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<p>3. (21-0217) Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFP DV20-027 and award contracts to Commune Communication, of Long Beach, CA; Cutter & Company, of Fountain Valley, CA; JPW Communications, of Carlsbad, CA; Krupp Creative, of Long Beach, CA; and, Picnic Design, of Santa Monica, CA, to provide as-needed graphic design and creative services for a variety of print materials, collateral, and interactive media in support of the City's marketing and communications efforts, in a total annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$700,000, for a period of two years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contracts, including any necessary amendments. (Citywide)</p>	Lee Swain	lee@swainconsultants.com		JPW Communications, of Carlsbad, CA is an excellent choice for Communications support.	3/16/2021
<p>9. (21-0223) Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and any documents necessary including any necessary amendments, with MobilityCloud, Inc., of New York, NY, for the one-time purchase of 1,500 proprietary 4G Controllers for the City of Long Beach BikeShare Program, in a total amount not to exceed \$364,400, at the discretion of the City Manager. (Citywide)</p>	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		I don't understand how 1500 4G Controllers for the bikeshare program would cost \$364,400. How long is that for? This seems very expensive.	3/15/2021
<p>10. (21-0224) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to amend Contract No. 34577 with Bitech Construction Company, Inc., of Buena Park, CA; Contract No. 34571 with Exbon Development, Inc., of Garden Grove, CA; Contract No. 34582 with Good-Men Roofing and Construction, Inc., of San Diego, CA; Contract No. 34586 with Harry Joh Construction, Inc., of Paramount, CA; Contract No. 34578 with Thomasville Construction, Inc., of Fullerton, CA; and, Contract No. 34575 with Vincor Construction, Inc., of Brea, CA, for Job Order Contracting services, to extend the term of the contracts for one-year to March 21, 2022, or upon execution of the amended Job Order Contracts, whichever comes first. (Citywide)</p>	Lisa Raufman	lraufman@aol.com		<p>My name is Lisa Raufman I live in the 3rd District.. I am the NCJW LB liaison with a network of hundreds of faith leaders connected through Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE). I am asking the Council to the following is included in the proposed recovery plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The creation of a Rental Housing Division -The fuller funding of the Right-To-Counsel Program -And, a moratorium on hosted/unhosted short term rentals <p>We must prioritize jobs. Short term rentals won't help the hotel workers of this city who have lost their jobs get back to providing for their families -- hotels will. Don't let short term rentals operate until hotels can rehire their workers back in earnest. Or expand funding for job creation and mandate local jobs for local workers.</p> <p>Consider a more equitable economic recovery by including these recommendations. Thank you.</p>	3/16/2021

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PUBLIC COMMENT:	Dan Ev	danieljtevans@gmail.com		<p>My name is Daniel E and I am a long-time Long Beach resident.</p> <p>In Los Altos on Bellflower Blvd, the closure of department stores Sears and Kmart present an exciting opportunity to re-purpose the buildings for mixed residential & commercial use. This would help address the housing shortage in the city and provide additional space for restaurants and small businesses. Both sites provide convenient access to CSULB, the airport, and major freeways. Plus, they'd have ample parking and local amenities!</p> <p>On a separate note: I grew up in central Long Beach, and I would have greatly benefited from the recreational opportunities that the proposed "Riverpark" space (3701 Pacific Place) would offer. I encourage the city to commission a full environmental impact report to assess its feasibility. If kids have an opportunity to choose between a well-resourced park with numerous avenues for recreation or gang activity, it would be a major step to prevent crime before it happens.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	3/16/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Jennifer Allen	jallen@lbdn.org		<p>I respectfully request that the City increase the planned \$2.1 million investment in child care to support working families and keep our local child care industry afloat to ensure child care will be readily available as our city recovers economically. The need for financial assistance only increases as we continue to serve families throughout the pandemic and safely navigate Covid-19 restrictions. As you consider additional American Recovery funding we implore you to again include licensed center and home-based child care, be as agile as possible to provide the general operating support so desperately needed to keep our child care industry open, and to declare working families, our youngest constituents, and those who support them a critical component to a thriving community by increasing the planned investments significantly. Thank you!</p>	3/16/2021

