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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		https://www.washingtonpost.com/obituaries/2022/02/22/paul-farmer-global-health-dead/ We lost Paul Farmer... ...Rest in Power.	2/22/2022
3. (22-0215) Recommendation to approve the destruction of records for the Human Resources Department; and adopt resolution.	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Oppose.	2/23/2022
4. (22-0216) Recommendation to confirm City Manager's promulgation of the revised Health Order for the Control of COVID-19, issued on February 16, 2022, by the City of Long Beach Health Officer as a regulation. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Support	2/23/2022
5. (22-0217) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary for a Second Amendment to Lease No. 34552 with Killing Fields Memorial Center, Inc., a California nonprofit corporation, to facilitate the completion of construction and operation of a community memorial garden at the City-owned premises located at 1501 East Anaheim Street. (District 6)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Support	2/27/2022

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PUBLIC COMMENT:	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		"Oh, the history books tell it They tell it so well The cavalries charged The Indians died Oh, the country was young With God on its side The Spanish-American War had its day And the Civil War too Was soon laid away And the names of the heroes I's made to memorize With guns in their hands And God on their side The First World War, boys It came and it went The reason for fighting I never did get But I learned to accept it Accept it with pride For you don't count the dead When God's on your side The Second World War Came to an end We forgave the Germans And then we were friends Though they murdered six million In the ovens, they fried The Germans now too Have God on their side I've learned to hate the Russians All through my whole life If another war comes It's them we must fight To hate them and fear them To run and to hide And accept it all bravely With God on my side"	2/28/2022

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10. (22-0222) Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$500, offset by the Second Council District One-time District Priority Funds, transferred from the Citywide Activities Department, to provide a donation to the African American Heritage Society of Long Beach; and Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$500, to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Support	2/22/2022
11. (22-0223) Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the Financial Management Department's Purchasing Division to ensure a study of the current Local Preference Ordinance is included in the Extreme Procurement Makeover Project (which is remaking procurement policies, processes, and practices in Long Beach), including an analysis, assessment of the feasibility and options for implementation of the items. In addition, prioritize this study by modifying the workplan for the Extreme Procurement Makeover Project, and report back to City Council in no more than 180 days.	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Interested to see this presentation. DS CD3	3/1/2022

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NEW BUSINESS:	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		<p>Given the global turbulence brought on by Putin's invasion of Ukraine, it is understandable that much of the Council Agenda and priorities for this week are being reevaluated and adjusted on the fly.</p> <p>As of time of writing (10:30am PDT / 6:22pm UTC 2/28/2022) Kiev has not yet fallen to Russian armed forces. But the Ukrainians are calling for a ceasefire and negotiations. It is possible that by the time of Council tomorrow evening, the situation could look very different. An escalation with NATO has not yet occurred, but is still possible.</p> <p>After years of intentional effort to bend the curve of global emissions, once again they could sharply rise up, but this time, kicking the planetary system, permanently, into a different kinetic state.</p> <p>Nasty brutish and short towards Venus at 867 deg. F, huh?</p> <p>All war is theft from the future, but Putin's now more than most.</p> <p>https://twitter.com/Sammy_Roth/status/1497963772631138312/photo/1</p> <p>There is another way.</p> <p>Let's build the future already!!!</p>	2/28/2022

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PUBLIC COMMENT:	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		<p>Come you masters of war You that build the big guns You that build the death planes You that build all the bombs You that hide behind walls You that hide behind desks I just want you to know I can see through your masks</p> <p>You that never done nothin' But build to destroy You play with my world Like it's your little toy You put a gun in my hand And you hide from my eyes And you turn and run farther When the fast bullets fly ...</p> <p>You fasten all the triggers For the others to fire Then you set back and watch When the death count gets higher You hide in your mansion' As young people's blood Flows out of their bodies And is buried in the mud ...</p> <p>Let me ask you one question Is your money that good Will it buy you forgiveness Do you think that it could I think you will find When your death takes its toll All the money you made Will never buy back your soul"</p> <p>- Bob Dylan, 'Masters of War' (1962, based on Jackie Washington, arrng. 'Nottamun Town')</p>	2/28/2022
17. (22-0230) Recommendation to adopt resolution making findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) to authorize City legislative bodies to follow the teleconference meeting provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)-(2). (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm not particularly keen on the idea of these meetings always being teleconferenced, or, like a couple of the commission meetings last week, *barely meeting the public noticing requirement*,</p> <p>however,</p> <p>Have you looked at what omicron B.A2 looks like? Far different from the novel coronavirus or the delta variant.</p> <p>Stay safe, folks</p>	2/27/2022

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20. (22-0231) Recommendation to adopt resolution to authorize City Manager to submit a Notice of Intent to Comply with the regulations of Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) per the Senate Bill 619 (SB 619) Statute. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		<p>Hello,</p> <p>"Due to delays associated with the pandemic and resulting limited resources..." Horse Dung.</p> <p>Notification has been typed up, with the CM's name on it! That's an improvement from Thursday.</p> <p>As are some of the edits.</p> <p>However, the content ...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not *yet provided mandatory green bins to all residential accounts 2. Not *yet provided mandatory green bins to all commercial accounts 2 cu. yds+ 3. (rollout did start, but selectively and not in ways that have scaled out) 4. The justifications given for why the City hasn't pursued cheaper, more readily available options than a delayed RFP/Q for a "combined waste stream" are non-existent -- City Staff are misinforming Council Members and the Public on that being the only option for dealing with yard waste, non-food organics, etc. 5. Soil, not oil. 6. CCR CRR Section 18984.6 is where Long Beach should start, given the amount/variety/intensity of local pollutants 7. 12/31/23 is a year too late for each deadline 8. Plastics. <p>DS CD3</p>	2/28/2022

