

R-22 Correspondence – Christiane Badgley

From: Christiane Badgley [<mailto:christianebadgley@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:56 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Jeanne Badgley <jeannebadgley@verizon.net>
Subject: Proposed housing bond

Dear City Council members and City Clerk:

We are writing to voice our opposition to the proposed \$298 million bond issue.

We are not opposed to public/homeowner support for infrastructure and housing. However, Long Beach has been in the midst of a housing crisis for more than a decade that city leadership has refused – until recently – to acknowledge. In fact, city policy has exacerbated the affordable housing crisis and until we see any change in city policy vis-à-vis renters, affordability and property development, we see no reason to support a bond issue. This bond puts all the burden on property owners – and in a majority-renter city, landlords will likely pass on the property tax increase to their tenants – and lets city leaders off the hook for their past (and ongoing) housing mismanagement.

Robert Garcia has been a tireless supporter of high-end retail and luxury property development, to the detriment of affordable housing. We remember Garcia responding to questions at public campaign event during his first run for office. Asked if he supported affordable housing initiatives, he responded that he did not, explaining that wasn't his concern. According to Garcia, Long Beach needed to increase its tax base and high-end development was the way to go.

Garcia has repeatedly refused to support rent control, refused to stop the transformation of multiple SRO buildings downtown into luxury condominiums, refused to impose an affordable housing component to new property development, refused to favor housing over commercial development when given the chance. Furthermore, even with a General Plan that calls for thousands of units of affordable housing, the city has only permitted construction on several hundred.

As a [December 2018 article in the OCWeekly](#) pointed out:

In an interview with the *Long Beach Business Journal* in August 2017, Garcia, while admitting the city needs more affordable housing, also embraced the notion that construction of market-rate housing will eventually trickle down to those in need. “The only way to address affordable housing is to build housing of all types. . . . We’re building a lot of market-rate housing because you get folks into those homes, which then open up other homes that can be affordable,” he said.

The “filtering theory” has been directly challenged by researchers, most recently at UC Berkeley’s Institute for Policy Government Studies, which noted that in a city such as San Francisco, it would take at least 30 years for “filtering” to produce anything considered affordable. Additionally, the researchers argue, massive construction of market-rate housing would immediately accelerate rent increases in urban areas, adding that their analysis shows “subsidized housing has double the impact of market-rate development” in mitigating displacement. In short, new housing built for the more affluent doesn’t help poorer renters who are in need of assistance today.

Nothing much has changed. We need smart policy first. Then we can talk about how to pay for improvements.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Jeanne Badgley, Long Beach 3rd district resident for 65+ years, retired teacher

Christine Badgley, daughter of Jeanne Badgley, born, raised and priced out of Long Beach

R-22 Correspondence – Don Boland

From: Don Boland [<mailto:dfboland@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 7:09 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Proposed Housing Bond

Absolutely opposed. Enough is enough!

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Sarah Brinton [<mailto:smbrintonlb@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:09 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: CD9 - 2020 Housing Measure/Affordable Housing Assessment

Dear City Clerk, Suzie Price District 3 and Stacy Mungo District 5

My husband and I are opposed to the Bond Measure CD9 Housing Measure/ Affordable Housing Act, and request a NO vote for this measure.

Creating affordable housing is not the solution. We just had a solicitor come by our home who was "selling magazines". I said we weren't interested. He told me he is an EX Gang Member from Memphis TN who came to long beach to start over and it sucks that no one will help him. I am not sure if this is true or not, but having lived in the southern US (Georgia, North & South Carolina) for years my first thought was- WHY try to start over in LONG BEACH? It is expensive here. When I couldn't afford to live in So Cal or near water- I didn't. I moved all over the country because I followed the jobs- not because I wanted to, which ultimately made it possible to live back in Long Beach. My husband and I own two houses (one in District 3 and One in District 5) {ay over \$24k in property taxes a year and are owners in two Long Beach Based Businesses. We employ 11 people, some of who own homes and live in LB. We love the diversity of Long Beach and small town feel with big city options. But even we have discussed what our threshold is for moving on. Taxes are high and Laws are not enforced. It is common knowledge Stop signs on Vista, Appian , Bayshore, Broadway and the Toledo are "optional". Transients walk down 2nd street or the bike path with open canisters of beer & Liquor uncovered. We cannot use the bathrooms at marine stadium or on the bike path for fear of walking in on a drug deal or chop shop- and definitely don't let our child. Belmont pier is dubbed the "pee pee corner" by the kids because of the clear smell of human feces when you come down the bike path. My husbands truck has been shot - by a bullet in the Pierpoint Landing Parking Lot while he was at work, and since then hit twice by street racers in the same lot. Multiple neighbors on Claremont Ave have experienced theft and most recently a neighbor was walked in on by a man who "had the wrong house" (you can see my Nextdoor post in crime and safety) There is sadly a sense of lawlessness. If we call non emergent police number most of the time the police never respond, sometime dispatchers are rude (There was a naked man in the road at 2nd & PCH I called and was asked if her was homeless? I responded I didn't stop to ask him, does it matter- he is naked & in the road) Crime has become common enough now that all our neighbors just call each other and don't report crime. And if you mess up God forbid and leave something unlocked- it is assumed it is your fault when it is stolen (Grand theft Auto of my car from my house. First question police and insurance asked was " Was it unlocked?" It was not- so my response was- if it was does that mean it was ok to take something that is not yours?). When I asked an officer how to protect my property and child after a man was peering in windows and stole a bottle of water off our porch he responded "Big stick or move" A detective who is using our ally camera footage in a current robbery trial where a neighbors gun was stolen went on for 30 minutes about how the legislation has tied the hands of law enforcement and there is not much they can do anymore.

I have been told by LBPD the paperwork on a murder is less that on a petty theft. It is discouraging to hear that the law enforcement officers hands are tied and even they are frustrated. I only imagine an EX Gang Member from Memphis comes to Long Beach, our city because the word is out. There are not enough Law enforcement officers to enforce the laws and the pickings are easy. Who would want to be a police officer anymore when their hands are tied and no one respects them? So the money you seek should not be for affordable housing for those that cannot afford to live withing miles of the beach, but for safety and protection of those of us who already pay to live here. If we leave (as you see on 2nd street) who will remain? not tax paying citizens who believe and love this city.

R-22 Correspondence – Sarah Brinton

City Clerk and all Council members, my point is this- instead of having bonds for affordable housing we should be focused on keeping those of us that already pay the taxes through the nose and love living here safe. That would be our preference. Please Vote no on this bond. Thanks

R-22 Correspondence – Kathleen Brunner

From: Kathleen Brunner [<mailto:ktbbmom@verizon.net>]
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 6:32 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Suzie Price <suzie@suzieaprice.com>
Subject: CD9 - 2020 Housing Measure/Affordable Housing Assessment

Dear Council Persons:

Re: CD9 - 2020 Housing Measure/Affordable Housing Assessment

My husband and I bought our first home in Long Beach back in 1990. It was much more expensive than homes in Riverside, San Bernardino and even neighboring Cypress. However, we wanted to live in Long Beach so we “bit the bullet”, bought our home with our savings and lived frugally to be able to keep and improve our home. We worked in Los Angeles and could have purchased a home closer to work. But we wanted Long Beach for many reasons. We knew we were buying into a “beach city”. However, at no time did we ever consider that the City of Long Beach should ask the seller to lower the asking price to accommodate our desire to live in Long Beach. Nor did we ask the City of Long Beach to help us out when the real estate market crashed in 1991-92 (approx.) In essence, this is what the proposed measure is doing: it is asking property owners (aka people) to help finance the housing needs of those who want to live in Long Beach. Why are we being punished for choosing to live in Long Beach?

Non property owners may think they are safe from this punishment but property owners will need to pass along this expense by raising rents. I am aware that the new state law AB 1482 caps rental rates. However, this new tax will likely be the reason rents get raised to the maximum allowable under AB 1482 rather than seeking a middle ground increase. This measure does not take into consideration the long hours, sacrifices and hard work many put into their job in order to be able to call Long Beach home. Instead, it sends the message that if you want to live in Long Beach, you can and “other people’s money” will pay for it.

“Other people’s money” is so easy to spend. However, if the fires, floods and rising tides do not get us to move, the constant increase in our taxes will. What will Long Beach do then – when “other people’s money” is no longer available. The council needs to consider the long range implications of this measure not the short “this feels good” reaction. Well intentioned people often come up with recommendations that are not feasible in the long term. Please do not let Long Beach be among that statistic.

