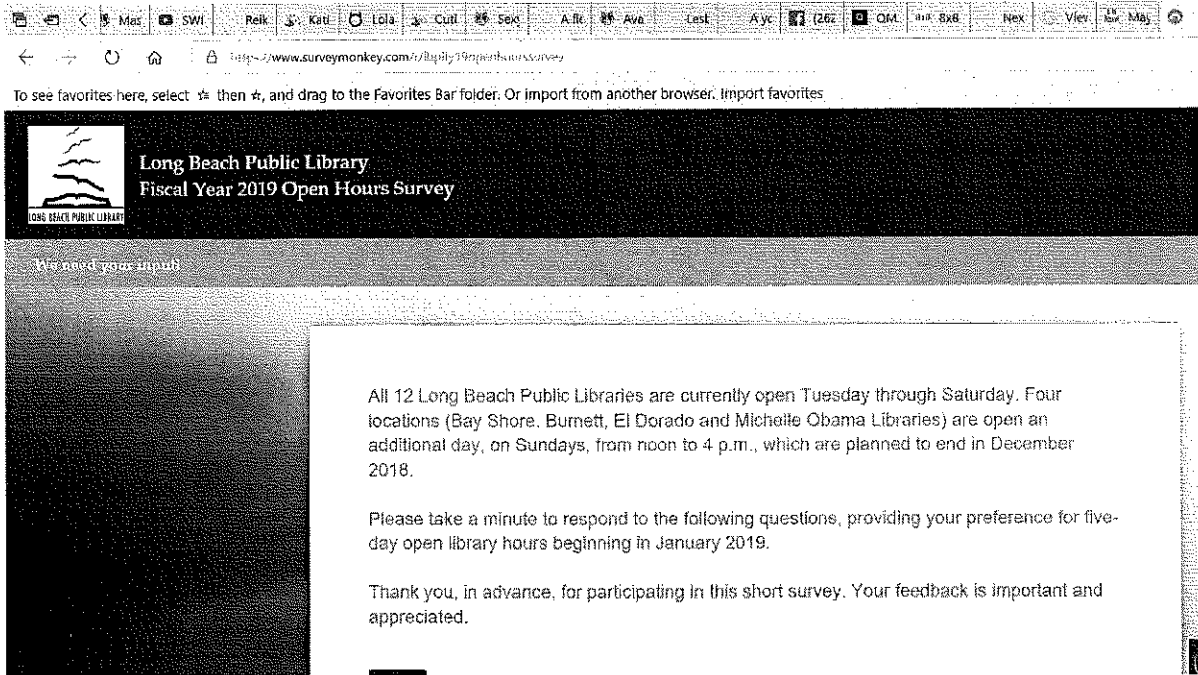
Here's the city one I checked <http://www.longbeach.gov/>
I checked under Long Beach Library Services and found an org chart. Glad you found it. Would you be kind enough to provide the link? Seem my nose for finding it is off. I would appreciate your help.

From: Steve Napolitano [mailto:Steve.Napolitano@longbeach.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 9:43 AM
To: Raman Vasishth
Subject: Re: Request your help

Did you look at their home page? Because it's right there at the top...

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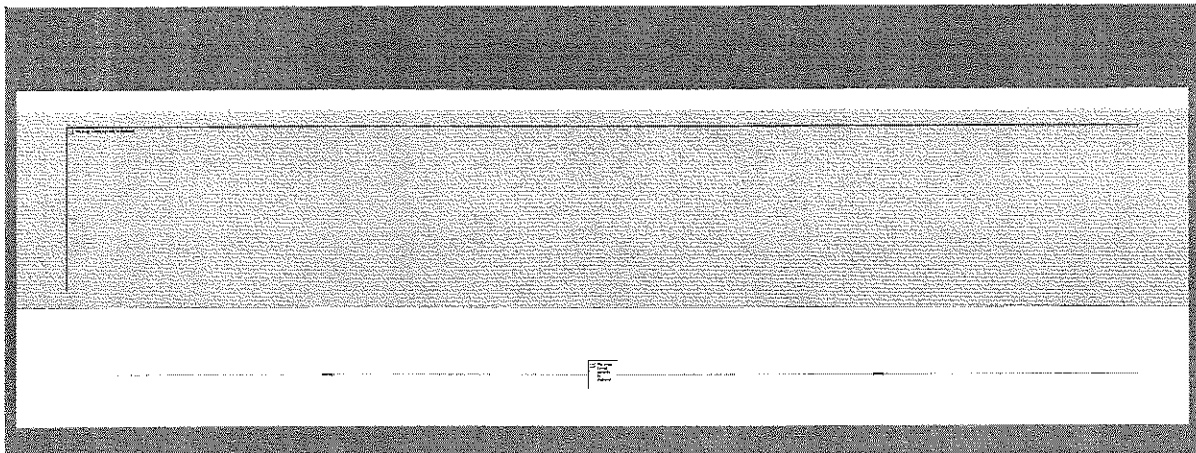


