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CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com						Again we ask why won't Mayor Garcia and the Council do video council meetings? His staff doesn't respond to emails or phone calls. Residents want a true democratic council meeting.	8/9/2020
7. (20-0759) Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the following Departments: Health and Human Services, Fire, and Parks, Recreation and Marine.	Ayanna Holmes	kamilaholmes@gmail.com						I am a District 6 resident. I am dismayed that for years the LBPD has taken up a disproportionate amount of the City's budget. Almost half of the City budget goes to the LBPD while departments like the Health Department and Parks Department and libraries, that provide much needed services and programs are underfunded, receiving only a sliver of the City's Budget. Statistics show that Black people have much worse health outcomes than their white counterparts. Most recently, Covid-19 numbers show this disparity. Our community needs wellness and mental health services, not more policing. As such City Council, should take steps to redistribute the wealth of funds that has historically been given to the Police and use them to fully invest in the Health Department so they can better provide the essential health and wellness services that the community needs. When we all are healthier and have the programs and services we need, our community can thrive. Defund the Police! Thank you.	8/11/2020

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7. (20-0759) Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the following Departments: Health and Human Services, Fire, and Parks, Recreation and Marine.	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com						I don't see any help for the homeless in Long Beach from the health dept. There should be weekly outreach to the homeless living their cars. What happened to the homeless work program? The Quality of Life Officers do a great job and I would like to see that expanded.	8/9/2020

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8. (20-0747) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration MND04-20 (State Clearinghouse SCH#	Janet West	jayjay76511@verizon.net						I oppose changing the commercial designation of the CCA (Community Commercial Auto-Oriented) zoning as it is stated in the Land Use Element Plan to a different, non-commercial, and instead, a residential designation.	8/11/2020

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14. (20-0751) Recommendation to review a report on Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative and provide input and policy direction. (Citywide)	Sona Coffee	sonacoffee@gmail.com						I appreciate the City leadership, staff support, and community stakeholders who were willing to come to the table and have open and meaningful dialogue. This process really highlighted how far we still have to go in terms of truly reconciling so many issues in Long Beach. As is noted, this is the initial report on this process, and this report isn't a product that represents the different viewpoints and experiences in the City but it is a strong start. As we move forward, we need to focus on the key areas recommended, and strengthen the data analysis to present information that represents the real needs in our City. We also need to bring these recommendations to the table with public safety and the other departments involved, because their input was not included in this part of the process. This process is the start of outlining where Long Beach wants to be as a community, and highlights some ways we can get there.	8/11/2020

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14. (20-0751) Recommendation to review a report on Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative and provide input and policy direction. (Citywide)	Dawn Shelley	dawnshelley@me.com						What is the precise evidence of systemic racism in LB? I see none presented here not at all scientific. All feelings and opinion and looking back at history as if nothing has changed in 160 years. LB is a very diverse city that has welcomed everyone forever. This study listed top opinions of participants about how racism exists in LB. the highest percentage for a category was only 5.4%. And these are just OPINIONS of 600 people and the city wants to implement a plan that will cost a lot and in the end only make things worse, especially if police force is reduced... bc that hurts poor people The most. Everyone knows that. Go to the beach... go to shopping malls... go to festivals... go to CSULB Go to a doctors office... go to the park. You see people of many races and ethnic backgrounds getting along. This idea of systemic racism is a fiction.	8/10/2020
14. (20-0751) Recommendation to review a report on Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative and provide input and policy direction. (Citywide)	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com						We want true reform. CPCC needs to be overhauled and a true citizen oversight board. Also, why aren't we addressing homelessness in the Black community. We need to address this and poverty.	8/9/2020

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14. (20-0751) Recommendation to review a report on Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative and provide input and policy direction. (Citywide)	Aarti Harper	ashastryharper@gmail.com						I am a District 3 resident who served as a member of the City's Stakeholders Convenings for the Framework for Reconciliation Report. The direction from City Council was to center opportunities for reconciliation by uplifting the voices and experiences of the Black community. This report, through extensive community engagement by the City team, provides critical recommendations from community that we implore you to support. Uplifting Black voices and experiences does not mean that other races and ethnicities are not important; it means that in order to build a society with "freedom and justice for all," we must center those who have never been fully free. Making our systems better for those it has most harmed makes a more fair and humane system for all of us. I am asking you to vote YES on the Framework Report.	8/9/2020
14. (20-0751) Recommendation to review a report on Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative and provide input and policy direction. (Citywide)	Isabella Gonzalez	divisabella@gmail.com						I submitted the comment that became Appendix D, 2. Health Equity, b) Narrow the digital divide, iii. Library program for low-income families and I would like to amend: "If you open the library seven days a week, at least the Billie Jean King Main Library AND the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (because the two facilities have the largest capacity and they are the farthest apart), then they will have more access to information." I would also like to add: A pilot program to provide internet to low-income families must be more substantial than offering free Wi-Fi after-hours in the libraries' parking lots. The low-income families and students should have internet access in the home via a wireless mesh network, in order to feel dignity and safety while participating in a city program.	8/5/2020

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14. (20-0751) Recommendation to review a report on Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative and provide input and policy direction. (Citywide)	Judy Anderson	eastcoastgirl220@yahoo.com			Long Beach	California	90804	I would like to know if LBPD has discussed and is considering a Community Policing Unit like LAPD is doing. For anyone who may not be familiar with this type of policing, it is based upon a partnership between the police and the community whereby they share responsibility for identifying, reducing, eliminating and preventing problems that impact community safety and order. By policing this way, they can reduce fear and incidence of crime and improve the quality of life in neighborhoods citywide. It's known as C-PPS - Community Police Solving Problems; using the SARA approach: Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment. LAPD is training all police officers in C-PPS. Perhaps we can try this in one or two of our worst areas to see it's effectiveness.	8/4/2020
18. (20-0677) Recommendation to request that the Special Order issued on January 16, 2020 become a permanent policy change for the Long Beach Police Department.	Janet West	jayjay76511@verizon.net						Why is the special order issued on January 16, 2020 not included in the agenda material?	8/11/2020
18. (20-0677) Recommendation to request that the Special Order issued on January 16, 2020 become a permanent policy change for the Long Beach Police Department.	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com						Explain to us why unlike other police departments in CA, when a LB officer shoots an unarmed suspect, they cant be interviewed by Internal Affairs of the DA. Additionally, Mayor Garcia Commission appointees failed to subpoena a single officer charged with misconduct.	8/9/2020