- Kathleen Brunner

R-22 Correspondence – Debra Carey

From: Debra Carey [<mailto:debracarey4@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:26 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Suzie Price <Suzie@suzieaprice.com>

Subject: Housing Bond

NO!

R-22 Correspondence – Don Carrico

From: Don Carrico [<mailto:don.carrico@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:02 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Housing Bond being proposed

City Clerk,

As a property owner and property tax payer in East Long Beach for nearly 40 years, I appreciate the good intentions of the Council in this regard. The Measure may be a good solution as well as funding with General Bond, however the payment source coming from existing property tax payers will most likely cause unintended consequences of worsening the underlying problem. Any increase in property taxes will definitely put upward pressure on rental rates as well as home prices.

I'm opposed to this measure until a better funding sourced is determined. Thanks...Donald Carrico

R-22 Correspondence – Kathy Choate

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Choate [<mailto:kathychoate@icloud.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:26 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Homeless bond

Not another tax on homeowners. Why punish people for achieving something. We already pay high taxes. What happened to all the Prop H money. Have not seen a single improvement. We need to see some accounting on where this money has gone before you even consider another tax/bond. This must NOT go one step further.

Kathy Choate

From: george.ciceri@gmail.com [<mailto:george.ciceri@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 5:37 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Proposed housing bond

Dear City Clerk,

This is to let you know that I am strongly opposed to the proposed bond measure for affordable housing.

We have already appropriated money for this through Measure H (LA county).

Property taxes in Long Beach are already insanely high and loaded with additional direct assessments and bond measures.

....this on top of very high sales taxes in Long Beach.

....this on top of the highest State Income tax in the US.

....this on top of another 20% increase in my health care premium for 2020 due to new State laws.

Enough is enough. I don't mind paying my fair share of taxes but if the city and the State keep taxing the middle class, we will be moving to another State soon, simply because we cannot afford to live here anymore.

Politicians need to understand that all the money they want to spend needs to be earned by someone first!

Thank you for registering my opinion.

Best,
Juerg Ciceri

Juerg "George" Ciceri

R-22 Correspondence – Lynne Clarke

-----Original Message-----

From: Lynne Clarke [<mailto:lynne.clarke@me.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:18 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Housing Bond

I am adamantly opposed to the Housing Bond being proposed on 7 January Lynne Clarke

R-22 Correspondence – Anne Cramer

-----Original Message-----

From: Anne Cramer [<mailto:tishtusko@aol.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 2:40 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Housing Bond Proposal

I am totally opposed to this! We pay enough taxes and we don't need any more!!!!

Anne Cramer

Sent from my iPhone

R-22 Correspondence – Douglas Cringean

From: HenrikTheCat [<mailto:henrikthecat@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:50 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Proposed Housing Bond

Dear sir/madam,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed housing bond that is to be discussed in front of council tomorrow, Tuesday the 7th of January. I live in the 3rd District and I am opposed to this tax. I do not believe it is fair or right to further tax home owners to take money that would be used to address "homeless" issues that the city is experiencing. The city is inundated with people who are living under the radar of their own volition. It is not a housing crisis we face, but a people crisis. We are directly experiencing issues with people who have been released from prison early, not sent to prison, or who do not face charges at all. This is all directly caused by Prop 47.

Please do not punish home owners further for the incompetence of the current state government. It's entirely unfair and punishes hard earned success, and will reward criminals with utter disregard for the law.

The current "housing crisis" is a hoax. What is happening now is a mental health, drug addiction and no respect for the law crisis.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Cringean

R-22 Correspondence – William Davidson

From: William Davidson [<mailto:william@thedavidsongroup.net>]
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 6:45 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Suzie Price (suzie@suzieaprice.com) <suzie@suzieaprice.com>
Subject: Proposal to but Low Income Housing Bond on November Ballot

To: City Clerk and members of City Counsel

Homelessness in Long Beach is a many faceted problem. It is the result of such diverse factors as mental illness, drug addition, short and long-term economic failures, and, in an unknown number of instances, of lifestyle choice. Raising taxes to enable additional affordable housing addresses only a small segment of the problem.

There is no question that homelessness is a problem for our city, our state, and our country. As such, it is a problem for everyone. If homelessness is everyone's problem then the solution should be everyone's responsibility and burden. The proposed bond measure puts the burden of addressing the problem on the backs of property owners. While the proposers of the issue may believe they are only placing the burden on "rich" home owners, the reality is that the burden will also be placed on the backs of every person in Long Beach who rents as the added cost to the property owner will certainly be passed on to all renters in Long Beach.

Before we decide to spend more on the issue of homelessness, we need to look first at all the causes. We then, based on these realities, need to look at what solutions go to the heart of each of these various causes. Subsidizing more housing may not be the best answer to most of the causes of homelessness, nor the best use of our citizen's assets.

Finally, the City Council needs to recognize that for the first time in its history California is losing residents due, in significant part, to the cost of property ownership and all other taxes. If Long Beach continues to tax and tax it will increase this exodus. Then nobody will be left to fund the City's needs. While homelessness creates many personal tragedies driving out the rest of our citizenry would be even a greater tragedy for our City.

It is time to recognize that we cannot just keep increasing tax burdens on the people of our City.

Respectfully,

William Davidson

R-22 Correspondence – Steve Demos

From: Steve Demos [<mailto:demoshomes@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 8:57 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Housing Bond

I reject additional property taxes to help pay for affordable housing. Property taxes are high enough.

Thanks,

Steve Demos

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

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Demoshomes.com

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R-22 Correspondence – Margaret DuBrock

-----Original Message-----

From: MarJean [<mailto:marjeandubrock@aol.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 9:52 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Housing tax for the November ballot

I am strongly opposed to this. I don't think there is enough oversight on the taxes that are presently collected to address homelessness in the city of Long Beach. When a private citizen works with Quality of Life police officers in helping get homeless off the streets or returned to their out of state residences has to establish a fund for incidentals instead of being able to draw on existing funds, something is horribly wrong! Until Laura Doud publishes an audit on the existing funds for transparency, count me as a strong NO!

Margaret DuBrock

R-22 Correspondence – Charlene Edwards

From: Charlene Edwards [<mailto:charlyster1@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 3:48 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Housing Bond tax

The report should be prepared prior to any bond being approved. The report should identify specific plans to address the homelessness problem, rather than first approving a bond as identified, which amounts to a blank check for generic homelessness solutions to be determined at a later date. The report should also identify the current specific expenditures of city funds for dealing with homeless issues, and how effective (or not) efforts to date have been.

I am absolutely against this bond and the tax increases being put on home owners here in Long Beach.

More spending accountability is needed from the city council.

Sent from Charlene's iPhone 🍏

R-22 Correspondence – Roger Ernest

-----Original Message-----

From: Roger Ernest [<mailto:rcernest@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 7:22 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Housing Bond for November Ballot

Absolutely not! This is an insult for the city government to continue to tax homeowners to solve the problems it has helped create. Instead of spending millions on big buildings, the city should be focused on the homeless situation. The Democrats have totally ruined California. As a native, it is sad to see what has become of our once beautiful state. Government at every level in the state needs to figure out what happened and why. Putting another tax on homeowners is not the solution. Do your job!!

Roger and Jenny Ernest

R-22 Correspondence – Stephanie Espeleta

From: stephanie espeleta [<mailto:slespeleta@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:43 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Housing Bond for Homeless

Dear City Clerk

Suzie Price has encouraged her constituents to voice their opinion on a housing bond to raise funds for the homeless. Please share my opinion below with City Council members.

No. Absolutely not. My understanding is that there are millions of dollars from the state available to local municipalities. This is money taxpayers have already paid and continue to pay. What is Long Beach doing to access that funding?

<https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/4102>

Taxpayers have done their part by funding this need. It's time for elected leaders to do their job and use it wisely instead of squandering the money and then ask for more. Any COLA I get goes straight to existing bond measures, so while my income and taxes go up, my standard of living goes down.

Do not put this bond on the ballot.

Stephanie Espeleta

R-22 Correspondence – Sue Foat

From: Sue Foat [<mailto:suefoat@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:27 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: New Bond Issue for Homeless

Here is my issue, the bond proposes additional property taxes to build these units but the City is not doing all that it can. With the new "DAU", not sure what the acronym means but it is an additional small unity on an R1 property. When someone decides to do this to house a family member it becomes prohibitive to build as the building permits are the same amount as building a large home. Let's bring all of the city fees in line with encouraging new smaller (and less costly) housing.

