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Subject: RE: Protest for item 22, for city council meeting dated 3/17/19

-EXTERNAL-

For clarification, if needed, item listed as #4 if agenda item 7. It has already been clarified in the last link I referenced on this page previously sent to the city Council on 3/17/20. My point with attachment C is the city councilwoman and manger led the public to believe they would follow up on this council item and that misled the public. The purpose of that agenda item, as driven by numerous residents who didn't trust the councilwoman in keeping her word. This item added as an agenda item was to obtain alternative to artificial turf and force public input. This appeared to have been deliberately ignored to push the same agenda the city was aware was a hot button. Both the outreach and alternatives were driven by residents caught the corruption and collusion and the Councilwomen could not provide a basic answers to answers residents were demanding

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I'm sure you know but the appeals code is 2.54.010

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Hello City Attorney,

This is a letter to let you know that I'm formally protecting the decision for the above line item as it relates to the El Dorado Park Soccer Fields. My primary reasons are as follows:

- 1) The city is required to state a legal reason why they feel installation of artificial turf in El Dorado Park is beneficial to District 5 and the City, which it has not done.
- 2) The city is required to perform a financial analysis to determine if this project a legal financial justifications to install the artificial turf fields in El Dorado Park. To date, the only public explanation installation given to the public was during an city outreach in which residents

caught the city falsifying information and losing paperwork they were required to be watchdogs over. In other words, the only justification the city is currently able to produce has already be judged by the city to be illegal and numerous directors and high level officials were removed in creating.

- 3) Commission members involved were not disciplined were not removed from their positions nor was any corrective made to the decision making process to prevent any changes in accountability to prevent the same corruption from occurring again.
- 4) Public assurances of safeguard that would be put into place and be included in the decision making process if the City/ District Councilwoman would use true data and can be seen by 2 agenda items which the Councilwoman and City Manager refused to follow up on and therefore misleading the public residents. See link to 8/22/17 Council meeting <https://longbeach.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=561339&GUID=207E8A22-35E0-47EE-9A50-B98A2342CBD2&Options=info&Search=> and attachment C from City Council meeting dated 11/15/2015 above.
- 5) The City Added the artificial turf to the Measure A funding when it was never included in the measure the city agreed to. A committee was created to prevent funding from that measure to be added for other City purposes to be used for just this type of pork that residents overwhelming voiced massive disagreement with. Any surplus funds was supposed to be spent on streets and police.
- 6) In light of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), residents have less money and are fuming that city money is again being spent on Pork like this rather than where it was promised – City Street and Policing. Residents are tapped out to have more of their tax payers money going toward this project that nobody wants.
- 7) To date, there are no residents or anyone in the city that is not involved with the city that wants it added to the parks. This includes ALL, but one parent with the AYSO 177.
- 8) Residents have seen the streets and sidewalks that were supposed to be included with Measure A, not be built and which the city appears to have diverted those funds to pay for an artificial turf field that nobody wants. Here is a city link proving the city is not building streets the city planned under measure A. <http://www.longbeach.gov/globalassets/pw/media-library/documents/infrastructure-investment-map-2019>
- 9) Nobody from the city has offered any explanation why the city wants it there and it trying to put it in under all residents objections despite numerous requests.
- 10) With all the City employees removed because of misconduct, particularly the City Manager, 2 parks directors an manager beneath him and possibly 2 more high ranking parks employees, the process that generated the initial corruption and collusion with all the top city positions still has not changed.
- 11) The Public Works Director that replaced a previous director that was asked to leave is Satanic. This was uncovered by the press is a PRA. The current Public Works Director, Craig Beck, and involved with this project has been the subject of concern for many years. As his name keeps cropping up in city scandals: In 2009, he was demoted with a 20% salary cut and for illegally taking gifts when going on junkets with lobbyists while working as a director of Development Services. During that time a PRA check was done on him which uncovered an e-mail stating “ I feel you have my back and hope you know I have yours,” I do have a soul that needs feeding and I prefer devil’s food!” <https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2009-dec-19-la-me-long-beach192009dec19-story.html> . For obvious reasons, residents are still concerned about what appears to be satanic ties. Beck has held meeting with the AYSO 177 and excluded any other members of the public. Councilwoman Mungo has made many phone calls asking for him to work with Beck to install artificial turf. This was exactly the same thing that occurred

previously and what the Councilwoman and city staff and parks management promised residents the city would not do.