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IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL HYBRID CITY COUNCIL MEETING PURSUANT TO AB 361 (GOV. CODE SECTION 54953(e)(1)-(2))	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		vox veritas vita	3/15/2022
4. (22-0273) Recommendation to receive and file the Investment Report for Quarter Ending December 31, 2021. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Support	3/15/2022
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		<p>To be perfectly honest, the City of Long Beach is to be commended for scheduling the presentations in the Climate Action and Environmental Committee of the Council today.</p> <p>Some of the most important information about this City, in real-time, and not just being discussed by our local representatives of the Joe Manchin chapter!</p> <p>It's not everything, but it is a start.</p> <p>Sometimes, that's the most important thing.</p> <p>We just have to start reducing these emissions...</p>	3/15/2022
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Natalie Gordon	ngordon08@gmail.com		<p>I live off Walnut and 3rd and I've noticed a decrease in usable parking spaces (patio park-lets), increased red-lines on Broadway and decrease in parking spots due to the dangerous road diet). I've also noticed an increase in parking enforcement going around. The city needs to figure something out. residence need to be able to park our vehicles... especially when the city is continually taking away streetparking for resident tax-payers.</p>	3/15/2022

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13. (22-0283) Recommendation to request City Council support of the CARE Court framework that will create a new State policy for Mental health services - and request City Manager to examine the feasibility of the local program being administered by the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (LBDHHS).	Natalie Gordon	ngordon08@gmail.com		Hold this comment for the next agenda item (your "SpeakUP system is incompetent). The cultivation tax is a flat tax, meaning it's not proportional to the sales price, The tax is added early on in the supply chain, regardless if the material is ever sold for profit. The industrial farming complex is contributing to over-taxing the middle-class and lower-class and letting big corporations get out of paying their fair share of profits. The state projects a \$31 billion surplus in 2022, it can handle the offset for this industry that has very much helped CA tourism and more.	3/15/2022
13. (22-0283) Recommendation to request City Council support of the CARE Court framework that will create a new State policy for Mental health services - and request City Manager to examine the feasibility of the local program being administered by the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (LBDHHS).	John Martoni	jmart33@hotmail.com		I hope the city council will express support of the CARE Court framework. It is inhumane, unsafe, unhealthy and mean to let drug addicts and mentally ill people rot in their own feces on our streets.	3/13/2022
14. (22-0282) Recommendation to request City Manager to investigate the feasibility of repealing the tax for cannabis cultivation in Long Beach, including fiscal and workforce impacts, and present to the Budget Oversight Committee in 90 days.	thomas donahoe	thomasdonahoe@yahoo.com		We won't get the criminal competition out of it until we can get the taxes lowered.	3/15/2022
14. (22-0282) Recommendation to request City Manager to investigate the feasibility of repealing the tax for cannabis cultivation in Long Beach, including fiscal and workforce impacts, and present to the Budget Oversight Committee in 90 days.	Rosalyn O.	o.rosalyn@gmail.com		The cannabis industry is growing fast with equal opportunities for everyone. 77,000 jobs were added across the sector in marketing, retail, farming and distribution. Current tax rate of 37% is steep compared to taxes for alcohol, oil, etc. For every dollar profited about 35 cents covers taxes. Furthermore, once the federal government imposes a tax the industry will go from bad to worst. Increasing taxes will cost people jobs, stores will suffer lost revenue in goods (i.e. product sitting longer on the shelves) because consumers can not afford to buy. Decreasing sales taxes will increase revenue for the City of Long Beach because more jobs will be created across the sector.	3/15/2022
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14. (22-0282) Recommendation to request City Manager to investigate the feasibility of repealing the tax for cannabis cultivation in Long Beach, including fiscal and workforce impacts, and present to the Budget Oversight Committee in 90 days.	Martin Gaona	marleykoufax@icloud.com		<p>Prop 62 was in my opinion was meant to help the cannabis thrive but instead it's driving the people back into the black market. Due to these unfair cannabis taxes it's collapsing the industry all we are asking is a little compassion.</p> <p>Thank you for hearing me out.</p>	3/15/2022
14. (22-0282) Recommendation to request City Manager to investigate the feasibility of repealing the tax for cannabis cultivation in Long Beach, including fiscal and workforce impacts, and present to the Budget Oversight Committee in 90 days.	J C	jennifer_castelle@yahoo.com		<p>Excessive and unfair taxes have driven the legal cannabis industry to the point of near collapse</p> <p>Taxes for the Cannabis industry are excessively high compared to other industries, like oil</p> <p>Thousands of jobs would be lost if Cannabis stores, growers and distributors go out of business. Many of these jobs are union jobs with health benefits.</p> <p>The point of Prop 64 was to allow the Cannabis industry to thrive and don't drive out the black market but it has done the opposite</p> <p>Black and brown entrepreneurs and small business owners are unable to have a seat at the table and a path into the industry due to lack of access and strict regulations on who gets licenses. People talk about social equity but put very high bars for disadvantaged individuals most impacted by years of criminalization.</p> <p>There are still thousands of people who have yet to have their records expunged and they have not been able to recover from the devastating effects of the ineffective war on drugs.</p>	3/15/2022
15. (22-0286) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to sign the petition, and subsequent ballot, relating to City-owned properties located within the boundaries of the Downtown Long Beach Property and Business Improvement District. (Districts 1,2)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Curious	3/15/2022

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17. (22-0285) 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 update the construction task catalogue, increase the allowable threshold per work order as outlined in the municipal code, and extend the term of the contracts to March 21, 2023. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Curious	3/15/2022
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		soil not oil!	3/15/2022
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Support	3/15/2022