Sue Foat

R-22 Correspondence – Arlene Freeman

-----Original Message-----

From: Arlene Freeman [<mailto:arlene@2ndstbeauty.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:10 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Money for new funding for housing.

We are not in for taxing money for more housing.
Where did all the money go when we
were taxed before?

R-22 Correspondence – Michelle Gabriele

From: Marco Gabriele [<mailto:gabriele.marco@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 10:41 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Proposed housing bond

To whom it may concern,

Absolutely opposed to any bond for affordable housing. We are taxed enough, and our housing is not affordable for us either. We make sacrifices, we work hard, buy used cars, don't buy new clothes, skip vacations, raise our toddlers while working full time alternating our work from home days to avoid childcare, and pay our ungodly mortgage with obscene property taxes and required flood insurance. If people want affordable, they can find it in Iowa, because that's where we'll have to start looking to move if we keep getting squeezed to death in taxes. There's a price to pay to live in prime coastal real estate, it's not a God given right and even for me, someone born and raised in Long Beach, it's looking like it may be time to look elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Michelle Gabriele

Belmont shore home owner

R-22 Correspondence – Janet Gallup

From: Janet Gallup [<mailto:janet.l.gallup@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 4:52 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Bond on housing

Suzie Price is my council member and wanted input on this bond. Please let her know that I support any and all solutions that help people who are homeless to find shelter, services and ultimately a permanent home. We are in crisis and it calls for a crisis response to help our neighbors who desperately need our help.

Janet Gallup

R-22 Correspondence – Jennifer Gill

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennifer Gill [<mailto:jengill@earthlink.net>]

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 8:22 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject:

Absolutely opposed to the new measure that would tax us again for the homeless crisis! If it keeps going this way, we all will be homeless because of all the taxes! We all endure an increase in property tax yearly anyway and many of us are on fixed incomes. Please do not confuse our need for wanting to fix the problem with our voting no on this. We have not seen the efforts from the city from the last tax increase! What more do the politicians need to see- 2nd street is failing, shops and businesses are closing, and what is your answer?? Tax the very people that are giving it any life! They are building like crazy for residential property in downtown but for what? There are no companies that are coming to Longbeach to provide work. Get it together Long Beach

Sent from Jen's Awesome iPhone 😊

R-22 Correspondence – Joan Gustafson

From: jwg221@aol.com [<mailto:jwg221@aol.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 2:01 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Bond issue on agenda for Tues. Jan. 7

Here we go again. Solving problems with a bond for the tax payers to pay. Please consider solving homelessness in a different manner, community meetings come to mind. Also, share with the community how previous bond money was used to serve the homeless. Learn from other communities how they have handled those same problems. I am afraid we look the other way and when a solution is needed, we look for another tax.

Joan W. Gustafson
Tax Payer & Voter
Home Owner for 50 years

R-22 Correspondence – Norm Halbert

From: Norm Halbert [<mailto:nhal@earthlink.net>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:18 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: No new Taxes.

How can the public make it any clearer. No new taxes, No more taxes.

We don't see the benefits for the taxes we are already paying.

Norm Halbert

From: Steven Hansen [mailto:swhlaw@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Stacy Mungo <Stacy.Mungo@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; City Manager <CityManager@longbeach.gov>; Tom Modica <Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Agenda item 20-0019 2020 Affordable Housing Assessment

see attached

Long Beach City Council
Stacy Mungo (5th Dist) district5@longbeach.gov, stacy.mungo@longbeach.gov
The Mayor mayor@longbeach.gov
City Manager CityManager@longbeach.gov, Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov
City Clerk CityClerk@longbeach.gov

Date submitted: January 5, 2020

Re: Written Comments in Lieu of Public Comments at City Council meeting
Meeting Date: Jan 7, 2020
Agenda item: 20-0019 2020 Affordable Housing Assessment

Dear City Council and Mayor:

Due to the fact that my time is valuable and public comments were limited to 90 seconds by the council in August 2019 I am submitting my written comments below regarding the above matter to be inserted into the written record as if made in person at the meeting.

This proposed tax and related ballot measure is totally unacceptable. Property taxes go up yearly, as do the direct assessments and the “voted indebtedness” and on top of that Proposition 13 may soon be abolished in the state.

Gov. Gavin Newsom has put \$500 million into his January 2020 budget proposal to shore up financially struggling board and care homes. <https://ktla.com/2019/12/31/500m-from-gov-newsoms-ca-budget-could-keep-l-a-s-most-vulnerable-from-becoming-homeless/>

Homeless issues are issues that are statewide and the budget pain needs to be shared by all statewide. We can't have a tax just on property tax in one city. As this is a statewide issue this needs to be paid for by everyone in the state. NOT just property owners. Otherwise this is sure to pass as renters will see this as no cost to them. Use “other people's money” to solve my perceived problems.

We also have the county wide measure HHH passed in Nov 2016 and now the expenditure of that money is already being scrutinized as likely wasted.

https://laist.com/2019/10/08/prop_hhh_homeless_housing_audit.php

County officials also estimated the average property tax rate required to repay these HHH bonds to be \$9.64 per \$100,000 in assessed property value It is not clear at all what percentage of those HHH funds are provided to Long beach each year (for Long Beach to spend as it wishes) or what percentage of those funds are spent on or in Long beach each year with respect to the homeless.

LA City also passed its own separate Measure H in March 2016 (authorizing a 0.25 percent county sales tax for 10 years in order to fund homeless services and prevention.) just before HHH was passed. Again same effect.

There is no accounting of all the NGO, Federal, State and county money currently spent or directed to the city of LB that impact homeless, drug addicted etc. There is also no accounting as to what Long Beach's current level of spending it on these and related issues. This needs to be clearly presented to taxpayers. No mention of it in the memo from Councilmember Rex Richardson, or any staff report. And Im sure it will not mentioned clearly in the ballot measure as

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government entities do all they can to obfuscate the real costs to taxpayers in these bond measures.

We can't force people to take free housing. Even when we do they can't stay in it. See LA Times article <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-29/street-within-broadway-place-homeless-los-angeles> This is really not a housing issue. It's a crime/bail issue (helped along with things like proposition 47). It's a mental illness problem. (see proposition 63) It's lack of healthcare. It's drug problem. It's a human nature problem. Some people clearly like living on the river bed and other places as they have all been offered help and housing by the city numerous times and refused it (that's why I'm told the city "won't" "move" them from their tents). Why? They don't want to follow rules. This just goes on and on.
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/michaelshellenberger/2019/09/12/why-california-keeps-making-homelessness-worse/#60a587825a61> A tax or bond in Long Beach will do NOTHING but make existing fixed income homeowners more unable to stay in their homes or perform upgrades to their homes.

Half our (general fund) budget now is for police. Half!! So that roughly \$557 million dollars each year is really spent on homeless when you think about it. So we need to put more onus on the police to deal in this problem.

As I recall LB was not even part of the Supreme court amicus challenge to Martin v. City of Boise, 902 F. 3d 1031 - Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit 2018.
<https://www.lbreport.com/news/sept19/martin2.htm> Either way it does not matter. You are over extending the holding of the case and using it to defend non police action in all circumstances. You are also using it as an excuse to build very costly free homes for homeless people.
<https://www.lbreport.com/news/dec19/boiseprice.htm>

The law that was attacked by the ACLU in Boise was an "anti camping" law. That is all it addressed. The holding was narrow. Its states in full:

"Our holding is a narrow one. ... "we in no way dictate to the City that it must provide sufficient shelter for the homeless, or allow anyone who wishes to sit, lie, or sleep on the streets... at any time and at any place." Id. at 1138. We hold only that "so long as there is a greater number of homeless individuals in [a jurisdiction] than the number of available beds [in shelters]," the jurisdiction cannot prosecute homeless individuals for "involuntarily sitting, lying, and sleeping in public." Martin v. City of Boise, 902 F. 3d 1031, 1049.

