

## City Council Meeting Statement

Hello, Council Members ~ Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you. My name is: JUDY FARRIS I am a resident of Long Beach and am very concerned regarding matters that are affecting our city financially and from a community standpoint.

Specifically, I am concerned about the legal matter that attorney Matthew Pappas has filed in the Superior Court – Pack vs. Long Beach – against the City in regard to whether or not the Ordinance 10-0007 is in compliance with the Federal Law.

I would like to read from a transcript of the January 19, 2010 City Council meeting where City Attorney Shannon stated:

"Additionally although this really hasn't come up till now, we've had a number of complaints relative to referencing federal law and I will tell you that of course it will be your decision but I have no problem with eliminating the word federal from page two and wherever else it might appear, uh it may be on other pages. I'm told it is on some other pages. But we will eliminate the word federal and basically what we're saying is nothing in this chapter purports to permit activities otherwise illegal under state or local law;"

" but I want to emphasize one thing, there's no way we can enact an ordinance that will trump federal law, we can not nullify federal law. So the fact that we are not mentioning the word federal does not mean we're indicating that we can ignore federal law".

If the City Attorney did not feel that the Ordinance was in compliance with Federal Law before it was passed, is the Ordinance now in compliance with Federal Law? Is it valid? Basically, I just want to make sure that the Ordinance is in compliance with Federal Law. I would put that question to Mr. Shannon: Is the Long Beach Ordinance 10-0007 in compliance with Federal Law or is Mr. Pappas' lawsuit correct that it is not?

Mr. Shannon, may we please have your response – and ASSURANCE that the City that the Ordinance is in complete compliance with Federal Law. I am seriously afraid that the pending lawsuit will end up costing Long Beach a huge sum of money if our attorney did not even make sure that the Ordinance is correct. Thank you. . . . Mr. Shannon