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**Subject:** \*\*\*Calling for the immediate release of Darrell Tupuola

**-EXTERNAL-**

Council members,

I am calling upon you as local leaders to demand the immediate release of Long Beach resident Darrell Tupuola, who is currently in LBPD custody after being told that he would not be arrested or charged for camping on the lawn of Rainbow Lagoon yesterday August 28.

His arrest is unacceptable, unjust, and served only to criminalize our unhoused community members. Instead of providing actual services during this time of a literal global health crisis, LBPD's actions resulted in a huge drain on community resources and a violent dehumanizing spectacle at Susie Price's district.

As Long Beach residents we cannot accept these actions coordinated by the Long Beach Police Department and their "subdivision" of Quality of Life officers, who seem to be police officers masquerading as outreach workers (why would an outreach worker need a gun strapped to his waist?). Our friend, Darrell, was lured into a false sense of security by "Quality of Life" officers, being told that he would receive care and services and that ultimately, he would not be arrested.

However, he was arrested. We were told that he was charged with camping at the park, resisting arrest and violating probation. Sgt. Gary told Darrell that he would not be detained for violating his probation, but now LBPD is using his probation violation as a means to keep him incarcerated.

We were then informed that Darrell would be released in the morning because of his houseless status and new Covid-19 measures.

When we called LBPD this morning, they told us that Darrell would be kept in custody until his court date, with a bail of \$50,000. This contradicted their previous statements and shows a pattern of lies and deceit on behalf of LBPD to criminalize an unhoused community member.

We have Darrell's belongings but have no way of contacting him to return these things to him — He was a peaceful friend we met days ago at Rainbow Lagoon, my friend was with him on the day of the arrest. He doesn't have a phone or any way of reaching us. LBPD is absolutely getting in the way of us helping Darrell.

I hope you understand that this system intended to "protect and serve" actually deliberately strengthens chronic homelessness in the city and beyond. The police department strips human beings of whatever resources they are able to gather before spitting them back onto the street.

Why did Darrell have to be arrested for a nonviolent offense when "Quality of Life" officers were talking to him about resources minutes before police cuffed him? He was told that if he removed his belongings from Colorado Lagoon, he would be left alone. Instead he was harassed and intimidated by officers, who called what looked like an entire fleet to the scene — At least a dozen squad cars, Choppers overhead — Even highway patrol stopped by just to stand around.

As city officials, you have an opportunity to actually change the system in meaningful ways. More often than not, you take this opportunity for granted. I implore you — Especially you, Council Member Price, as this occurred in your district — to take responsibility for the actions of your police department.

You should know by now that you cannot arrest homelessness away. Incarceration is never the answer. Demand that LCPD release Darrell Tupuola immediately.

Thank you for your time. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Miranda Andrade



August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FORMATION OF THE LONG BEACH BAR COALITION (LBBC)  
AND OUR PURPOSE

**The purpose of the formation of this coalition is to provide a unified voice for all bar owners for any political action found to be necessary or requested to ensure the successful continuation and growth of our businesses within the City of Long Beach**

As we enter the sixth month of mandated closures of bars/taverns (ABC Type 42 and Type 48) in the City of Long Beach due to the health concerns surrounding the spread and containment of COVID19, many of the owners of bars in the City of Long Beach have gotten together to form this coalition with the stated intention of presenting our goals through a unified voice to the individual office holders and/or departments within the City of Long Beach, the County of Los Angeles and the State of California specifically pertaining to the current local policies which are currently and negatively affecting our ability to do business.

Our first course of action is to present the following requests.

1. Request that portion of the CARES Act funding assigned to the City of Long Beach be made available in the form of grant money for bars that have been ordered to remain closed since March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Request that allocated money be guaranteed for ALL bars that are being forced to remain closed due to COVID-19. Request that the grant amount is distributed monthly and be retroactive based on the number of months we have been closed and continue until the City and State governments allow us to reopen.
  - (a) We are being forced into dire financial positions because of our inability to operate for more than 5 consecutive months.
  - (b) Our landlords are losing money and are being forced into dire financial position due to our inability to pay them because we have had no income for more than 5 months.
  - (c) We are not exercising any civil disobedience (operating illegally during the ordered closure), but instead are following the mandates and thus watching the businesses that we have built be dismantled month by month. Many of us are in a position in which we are not sure how we will reopen without financial relief from the City of Long Beach.

- (d) Some bars seem to be operating despite the mandate and with cryptic exceptions, i.e. one bar seems to have been allowed to operate with a catering permit on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street instead of having a bonafide kitchen, etc...
- 2. Waiver and/or refund of all city and state permitting and licensing fees (business, health, entertainment, etc) retroactive to March of 2020 and until we are allowed to reopen. If allowed to reopen at 50% capacity, we request that fees be adjusted to 50%, if at 40%, the fees adjusted down to 40%, etc...
- 3. Request that the Health Department allow bars to open with outdoor service with the same protocols as restaurants.
  - (a) Request a clear explanation of why bar owners are not being given the same ability to implement COVID-19 safety protocols in outdoor spaces licensed to do business that restaurants have been given.