It does not say "no trespassing" signs cannot be enforced in areas where humans should not be like in the Eldorado nature center or under bridges crossing the river where we have public safety issues. Re do the signs like Lakewood did here at Carson St. and SG River
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/dgZaJc7cN2ACRvSB7> The Boise case does not say you cant arrest or cite or move people due to other crimes like drugs or theft. Its specifically says you can. Also the informal policy of leaving people in posted "no trespassing" areas if they don't want to go to an available bed is a failed policy. How can that ever work? What constitutes a "bed" under case law? A 500k home or a tent in a lot? No trespassing means NO trespassing by ANYONE homeless or not. This is why the fires were started by the homeless in the nature center. No trespassing laws were NOT enforced with predictable results.

Since Long Beach failed to get the Boise case taken up by Supreme court just create a new case with news fact that the ACLU can loose!. Start rousting people in trespassing areas and let the ACLU sue again then you can revisit the limited ruling in the Boise case. Stop being so passive. We will never have enough beds in LA county to solve this problem. Ever.

Look at how Utah avoided running afoul of the Boise case:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-22/homeless-salt-lake-city-utah-shelter>

This is a bottomless pit. It's a regional and statewide issue. The more money LB gives out the more homeless will come to Long Beach. This is documented. Its that simple. In the years since Measure HHH and H have passed homelessness has increased. I think you have a cause and effect problem. But if your goal is to add more city employees to the payroll (Richardson's memo says at p. 3: "It would also likely require significant additional investment in staffing and programs to effectively manage the resulting expanded affordable housing program") and reward NGO campaign contributors them by all means add more taxes onto the backs for struggling homeowners. The exodus from CA is starting to become apparent and is going accelerate for the next 20 years. That's for sure. The middle class will be gone. It will be elites, high income people, overpaid government workers and homeless or zero income (read not paying taxes) people.

Speaking of homelessness and NGO's Katie Hill the U.S. Representative for California's 25th congressional district from January to November 2019, was the former executive director of People Assisting the Homeless (PATH). Word on the street is that Hill was making 150k a year at PATH where she made the contacts to get her seat. PATH pays 52% of the (tax) money it gets as payroll. This is at the heart of the problem with homeless funding. Its an emorphoes problem with many causes and many solutions. Exactly the kind of problem where money is thrown at it wil very little success. Just look at PATH as an example. <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/95-3950196> and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katie_Hill_\(politician\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katie_Hill_(politician))

I am also attaching a copy of the entire thread (226 comments as of today) on this subject from nextdoor.com regarding this issue and as you can see all of the comments were negative. The direct link to the thread (login required) is https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=133260938&comment=325958381

Please vote against adding this Affordable Housing Assessment to the ballot.

Signed:

/Steve H/

5th District Property Owner

Registered Voter

Taxpayer

Cc: mail@LBreport.com, editor@gazettes.com



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298 million Bond for Homeless

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(/news_feed/?post=133260938)

See below link from LB Post. Long Beach is considering a ridiculous \$298 million bond on next November ballot. This will be funded by a property tax increase. Don't let city leader get another money grab. If they want to fund a homeless initiative than find the money in the the general account.

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City Council to consider putting homeless and affordable housing b...

The bond would tax property at approximately \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed
LBPOST.COM

5 days ago (/news_feed/?post=133260938) · 21 neighborhoods in General (/general/)

Thank

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Audrey Kramer (/profile/6729363/), Carson Park



I agree! If it passes, that will be the last straw & I will definitely move to Orange County & live happily ever after 😊

5 days ago Thank Reply

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M

marjorie kelly (/profile/4534105/), Old Lakewood City



at this rate, my property taxes will force me to move in three years when I retire, but homeless people will have a nice little set up here in long beach on the backs of taxpayers.

5 days ago Thank Reply

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Richard and Linda Dilly (/profile/13335354/), Lakewood Park



one really has to wonder why people would vote to approve this bond measure...do they really believe that government officials know best how to the spend the money of others

5 days ago Thank Reply

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M

Martin Gilmore (/profile/13311717/), Carson Park LB



This same plan has worked so well for LA.....

5 days ago Thank Reply

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Paula Briggs (/profile/13262022/), Carson Park



Nope

4 days ago Thank Reply

See 7 more replies



Debby Cass (/profile/9002278/), Los Coyotes

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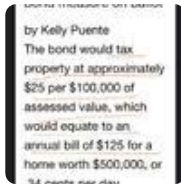


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Saw it last night

(/inbox/)



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/141d756868b2cc5a983c500b51e23b3c.jpeg)

5 days ago Thank Reply

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Diane Zalk (/profile/142138/), Lakewood Village



Don't you just love how they always tell you how cheap it will be for you by citing how many "cents per day"? Smh

2 days ago Thank Reply

😬 1



Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City



Diane Zalk (/profile/142138/) All the ads I see on tv for some "needy causes" are always 19.00 a month. I wish I could figure out why. its some magic number

2 days ago Thank Reply

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Add a reply...



Bryan Sierra (/profile/1566982/), Los Altos-North



got to stop this now. They can find the money somewhere else. Tighten the belt on other projects.

5 days ago Thank Reply

😊👍 7



Tom Trapp (/profile/9305572/), El Dorado West



yep !!!

2 days ago Thank Reply



Jim Townsend (/profile/30380325/), Carson Park



That which you finance you get more of

5 days ago Thank Reply

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Amy Hessel (/profile/26739455/), Lakewood Park



You are so right.

4 days ago Thank Reply



Rose Foley (/profile/43731747/), The Plaza



Bonds = additional taxes to the taxpayers

5 days ago Thank Reply

😊👍 7



Rhonda Mendoza (/profile/10274636/), Stratford Square

They want to repeal prop 13 AND add this?? GEEZ!!!

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5 days ago Thank Reply



(/inbox/)



Len Julian (/profile/4667488/), El Dorado Park South

And make the City Sales Tax permanent!

5 days ago Thank Reply



M

Monica Ramirez (/profile/13214361/), Old Lakewood City

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The funny thing is, these three council members supporting this measure don't care about a tax increase, since their district has more renter, than property owners. We have to email Mungo and let her know we don't want more taxes.

Edited 5 days ago Thank Reply

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L

Len Julian (/profile/4667488/), El Dorado Park South

Yes, LB is 60+% renters (highest in the Country) that don't have a direct link to property taxes, therefore most do not understand this properly. They tend to believe that property owners are rich and can afford it even though it does end up affecting them as well. City Officials know this well and have locked on to property taxes as easy prey like a guided missile.

Edited 5 days ago Thank Reply

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**Richard Noble (/profile/10470154/)**, South of Conant

Mungo's husband is a cop, and this money will go to pensions and pay, so don't expect her to take your advice.

4 days ago Thank Reply

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D

Daniel Ihlenfeldt (/profile/2077216/), Lakewood Park

Len Julian (/profile/4667488) Just want to quickly address your statistic. Your number is slightly high (according to the latest stats it's around 59%). Also there are many cities in LA county alone with higher or similar numbers to LB including cities like El Segundo, Redondo Beach (both similar) and Santa Monica (near 70%).

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Len Julian (/profile/4667488/), El Dorado Park South

Daniel Ihlenfeldt (/profile/2077216) No problem. According to the following, it is 59.8%, AKA 60%. Your questions are better suited for the article:

Search Results

<https://beachcomber.news/content/long-beach-no-1-most-renters-population> (<https://beachcomber.news/content/long-beach-no-1-most-renters-population>)

Long Beach Is No. 1 ... Most Renters Population, That Is ...

Mar 16, 2017 - In fourth place is a military town, Killeen, Texas at 56 percent. ... of the pack, at 59.8 percent renters, Long Beach is clearly the No. 1 renter city in America. Other California cities on the list are Merced, Salinas, Santa Barbara ...

Edited 3 days ago Thank Reply

L

Len Julian (/profile/4667488/), El Dorado Park South

Richard Noble (/profile/10470154) Do you happen to know for what Dept?

3 days ago Thank Reply

G

Geoffery Maze (/profile/12918030/), El Dorado Park South

The sad reality is that since they don't have a direct link to Property Taxes



Susan Kollins (/profile/4167767/), Cliff May Ranchos 3
I wish there was a way to share this to all the nextdoor neighbor sites in our city. (/inbox/)

5 days ago Thank Reply 1



Alex Perez (/profile/35927069/), The Plaza
Just spread the word. We have time

5 days ago Thank Reply 4

➔ See 1 more reply



Enrique Villegas (/profile/40761742/), The Plaza-Emerson
Doing some minor renovations, and We're out of here!

5 days ago Thank Reply 5



Ashley Ghiassi (/profile/1547901/), The Plaza-Emerson
I believe close to a million people left CA last year and moved elsewhere.