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PUBLIC COMMENT:	Luis Duenas	lduenas17@hotmail.com		Long Beach Community, We represent healthcare workers at a Long Beach Hospital. Our Sisters & Brothers have been on the frontlines of this pandemic healing our community. For the past 11 months, our Union has been negotiating with the Hospital for a dignified collective bargaining agreement. Our employer refuses to compensate our hard work during this critical time to over 1,200 people. We are the nurse assistants, engineers, the very people who are part of the healing process of our community. We do our work proudly, smiling under our masks because our patients deserve the best of us. We are here looking for allies in this uphill battle for a fair & dignified agreement. Our employer refuses to negotiate in good faith. Our community looks out for one another & it is time Healthcare workers here in Long Beach get looked at too. Please help us in reaching out to Long Beach Medical Center ask them to negotiate in good faith and give Healthcare workers their hard earned raise! Thank you!	3/11/2021
11. (21-0225) Recommendation to request City Attorney to prepare a resolution condemning hate incidents, xenophobic rhetoric, and harassment against Asian Pacific Islander Americans and work towards ensuring that APIA feel safe both during this COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Support for this item.	3/16/2021
11. (21-0225) Recommendation to request City Attorney to prepare a resolution condemning hate incidents, xenophobic rhetoric, and harassment against Asian Pacific Islander Americans and work towards ensuring that APIA feel safe both during this COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.	Brandon Yi	raybands27@gmail.com		It is not new that the Asian community has been targeted for unprovoked actions, through out the news and social media sites many incidents have been brought to light regarding this issue. Asian, specifically those older in age has been victims to physical violence by others without any type of empathy, but rather hatred and the main intention was to harm. Incidents like these took places in major cities throughout the U.S and the victims could only find justice for these unlawful acts through the help of the community and the city officials to properly convict those that attempt and harm an individual or group for their ethnicity or religious viewings. As a Long Beach resident and a child to Asian parents, I do have fear and anxiety for my parents when they do travel around, because they are the most venerable and the idea that they could get potentially hurt for absolutely no reason should be fixed and the leaders of our city should discuss and collaborate with residence for safety.	3/16/2021

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<p>11. (21-0225) Recommendation to request City Attorney to prepare a resolution condemning hate incidents, xenophobic rhetoric, and harassment against Asian Pacific Islander Americans and work towards ensuring that APIA feel safe both during this COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.</p>	Pam Chotiswatdi	pamc.lbca@gmail.com		<p>Hello, my name is Pam Chotiswatdi, MPH, I am a 19-year Long Beach resident currently living in District 4. I am in support of Councilwoman Dr. Suely Saroâ€™s Item 11, to condemn the hate incidents, harassments, and racist comments referring COVID-19 as the â€œChinese virusâ€ or â€œkung fluâ€ which has put the Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) at risk. I am of mixed race, white and Thai. I worry for my elderly Thai father who looks like a typical Asian man. I worry for the many Asian elders in our community who are vulnerable taking a walk in their own communities. We must take action and advocacy.Â Â We must create a culture of respect and acceptance for all members of all backgrounds. We must stand in solidarity and support our APIA communities, and condemn hate incidents and crimes which perpetuate racism, discriminatory treatment, hostility, and violence. I encourage all the council members to vote to support this item. Thank you.</p>	3/16/2021