From: Councilwoman Stacy Mungo [mailto:district5@longbeach.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 3:39 PM

To: ramanv@charter.net

Subject: For the Record: Councilwoman Mungo Provides You with the Facts - Part II



Dear Neighbor,

Something that I've always stood strong on is that we shouldn't make decisions based on sound bites. It's easy to get wrapped up in sound bites; it's also easy to lose sight of the facts in that kind of debate. I've started "For the Record" to make sure you have the same facts I have when I act on behalf of our community. I hope this second edition will add some context to upcoming community processes.

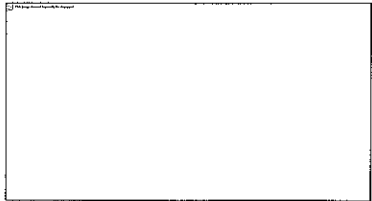
A Legacy of Contribution

[Take the Survey on the Proposal Here](#)

Former Vice Mayor and Councilwoman Jackie Kell got smiles and laughs when she told a story about her late husband Ernie, who was our first elected mayor, at his recent memorial service: A disgruntled voter called City Hall and said, "I'm coming over there to kill the mayor." She said Ernie replied, "Tell them Tom Clark (the mayor who served before Ernie) is still the mayor." Mayor Kell was quick with a clever response, but these kinds of threats and harsh words have become too commonplace in today's political dialogue.

I recently offered a City Council agenda item at the request of many neighbors, colleagues and community leaders. The item asks the City's Housing and Neighborhoods Committee to consider renaming the El Dorado Neighborhood Library after Ernie and Jackie Kelly, both of whom dedicated their lives to serving Long Beach. This item opens the discussion, as I believe in seeking community input to determine if something should be named after Ernie, or both Ernie and Jackie. No public funds have been committed, and no plans have been drawn up.

Democracy is messy at times and people have the right to voice their opinions and have a final say in the outcome. The first step is at the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee, which meets on July 18th. Knowing that submitting e-comments and/or making it to City Hall is often challenging, and that councilmembers can't always monitor one-way social media sites, **I encourage you to take the survey here that will be submitted to the committee as part of the public record.**



Heartwell Park Trees

My office has received many calls inquiring as to why so many trees at Heartwell Park are being removed, and whether the tree removal company contractor is also the one who is deciding what is removed.

The trees in Heartwell Park are in the City's GPS system, which is accessed by the contractor. This allows us to determine which trees need to be removed and lets the contractor's crews mark and verify the correct trees. **The inventory system was created in 2014, when an outside arborist began flagging trees in poor and declining condition. The current contractor was not involved in the initial inventory process.** During a visual assessment during the summer of 2016, the City found that hundreds of trees in Heartwell Park were in fair or poor condition, or even completely dead. Since those trees present a safety hazard to park goers, we continue to work to have them removed.

The three sections of Heartwell Park have 303 trees listed for removal due to the drought, age of the trees and poor irrigation system. Another 684 trees were slated to be trimmed in order to improve their chances of survival. We will work to replace as many trees as we can, and as quickly as we can, but we also must make sure to do it in a sensible way - not every part of the park has an effective water source. We aim to be done with the tree work in Heartwell by the end of the summer months.

Have questions or want to discuss this further? My office can be reached at 562-570-5555, and thank you for your continued civic engagement.

Sincerely,

Stacy Mungo

November 13, 2018

Councilwoman Stacy Mungo



Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, 333 W Ocean Blvd, 14th Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802

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Question: Kell Renaming Proposal

Area	option 1		option 2		option 3		Total Responses	Participation %	Thanks	Replies
	Total Members	"I support the renaming of a City asset in honor of Long Beach's first elected mayor, Ernie Kell"	"I am not sure how I feel about the renaming."	"I am against the renaming of a City asset in honor of Long Beach's first elected mayor, Ernie Kell"	17	128				
City of Long Beach	57031	51	17	128	196	0	4	25		
District 9	2136	6	0	2	8	0	0	0		
District 4	6369	3	2	15	20	0	2	4		
District 5	14699	15	9	64	88	1	1	7		
District 8	4274	4	0	3	7	0	0	1		
District 7	5137	5	1	9	15	0	0	5		
District 3	14566	14	2	24	40	0	0	4		
District 2	7252	3	2	10	15	0	1	2		
District 1	1848	1	1	1	3	0	0	2		