5 days ago Thank Reply 3



Aaron Folman (/profile/47170858/), Lakewood Park
Do you want me to help you pack?

5 days ago Thank Reply 1



Doug Haigh (/profile/1611665/), The Plaza-Emerson
That exodus will reportedly cost the state at least one congressional seat.

4 days ago Thank Reply 2



Enrique Villegas (/profile/40761742/), The Plaza-Emerson
Aaron Folman (/profile/47170858) if you don't mind. But then again liberals don't like to work.

4 days ago Thank Reply 4



Tom Trapp (/profile/9305572/), El Dorado West
Enrique Villegas (/profile/40761742) Especially Progressives !!

3 days ago Thank Reply 2



Chris Smith (/profile/38028326/), The Plaza
Enrique Villegas (/profile/40761742) love it!

3 days ago Thank Reply 1



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A

Ahava Emunah (/profile/17650111/), Los Altos-North

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This should not rest only on the backs of homeowners. If they're going to push this money grab, ALL city residents should have to pay for it! I'm so tired of this. My property tax was almost \$10K this year. Instead of getting my house fixed, I have to pay my taxes. So my home continues to deteriorate.

5 days ago Thank Reply

😊 +1 🙄 21



Chris Smith (/profile/38028326/), The Plaza



Amber Seymour (/profile/47117016) what is not being addressed here is the drain on Californians to pay for ALL of the services that the illegal aliens absorb..... It is the 900 pound gorilla in the room, and no one is talking about it...

Edited 3 days ago Thank Reply

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Susan Kollins (/profile/4167767/), Cliff May Ranchos



Maybe tax the Long Beach city employees, too. 85+% of them live in other cities.

5 days ago Thank Reply

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Chris Smith (/profile/38028326/), The Plaza



How about all of the retirees of CalPERS that are fleeing the state... Dont blame them, but all of those dollars being spent and taxed in other states is going to push much higher taxes on the rest of us staying here hanging onto a thread.. just saying..

3 days ago Thank Reply

➔ See 1 more reply

M

Martin Gilmore (/profile/13311717/), Carson Park LB



How about a renters tax so everyone understands the math of tax increases?

5 days ago Thank Reply

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Chris Smith (/profile/38028326/), The Plaza



That is a really good idea in my mind

3 days ago Thank Reply

T

Ty Wagner (/profile/10613897/), Lakewood Village



Amber Seymour (/profile/47117016) you are to willing to make everyone pay more in taxes as long as it's inclusive then you're to holding our elected officials accountable? They don't need more of our tax money so they can continue to run wild with it.

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Add a reply...

L

Len Julian (/profile/4667488/), El Dorado Park South

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Wage and benefit freezes are an order. Many are now in the 400K club. They increase generously every year without hesitation. Still receiving full retirement pay and benefits after only 20 years of service. Outrageous to say the least. These types of cushy retirements were quite a luxury even decades ago and have long since been eliminated elsewhere. I know of no where that this still exists except for LB. It's your money. The question is what are you going to do about it?

Edited 5 days ago Thank Reply

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Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City

Beachcomber: LB City \$200K Club 647% Larger than Comparable City
By Robert Fellner on January 22, 2016

Transparent California data is used in an analysis that compares Long Beach with neighboring cities:

\$200K Club – Population Comparison to Other Cities

The Long Beach City Employee \$200K Club had 224 participants, a membership 647 percent larger than Fresno and 177 percent greater than Sacramento; both bigger – but comparable – cities in population.

4 days ago Thank Reply

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See 1 more reply

**Tom Trapp (/profile/9305572/)**, El Dorado West

Dr Ben Carson youtube dated 12/30/19 fox news. housing is not the solution, for some Yes !!!

5 days ago Thank Reply

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**Steven Stingley (/profile/15482243/)**, Lakewood Village

A group of us need to setup a meeting directly with Mungo.
I am in.

5 days ago Thank Reply

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**Rose Foley (/profile/43731747/)**, The Plaza

I just requested a meeting with Mungo. I'll let you all know when and anyone who would like to join me is welcome.

4 days ago Thank Reply

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See 12 more replies

J

Jim Malone (/profile/16289744/), Oakbrook

This is so typical from the politicians in this state. Like the last bond measure in the city that was nothing but trickery to get more money from our property tax. They are launching an assault on us. They have allowed and encouraged this "homeless" problem to use it as an excuse for more taxes. The politicians say it's a homeless problem and blame us.

4 days ago Thank Reply

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Marilou Bain (/profile/23364293/), Cliff May Ranchos

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The bleeding hearts will Vote it in!

4 days ago Thank Reply

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(/inbox/)



Tom Trapp (/profile/9305572/), El Dorado West

Probably!!!!

4 days ago Thank Reply

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Chris Smith (/profile/38028326/), The Plaza

More like the " Uninformed, mindless, head in the sand, bleeding hearts"

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Tom Trapp (/profile/9305572/), El Dorado West

Chris Sm (/profile/38028326) yep !!

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Lani Wilkinson (/profile/9895511/), El Dorado West

Thank you for the heads up. Im losing interest in Long Beach mors and more.

4 days ago Thank Reply

😊 +1 5



Diane Gilbert (/profile/6532878/), Carson Park 3

I am tired not only of Long Beach, but Calif. And I am too old to move. They just raised our property taxes for water assessment. What are they doing with all the money we give them? Maybe it is time we go to the streets and show our unity, that we are tired and not going to take it anymore This will probably pass, and it amazes me because the majority I talk to are against more taxes, yet all the bonds pass.

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 +1 ❤️ 9

Marilou Bain (/profile/23364293/), Cliff May Ranchos ▼

Well said!

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 4

Lani Wilkinson (/profile/9895511/), El Dorado West ▼

I feel the same way. I can't afford to move right now. But im seriously considering it one day.

4 days ago Thank Reply

Corky Stillwell (/profile/1889632/), South of Conant ▼

I think we need to call the people who verify and elections results. I have seen too many past votes in this city where most of the people question the results and yet it passes by a wide margin.

4 days ago Thank Reply

Warren Garcia (/profile/18745906/), Oakbrook ▼

Each time they raised taxes it's an admission of failure. Politicians in this state can't run a lemonade stand but are running California. You don't need to listen to politicals here in LB or in Cali about their solutions and ideas. See the shape of the state now to know their incompetence. FF-RWD-PLAY! Happy New Year!!

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 1

Tom Trapp (/profile/9305572/), El Dorado West ▼

Citizens keep voting liberals/ Progressives into power here. It will only get worse untill citizens vote otherwise. !!

4 days ago Thank Reply

S Add a reply...

Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City ▼

Grab your pitch forks and torches. its time

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 ❤️ +1 9

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Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City

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from LA times 12/29/19 Eleven months ago, Leneace Pope and Dion Hines might have thought they had won the lottery. Instead of cash, their prizes were new apartments with air conditioning and heating, dishwashers and bathtubs and, after years of homelessness, hot water at the turn of a faucet.

Today, the two friends are back on the street, living side by side — Leneace in a tent and Dion under a tarp — against the brick facade of a building once occupied by a zipper maker on Main Street, south of the shiny high-rises in downtown Los Angeles.Getting off the streets was relatively easy, a matter of following bureaucratic protocols. The greater challenge, once they were inside, was to abide by management's rules and regulations. Niecy and Dion tried to adapt. They had case managers who provided counseling, but there were incidents: threatening behavior, a fight. It was as if the streets had followed them into their homes. Once again, the streets had won.

4 days ago Thank Reply

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Tom Trapp (/profile/9305572/), El Dorado West



Housing is not the answer to correct this demise. A whole lot of therapy is needed first, they are sick.

4 days ago Thank Reply

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T

Ty Wagner (/profile/10613897/), Lakewood Village



We will all vote no and everyone we know will also vote no but it will somehow pass just like the gas tax we all voted no on!

4 days ago Thank Reply

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Roberta Bonifacio (/profile/2308632/), The Plaza-Emerson



Again it is the swamp in Sacramento. WE have to make ourselves heard!!!