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<p>14. (21-0231) Recommendation to request City Manager to include up to 8 new storefront retail licenses in the feasibility analysis that is being prepared for the Long Beach Cannabis Equity Program. These new retail licenses would be exclusively for qualified social equity applicants who have at least a 51 percent equity and profit-share interest in the business.</p>	Elliot Lewis	elliott.lewis.ceo@southcordholdings.com		I would like to speak on this item. I support it	3/16/2021
<p>14. (21-0231) Recommendation to request City Manager to include up to 8 new storefront retail licenses in the feasibility analysis that is being prepared for the Long Beach Cannabis Equity Program. These new retail licenses would be exclusively for qualified social equity applicants who have at least a 51 percent equity and profit-share interest in the business.</p>	Anna Lewis	aslewis84@yahoo.com		<p>As a concerned citizen and a Catalyst Cannabis Co. cofounder, I am writing to urge Mayor Garcia and city Council to pass and increase the number of social equity cannabis store fronts in Long Beach and create more fairness and equality to the city's cannabis industry. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	3/16/2021

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<p>15. (21-0227) Recommendation to:</p> <p>(1) Receive a presentation on the Proposed Long Beach Recovery Plan, provide input and policy direction, and approve the Long Beach Recovery Plan and its priorities to address the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic utilizing Federal, State, and County relief funding, with approval subject to confirmation of compliance with American Rescue Plan Act regulations, when issued, with direction to return to the City Council if there are required material changes;</p> <p>(2) Adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute all Block Grant award documents on behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), and any documents necessary including necessary amendments, to accept State Emergency Rental Assistance Program funding for the City's Emergency Rental Assistance Program;</p> <p>(3) Increase appropriations in the Community Development Grants Fund Group in the Development Services Department in the amounts of \$13,754,734 for the Federal Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and \$16,404,412 for the State ERAP, for a total amount of \$30,159,146, to provide for costs related to assisting lower-income renters who have experienced economic impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic;</p> <p>(4) Increase appropriations in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department in the amount of \$26,753,750 for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) grant from the County of Los Angeles, to support COVID-19 public health response efforts; and</p>	Christina Hall	chall@tnpsocal.org		<p>As you review the recommendations set forth in the Proposed Long Beach Recovery Plan, as presented by the City Manager's Office, we urge you to examine your processes and systems as you implement this plan. The current systems create roadblocks to equitable recovery.</p> <p>Ultimately, we support the approach of fully considering nonprofits as small businesses and the private sector are considered as well. Nonprofits are employers, providers of goods and services, and drivers and contributors to the local economy. We commend that this recovery plan acknowledges the importance of nonprofits however we ask that we are fully integrated in the design and implementation plan. Utilize the plans that the City has already put in place such as the Equity Toolkit and the Early Childhood Education strategic plan.</p>	3/16/2021

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<p>16. (21-0228) Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. ITB ER20-071 and award a contract to ARB, Inc., of Lake Forest, CA, for on-call natural gas pipeline construction and miscellaneous services, in a total annual amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for a period of one year, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary amendments. (Citywide)</p>	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		<p>This is a \$10 million fossil fuel subsidy being paid directly to an oil and gas company. It's incompatible with the city's stated vision for a cleaner, energy-independent future. I oppose this eye-popping expenditure to construct new pipeline that locks in a carbon-dependent economy.</p>	3/10/2021

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17. (21-0229) Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and any documents necessary including any necessary amendments, with Pedal Movement, LLC, of Long Beach, CA, for the operation and maintenance of the BikeShare Program, in an annual amount of \$1,796,525, with a 15 percent contingency in the amount of \$269,479, and for the operation of the GoActiveLB Hub, in an annual amount not to exceed \$34,800, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$2,100,804, for a period of 33 months ending on September 30, 2023; and, authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, with Pedal Movement, LLC, for the refurbishment of 1,007 bicycles acquired from the City of New Orleans, LA and City of Santa Monica, CA, for the expansion of the BikeShare fleet, in an amount not to exceed \$872,911, for a period of two years. (Citywide)	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		The GoActiveLB Hub is a resource that my family used multiple times during the pandemic. After purchasing new bikes at the outset of coronavirus, the Hub was a convenient downtown location for repairs. I support this motion because Long Beach need far more bicycling resources, including the bikeshare program and enabling infrastructure. Please also fund physically-separated bike lanes.	3/10/2021