- 12) This city has been caught rigging outreaches with the library renaming, Heartwell park, both regarding the parks. Each time a PRA was requested the paperwork was missing from the District 5 office. The El Dorado park outreach years ago contained fraudulent and falsified information. All three of these outreaches related directly to the Parks, City Manager and the District 5 Council office.
- 13) The city appears to have an ethical problem in treating the primary user of the Soccer fields (AYSO 177) in granting them special privileges they have specifically told other leagues lie the AYSO 114 they could not do. Example, subcontracting out soccer fields to other city leagues. Other city leagues were told they would be banned from using the fields if they ever did that. Instead of having the fields taken away, the city has decided to reward them with another field.
- 14) The original artificial turf in the park was protested . However the City Attorney cannot rule on intentions as he claimed, but only what passed.
- 15) While leagues like the AYSO 114 is expanding, the primary user has lost literally 1/3 its membership over 5 years and that trend is continuing. Additionally nearby supply of artificial turf fields have become glutted with an oversupply with the LBUUSD adding many nearby fields and under state law has to permit them if asked.
- 16) Flyers were no issued to residents at any time as required by city procedures regarding artificial turf.

16) Please see additional reasons in my written comments for the agenda item 22 El Dorado Park Soccer fields dated 3/17/19 and all relevant attachments here:

<http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8204178&GUID=15F735D7-2740-4EDB-92B0-2D8724C85FC9>

- 17) Per District 5 Councilwoman the funding for this originally one time funding was supposed to expire and go back to the General Fund. And if that did, the city procedures were supposed to force a new item to be added to the agenda for a new project request. If this case the funding mechanism changed.

Sorry the city clerk put them in out of order, you will need to scroll down from the above link.

Warmest Regards,

Raman Vasishth
Eldorado West Parks Ambassador
Neighborhood Leader Program (NLP) Class of 2019
Rancho Neighborhood Member



City of Long Beach
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Date: November 17, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor Garcia and Members of the City Council

From: Stacy Mungo, Councilwoman, Fifth District *SM*
Lena Gonzalez, Councilwoman, First District *LG*
Roberto Uranga, Councilmember, Seventh District *(R)*

Subject: **Agenda Item: Previously Approved and Funded Turf Conversion Project**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to request City Manager to direct the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department in coordination with the Public Works Department to provide an update on and current cost estimate for previously approved soccer field turf conversion projects at three parks - Admiral Kidd, El Dorado and Seaside - and request further report on what other appropriate park uses could be developed at El Dorado Park in lieu of an artificial turf project and also report on when it would be feasible to bid on any such in lieu projects.

BACKGROUND

As part of the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget process, the City Council unanimously approved the Budget Oversight Committee recommendations of September 3, 2013 to provide for one-time funding, totaling \$2.32 million, for soccer field renovations and synthetic turf conversion at three parks - Admiral Kidd, El Dorado and Seaside - and as part of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget process, the City Council allocated an additional \$1.27 million for the turf installation/conversion projects.

Any design, plans and specifications to be finalized and put out for competitive bid, based on the aforementioned, could yield proposals that exceed current funding allocations, which is why an update on current cost estimates is requested. Furthermore, based on community meetings held on January 26 and February 23, 2015 to gain public feedback on the proposed field conversion projects, several new options and alternatives have emerged for improving our parks and sports fields in need of repair, maintenance and improvements that warrant greater consideration by the current City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.



City of Long Beach Memorandum
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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: November 13, 2015
To: Maria de la Luz Garcia, City Clerk
From: Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, Fifth District
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of **November 17, 2015**

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

AGENDA ITEM: PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AND FUNDED TURF CONVERSION PROJECT

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
5	Stacy Mungo	Stacy Mungo
7	Roberto Urango	Roberto Urango
1	Lena Gonzalez	Lena Gonzalez

cc: Office of the Mayor