4 days ago Thank Reply

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See 1 more reply

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S

A **Anthony Viola (/profile/5812774/)**, The Plaza-Emerson 3
 It'll be interesting to see how misleading the wording will be on the proposed bond . Often times voting NO actually is voting yes .
 (/inbox/)


4 days ago Thank Reply

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S **Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/)**, Old Lakewood City
 this looked easy to me. vote no... but... [https://ballotpedia.org/Los_Angeles_County,_California,_Sales_Tax_for_Homeless_Services_and_Prevention,_Measure_H_\(March_2017\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Los_Angeles_County,_California,_Sales_Tax_for_Homeless_Services_and_Prevention,_Measure_H_(March_2017)) ([https://ballotpedia.org/Los_Angeles_County,_California,_Sales_Tax_for_Homeless_Services_and_Prevention,_Measure_H_\(March_2017\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Los_Angeles_County,_California,_Sales_Tax_for_Homeless_Services_and_Prevention,_Measure_H_(March_2017)))


4 days ago Thank Reply

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 **Alex Perez (/profile/35927069/)**, The Plaza
 You nailed it. Unfortunately many voters are easily bamboozled into voting the wrong way.

4 days ago Thank Reply

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 **Joy Baggish (/profile/2126159/)**, El Dorado Lakes
 I have been contacted twice about this issue by someone presumably in City Hall. The wording keeps getting revised (i.e., more and more confusing), but they keep fishing for a vote of "yes": after wasting 20 minutes of my time, I stated that I would NOT vote for ANY increases on anything. PS: I am as liberal as they come, but I have retired and need what little monies I have to support myself. I haven't heard from them since I told them "absolutely no way".


2 hr ago Thank Reply

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S **Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/)**, Old Lakewood City
 This must be city sponsored polling. Only call those who support until you get the percentage you want. Just over 2/3 would be just right. then show it to the voters and say "see everyone wants this tax...get on board...!! If you dont then you must be against puppies"

2 hr ago Thank Reply

S Add a reply...

 **Bret Matheny (/profile/33729553/)**, Oakbrook
 Senseless corruption to the core. They now want the citizens to pay for their mismanagements and bad choices.

4 days ago Thank Reply

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S **Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/)**, Old Lakewood City 3 v
 Oh yes prop 13 repeal for comm property coming. if they get that then Katie bar the door. they will get it all <https://ballotpedia.org> (/inbox/ /California_Tax_on_Commercial_and_Industrial_Properties_for_Education_and_Local_Government_Funding_Initiative_(2020)) (<https://ballotpedia.org> /California_Tax_on_Commercial_and_Industrial_Properties_for_Education_and_Local_Government_Funding_Initiative_(2020))

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊👎 5

G **Geoffery Maze (/profile/12918030/)**, El Dorado Park South v
 Thought we were paying for Homeless issues with the 0.75% sales tax increase to a ludicrous 10.25%.... Now they want more this time from Home Owners Pockets? Once again LB Government looks for someone else to pay for their poor "Management " just say NO

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊+1 7

R **Rock Schumacher (/profile/4117800/)**, South of Conant v
 Sorry.....it's a NO for me Dog! 😞

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 4

M **Mik Nos (/profile/22116467/)**, Plaza v
 It's sad but we're outnumbered by too many people who think with the heart not their brain just another waste of money

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊+1 5

G **Geoffery Maze (/profile/12918030/)**, El Dorado Park South v
 Well a lot of people don't mind wasting money when it's not theres so I assume the ploy to go after Property Owners is a an attempt to buffalo renters into thinking they won't be on the hook too..even if they're paying the Property tax bill as part of their rent.... #SCAM


4 days ago Thank Reply +1😊😬 4

J **Josephine Stevens (/profile/14533682/)**, South of Conant v
 I was shocked at the number of people who told me that they didn't realize the tax would go up when they voted for the measure that would address homelessness, fund police and fire, etc. It was pretty shocking.

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊+1😬 3

S **Susan Tan (/profile/21120165/)**, El Dorado Park South v
 People vote without reading the details...too long to understand I guess

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊+1 2

 **FRANK JACKSON (/profile/25146518/)**, Los Altos-North v
 People need to vote no on this. And why is it only property owners that have to pay for it.

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊+1😬 7

**Paula Briggs (/profile/13262022/)**, Carson Park

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Honestly this is a joke. Look what happened to HHH in LA, nothing. And a lot of the money was spent on other things. I care about the homeless but this is not a way to house them. There is too much greed behind measures like this...when the pot if full officials find a way to pull out money and use it for something else...and then the homeowners are hurt because of the increase....The Governor and Mayor need to find a way to take care of this themselves...leave honest people alone....like all of us.

4 days ago Thank Reply

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T

Tony Apodaca (/profile/31557675/), South of Conant

I am so done with taxes.
No more money going out, unless my fam is in DIRECT benefit.

4 days ago Thank Reply

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R

Robert Strader (/profile/2022635/), El Dorado West

Double it. I'd pay it, but only if there's accountability for both addict or homeless, and pols!

4 days ago Thank Reply

**Roberta Bonifacio (/profile/2308632/)**, The Plaza-Emerson

No way. Any money we would pay towards the homeless crisis in California only goes into the politicians hands and never gets to the root of the problem. We have to vote out these people. I hope the people of LB are smarter than this and do not vote for anything like this. There never is any accountable!

4 days ago Thank Reply

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L

Lorraine Ann Gomez (/profile/2581665/), South of Conant

I totally agree with those who are apposed to taxing us more to help the so called "homeless". A great number of these people are homeless due to their drugs, alcohol and smoking. Seems strange they have money for stuff that is bad for them, but not for rent or food. There is already places for help for these people, but because of their bad habits they can't utilize the assistance. More taxes/money will not solve the problem....maybe prison. I do not want to fund addicts through taxes. Just another excuse to raise taxes to fund the incompetent politicians/City Officials....maybe they need to be fired. Mad as Hell taxed to the hilt taxpayer!!

4 days ago Thank Reply

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**Brucelle Williamson (/profile/17271612/)**, Lakewood Park

I hate to mention this, but remember the \$1.2 billion we approved for homeless housing? They're building homes worth \$625,000!! Money for politicians and unions, not the homeless! I can't imagine voting for any new tax or bond for the foreseeable future. So disappointing to say that I can't trust that the funds will go where the "leaders" say it will.

4 days ago Thank Reply

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Dorothy Golz (/profile/348808/), Cliff May Ranchos 3
Just say NO. Remember when we were told the sales tax increase was just temporary? Now they want to make it permanent, plus increase property taxes? Down what rabbit hole is the money going that we are already paying in taxes?

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 +1 7



Lorraine Ann Gomez (/profile/2581665/), South of Conant ▼
Amen sister.....waste at it's best. Hell NO to more taxes.....like flushing money down the toilet.

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 4



Len Julian (/profile/4667488/), El Dorado Park South ▼
Also, remember what that money was stated to go towards. NOT! They've already reallocated it.

4 days ago Thank Reply



Alicia Kuder (/profile/35750525/), Woodruff/Wardlow/LCD ▼
Lorraine Ann Gomez (/profile/2581665) Sign the petition to recall the governor and his puppets at <https://ranaf.org/instructions> (<https://ranaf.org/instructions>) Valerie Barber Facebook page talks about this recall petition . Erin Cruz is the chairwoman.

3 days ago Thank Reply 😊 1



Add a reply...



David Chidester (/profile/31993430/), Old Lakewood City ▼
Boondoggle for Bobbie and his buddies!

4 days ago Thank Reply



Julie Wilkinson (/profile/2672122/), Old Lakewood City ▼
Always vote NO on new taxes or increases. They don't need more tax money from us.

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 3



Alex Perez (/profile/35927069/), The Plaza ▼
Can someone please forward all these posts to our wonderful LB city Council?