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**Subject:** Public Comment for Tonights City Meeting. Defund the Police!

**-EXTERNAL-**

Metro fare card tapping and citation data proves LBPD racial profiling terror

LBPD killed boy for not paying 1.75 for metro fare

Bad history involving a sickening sting operation entrapping LGBTQ+

LBPD misused lic. plate reader equip. targeting attendees of May 31st protest w/ illegal search and handcuffing law school graduate under alias "Lizzy" without reading her rights

FBI investigation of LBPD linked to a murder plot of renowned reporter and activist Sean King

LBPD killed lots of Black & Brown people. Check BLM page for names

LBPD even killed a dog, Ozzie. Officer Thue's K-9 dog suffocated while trapped in a car.

LBPD shot KPCC reporter Adolfo Guzman Lopez in the neck with a rubber bullet at May 31st protest

LBPD killed man holding a toy gun

Killed bi-polar woman holding a butter knife in her front yard

LBPD misconduct oversight committee, CPCC, declared a farce by Commissioner, Porter Gilberg

LBPD Chief Luna proclaimed a Black father should be arrested for child endangerment while bringing his son to exercise his right to assemble and protest at May 31st protest.

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**Mystery Shopper**  
to check on  
Long Beach  
**Police Dept.**

Is there room in the budget to add a spy program ?

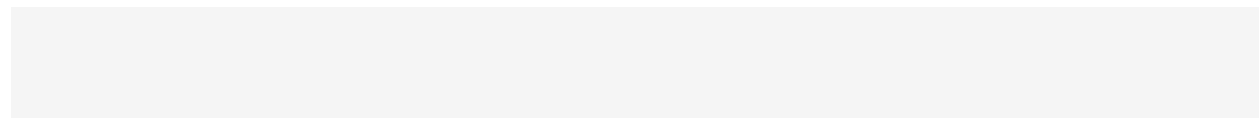
**This is not a radical idea**

Unsavory Long Beach police activity has unveiled itself in the last 4 months like I have never seen before yet the budget proposal is only 1.6 % reduction. The corruption is stacking up. This article covers the facts. Long Beach City is one of the most

corrupt police departments in the nation. Data compares to Minneapolis which I believe got disbanded. The City councilmen who are empowered to make change, will not. Susie Price's plan is weak. Police are not going to oversee other police and whistle blow each other. Ridiculous! That should have already been cemented into the police policy already. "Pssst, is your camera on?" constant. We are talking about Tiger Texters here. Love those challenger coins too, oof! This is who we are dealing with. Let's not be naive, or worse, take advantage of the people who are naive.

This graphic above is missing so many bullet points. Here is an article just yesterday showing how the corruption is stacking up or LBPD: [https://forthe.org/journalism/three-months-since-uprising/?fbclid=IwAR3P4jzpCIPl\\_O9C0oqWGD1rJ0v3HelpuberSjEUWJg48ymCNZu7TX0ocsY](https://forthe.org/journalism/three-months-since-uprising/?fbclid=IwAR3P4jzpCIPl_O9C0oqWGD1rJ0v3HelpuberSjEUWJg48ymCNZu7TX0ocsY)

On Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 10:06 AM Councilwoman Suzie Price <[district3@longbeach.gov](mailto:district3@longbeach.gov)> wrote:



**Important Police Reforms  
Passed by City Council**

Dear Neighbor,

The issue of police reform is at the forefront of the national conversation. The Long Beach Police Department is actively engaged in that conversation, and along with the City's Public Safety Committee and the City Council, the department is taking active steps to implement necessary policing reform.

I am proud to announce that last week the City Council took important steps to make permanent a number of major reforms to the Police Department training manual by voting unanimously to support the proposals from the Public Safety Committee.

This most recent action by the City Council is the first reform change since we started the discussions on this topic in late May. These changes include truly significant changes to use of force policies, an officer's duty to intervene, de-escalation, as well as other policing reforms. You can read the full text of the orders here: [Link to Police Department Special Orders](#)

This major step will have positive impacts for every resident in the City as we work to develop and refine our policy approach and methodology to policing and crime reduction.

As Chair of the Public Safety Committee I have proposed a multi-phased approach to look at what the current practices of the LBPD are and how the national conversation, research, and data can shape our policies to make them more effective and fair. The phases of my proposal include looking at existing policies and procedures around recruiting and hiring, peer support and bystandership, use of force, post-incident review, and mandatory reporting of use of force and policy breaches.



Throughout the process of considering changes to our policing, our Long Beach Police Department has acknowledged the moment we are in and has been proactive in seeking out improvements to their approach to policing by focusing on justice, and transparency. They have continually been receptive to following through on commitments to research and evaluate reforms and changes as a partner in working toward progress. In many cases our Police Department has already been working toward these solutions and reforms and have begun implementing in some form many policy changes, giving us a great start in progressing real change in light of the important national conversations we face.

These steps certainly do not represent the end of our work to make improvements that ensure all residents know they are protected by our Police, but this is real forward movement.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office at (562)570-6300 or by email at [district3@longbeach.gov](mailto:district3@longbeach.gov).

**Sincerely,  
Suzie Price  
Councilwoman, Third District**

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