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 4



Liz Rother (/profile/43019271/), South of Conant ▼
NO

4 days ago Thank Reply







Mike Gallo (/profile/4132636/), Plaza ▼
Voting NO - The State has a serious surplus - plus the Feds will be helping soon- You have to be blind if you vote Yes on this -VOTE THEM OUT

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 😬 5

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- S** **Stephanie Easley (/profile/2042070/)**, South of Conant 3
 I pray everyone is smart enough to vote NO!
 4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 6 (/inbox/)
- J** **James Farrah (/profile/2015082/)**, Lakewood Village 7
 I'm considering voting out of office every single incumbent from COLB. They have demonstrated poor leadership and they can't keep their hands off our wallets.
 4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 +1 7
-  **Chris Smith (/profile/38028326/)**, The Plaza 1
 Best thing I have heard here! Amen brother
 4 days ago Thank Reply +1 1
-  **Lymaree Allen (/profile/482658/)**, South of Conant 3
 I always wonder how these measures keep passing and passing. Do people who pay rent not realize that any property tax voted in for property owners is passed directly to them in their rent? I certainly vote no on almost ALL bond measures as a homeowner. Those who pay rent should be educated as well.
 4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 +1 3
-  **Linda Corrigan (/profile/2275518/)**, El Dorado Lakes 7
 It's disgusting that we have to keep on paying more & more taxes, while others profit at our expense. When it comes to another "homeless" issue, which is the homeless animals, SpcaLA pays the City of Long Beach only \$120 a year for rent (doesn't end until 7/31/53) while the President Madeline Bernstein makes big bucks off of us (\$282,461 a year according to the 2017 financials). I appreciate the work they do, but the financials don't look fair to me. I would also like to pay only \$120/year to rent a large business space, guaranteed not to have a rent increase until 2053. If this new bond passes, who's going to manage it & are they going to get paid big bucks at our expense? How is it going to be successful on a large scale when so many homeless don't accept available housing now due to rules/standards/laws they don't want to follow?
 4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 +1 7
- A** **Arch Stanton (/profile/27906894/)**, Old Lakewood City 2
 Time to bring back tarring and feathering the politicians. 😊
 4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 2
-  **Kathleen Woods (/profile/8941459/)**, South of Conant 3
 WE ALL NEED TO VOTE.
 Edited 4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 +1 😊 3



Len Julian (/profile/4667488/), El Dorado Park South 3
 My Son has stated this in the past, but seems to be worth mentioning again.
 LB leased the LB Town Center to Vestar Properties with a 100 year (/inbox/)
 extraordinarily cushy lease. Why?

They have allowed the Queen Mary management, with I believe to be three different companies to date, to skate by with no consequences for allowing severe deterioration and lack of maintenance that they were legally accountable for to just disappear into the sunset with all of their profits. They are currently doing it once again as the ship is not salvageable according to the majority of experts again doing nothing to enforce the contract This current issue IS occurring with THIS current Council and Mayor. Why? This is beyond gross negligence on each and everyone of them.

And, we all certainly know about the abhorrent deal regarding the 4.5 (B)illion dollar nonsensical City Taj Ma Hall completely unnecessary deal over the next 40 years and giving away 3/4ths of the park land there to developers to develop and if I recall correctly, the City will not own the building at the end of the lease. This was Mayor Garcia's first born baby and, once again, the Current Council approved this. Again, beyond gross negligence and in my opinion criminal. Why are they doing this we all must ask. I would assume this goes so much further than pandering for future campaign contributions. That alone is just not believable.

I am one of the growing numbers of citizens who certainly believe that there should be intense legal investigations over these issues throughout all Council Members, the Mayor, Top City Management, and whom ever else is exposed to be involved, primarily the latter two issues of which are current. This Council seems to not care or has forgotten that the Mayor of LB is not their boss and holds NO power in this City except for what those will concede to him, other than some government appointments.

4 days ago Thank Reply 10



Ernie Jones (/profile/17297096/), Lakewood Park v
 Len Julian, outstanding!

4 days ago Thank Reply 1



Warren Garcia (/profile/18745906/), Oakbrook v
 I don't vote for anything that says bond, funding, or revenue. Unless it makes sense. And I am still at zero in that department. Why don't politicians just take our pay checks and give us back what they don't need. Ok? (Sarcasm). I bet they would LOVE that. Happy New Year!!

4 days ago Thank Reply 3

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Anthony Viola (/profile/5812774/), The Plaza-Emerson

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Some lose sight of the fact that a council member may vote down a particular agenda item , but they are just ONE vote and the current majority of the (inbox/) council leans very liberal . So even though our representatives may have voted against a particular resolution , they still continue to be criticized. The problem is the current make up of the council , not the council representation of Districts 4 & 5. In addition , the council is handcuffed by state regulations . I'm against the homeless situation as much as anybody , but I try to look at the situation in an objective manner and not with an ax to grind . Unfortunately with state mandates there are no easy solutions.

4 days ago Thank Reply

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Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City

Quite frankly I dont have the time or patience to address city council in a meeting. they give you at most one min to speak. I would just write an email or letter and make sure it is copied to as many electeds as possible and arrives on their desk before the meeting at issue. Also make sure they know it s a public meeting comment in written form. As far as emails make sure it sent to AT LEAST three separate emails if not more. Also post it to google drive and link to it here. You want to make sure your written comments get into the official record.

4 days ago Thank Reply

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Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City

If everyone on this thread would direct their efforts to writing to the elected on this [proposed] ballot measure we would be much further ahead than complaining to each other. Im going to attach all these comments to my letter

4 days ago Thank Reply

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Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City

(December 30, 2019) -- Councilman Rex Richardson, joined by Councilmembers Mary Zendejas and Vice Mayor Dee Andrews, will ask a City Council majority on Jan. 7 -- and they only need two other Council supportive votes -- to prepare a Resolution and related documents (for a subsequent Council vote) for a November 3, 2020 property tax increase ballot measure that would cost LB homeowners \$25 per \$100,000 of their property's assessor-assessed valuation [meaning \$100 per year for a property assessed at \$400,000] for "creation of affordable housing in Long Beach, with funds available for extremely low, very low, low, moderate, and workforce housing, crisis shelters and homeless services facilities, motel conversion programs, and other solutions to address the housing and homelessness crisis in Long Beach." <https://www.lbreport.com/news/dec19/rextax.htm>
(<https://www.lbreport.com/news/dec19/rextax.htm>)

4 days ago Thank Reply

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Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City 3

as fo August 2019: In order to comment on an item, members of the public will now have to submit a speaker card to the city clerk before the item in question is presented, according to the memo. Also, speakers will be limited to 90 seconds, instead of three minutes, if there are 10 or more people lined up to speak on an item. <http://www.longbeach.gov/globalassets/city-manager/media-library/documents/memos-to-the-mayor-tabbed-file-list-folders/2019/august-9--2019---city-council-meeting-streamlining-update> (<http://www.longbeach.gov/globalassets/city-manager/media-library/documents/memos-to-the-mayor-tabbed-file-list-folders/2019/august-9--2019---city-council-meeting-streamlining-update>)

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 2



Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City 3

here it is ...read the pdf attached in the body <https://longbeach.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4290801&GUID=15D17268-F7AE-4817-BEF0-2DFFF43D48E3&Options=&Search=> (<https://longbeach.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4290801&GUID=15D17268-F7AE-4817-BEF0-2DFFF43D48E3&Options=&Search=>)

4 days ago Thank Reply



Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City 3

I dont see a Mungo meeting before 1/7/20

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊😞 2



Kat Martin (/profile/4600426/), South of Conant 3

I can't take another property tax increase. This is outrageous.

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊👍 4



Rise Stenico (/profile/8404537/), The Plaza-Emerson 3

<https://youtu.be/vQUZU-zVKEU> (<https://youtu.be/vQUZU-zVKEU>)

Nice little video called "California Unintended Consequences." Discusses homeless problem, high gas prices, failed infrastructure, etc. A must watch for all voters.

4 days ago Thank Reply 😊 5



Alicia Kuder (/profile/35750525/), Woodruff/Wardlow/LCD 3

We know the money will be spent for other things. I always vote NO On bonds. We know politicians are deceitful!

3 days ago Thank Reply 😊👍 4



Steven Stingley (/profile/15482243/), Lakewood Village 3

Complaining accomplishes nothing.
We need to spread the word to the homeowners throughout the 9 LB districts.

3 days ago Thank Reply 😊👍 5



Joe Sherrin (/profile/23951959/), Los Altos-North

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Long Beach has the highest taxes in the USA (tied with Chicago) The City of Long Beach has to find a different way to drain our pockets of our hard earned money by creating hidden taxes. Making a unfordable housing more unaffordable. Hopefully the chamber at next Tuesday's meeting will be filled with people opposed to this ludicrous effort

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Anthony Viola (/profile/5812774/), The Plaza-Emerson



The problem is that renters have no skin in the game so obviously they could care less if home owners are assessed another tax . Furthermore , affordable housing shouldn't come at the expense of home owners . If housing is too expensive , move to another city with lower housing costs .

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Diane Zalk (/profile/142138/), Lakewood Village



Chris Sm (/profile/38028326) Then they'll demand rent control.

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Chris Smith (/profile/38028326/), The Plaza



Diane Zalk (/profile/142138) they have already implemented rent control... sadly

Edited 3 days ago Thank Reply

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Steven Stingley (/profile/15482243/), Lakewood Village



These complaints accomplish nothing. We need action. I'll drop by Rich Dines home and see if we can meet there.

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Add a reply...



Tom Trapp (/profile/9305572/), El Dorado West

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Next voting cycle you need to get a MORE conservative government in place. the public keeps trying the same old stasis Que. everyone wants someone else to do the work so they can reap the benefits. get pro active and FIGHT and FIGHT back hard . it will not change by its self !!

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Chris Smith (/profile/38028326/), The Plaza



Totally agree... we need an Army of Trump type poloticians, which means no career politician's, to solve California's problems... The state is run by complete Marxists.... Identity politics is there #1 weapon

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Tom Trapp (/profile/9305572/), El Dorado West



Chris Sm (/profile/38028326) Yep !!!

3 days ago Thank Reply



Add a reply...



Roberta Bonifacio (/profile/2308632/), The Plaza-Emerson



We all have to get involved to make ourselves heard!

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Joe Sherrin (/profile/23951959/), Los Altos-North



Council meeting is on Tuesday 5pm

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Chris Smith (/profile/38028326/), The Plaza



Whereabouts will it be?

2 days ago Thank Reply

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Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City 3

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here is a sample letter you can use. fill in the body of the letter and use your own council dist person in place of mungo if you are in another dist. A mungo meeting would be nice but again she is only one of 9 voices on the council:

Long Beach City Council
Stacy Mungo (5th Dist) district5@longbeach.gov
(mailto:district5@longbeach.gov), stacy.mungo@longbeach.gov
(mailto:stacy.mungo@longbeach.gov)
The Mayor mayor@longbeach.gov (mailto:mayor@longbeach.gov)
City Manager CityManager@longbeach.gov
(mailto:CityManager@longbeach.gov), Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov
(mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov)
City Clerk CityClerk@longbeach.gov (mailto:CityClerk@longbeach.gov)

Re: Written Comments in Lieu of Public Comments at City Council meeting
Meeting Date: Jan 7, 2020
Agenda item: 20-0019 2020 Housing Measure/Affordable Housing Assessment

Dear City Council and Mayor:

Due to the fact that my time is valuable and public comments were limited to 90 seconds by the council in August 2019 I am submitting my written comments below regarding the above matter to be inserted into the written record as if made in person at the meeting.

[Your personal comments in this section here]

I am also attaching a copy of the entire thread from nextdoor.com (http://nextdoor.com) regarding this issue and as you can see all of the comments were negative.

Signed:
/Joe Taxpayer/
5th District Property Owner
Registered Voter
Taxpayer

Cc: mail@LBreport.com (mailto:mail@LBreport.com), editor@gazettes.com (mailto:editor@gazettes.com)

3 days ago Thank Reply 10



Alex Perez (/profile/35927069/), The Plaza

Great job Steve!!

3 days ago Thank Reply 3



Chris Smith (/profile/38028326/), The Plaza

Steve, would you mind emailing this to me at yourcarman@gmail.com (mailto:yourcarman@gmail.com)?
Cannot copy and paste here within this site..
Thank you kindly

3 days ago Thank Reply



Randy Tidwell (/profile/10528524/), Lakewood Village

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This kind of crap is exactly why we moved to Oklahoma! California will implode at this rate. Sad, the liberals have destroyed CA (/inbox/)

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Marilou Bain (/profile/23364293/), Cliff May Ranchos



If I was younger I would be out of here in a heartbeat! Yes the liberals have destroyed Ca and it will get worse, Im not sure it will ever turn around:(What is puzzling is if so many feel this way why doesn't it change , do people just not pay attention to what they are voting for?

3 days ago Thank Reply

😊 5



James Farrah (/profile/2015082/), Lakewood Village



Not puzzling - criminal!
The very red voting area of Orange County turned blue last election cycle. I believe this was because of targeted ballot harvesting by Democrats. Don't give your ballot to anyone to fill out or drop off regardless of party affiliation. Republicans also did this in another state last election.

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Chris Smith (/profile/38028326/), The Plaza



James Farrah (/profile/2015082) what is crazy about OC turning blue is that 2 days before all the mail in ballots came in, it was undeniably red...

😞😞😞

2 days ago Thank Reply

😊 1



Add a reply...



Christine Dosland (/profile/977952/), South of Conant

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I just heard on the news all the billion dollar projects in LA county and the new billion dollar Seaport Village in Long Beach was mentioned. The King could not get the Angels but he wants to build this multi billion dollar project. I hope people don't fall for the same and give their money and my money to the Long Beach King and his Court. Wake up Long Beach Voters. Neighborhoods are changing for the high incomes and rents so politicians and officials can make more money.

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Diane Zalk (/profile/142138/), Lakewood Village



Christine, do you have link for that? I hadn't heard of this & would like to read about it. Thx

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Christine Dosland (/profile/977952/), South of Conant



Diane Zalk (/profile/142138) Heard it on the radio news while driving a few days ago. You probably have to look through plans for LB or ask your District Rep. Started when policians were trying to woo the Angles to LB.

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Add a reply...



Kerry Hepler (/profile/12772411/), Oakbrook



This city has just gone to the toilet!! Our mayor and city council people have their heads in the sand!! Where are we supposed to get the extra income to pay for everyone else. Especially if you are retired and on a limited income?? I didn't work my entire life, saved my entire life just to be raped by the city of Long Beach!! I deserve to keep the benefits I have EARNED and WORKED my entire life for! I shouldn't have to get a part time job just to pay my utilities and property taxes!!JUST STOP!! Learn how to manage money and resources! That's what we, the residents, are required to do.....to just exist and pay our way in this overtaxed and overly stupid city leaders!!

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Jeff Evans (/profile/41452992/), Los Altos East



I'm moving to a homeless shelter... the ones in downtown LA cost over 630K and I'm figuring I could live Tax Free! Thank you for paying for my future home here in beautiful SoCal!

3 days ago Thank Reply

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Paula Briggs (/profile/13262022/), Carson Park



You are right. I have seen them.

2 days ago Thank Reply

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Walt Halverson (/profile/25270595/), Oakbrook

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Send emails to your district council.

district5@longbeach.gov (mailto:district5@longbeach.gov)

(/inbox/)

Tell her no on the bond

If outside district 5 just put in your district number. Let them know we citizens are done with more taxes

3 days ago

Thank

Reply



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Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City



see my draft letter above. never send an email/letter to one person at the city. at least 5 people otherwise it will never see the light of day

3 days ago

Thank

Reply



Bill Iglehart (/profile/6041559/), The Plaza-Emerson



I was hoping that statewide homelessness might be addressed in some of the new progressive laws just created for the People's Republic of California. Oh well, at least young illegals now have free healthcare, cops are restricted in gun use and doing their jobs, and students can't be suspended for disrupting class for everyone else.

3 days ago

Thank

Reply



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Karina Whitley (/profile/23035521/), Old Lakewood City



Again, California is proving it's at war with the middle class. If you're illegal or a drug addict, our politician and ignorant voters will hand you everything you want. If you're Oprah or Spielberg, you can write your own ticket in this state. The rest of us, the middle class, can go straight to hell in this state...but we'll have to pay a fee or tax to get there!!

3 days ago

Thank

Reply



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M

Mark Schmillen (/profile/7458919/), Carson Park

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If our 5th District council leadership is listing:

(/inbox/)

Will her vote on this follow the will of her constituents?

The November poll sited in the Post article says “two thirds” of Long Beach voters support (this) tax proposal !Are you kidding!?

Ms. Mungo, can you provide any details about that poll? AND, how about a poll of the people you represent?

3 days ago

Thank

Reply



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**Randy Tidwell (/profile/10528524/)**, Lakewood Village

Nope, already seen that is not the case with Stacy Mongo! She could care less what the people in my old district want. One of the many reasons we moved to OK. There was a point that the thought of moving out of Long Beach was something not to be considered, i couldnt get out fast enough.

3 days ago

Thank

Reply



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**Dorothy Golz (/profile/348808/)**, Cliff May Ranchos**Randy Tidwell (/profile/10528524/)** You live in OK?

3 days ago

Thank

Reply

S

Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City

I want a link to this poll. I hear of it but dont see it.

Measure HHH, which passed with about 76 percent of the vote, created a new property tax of about \$9.64 for every \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The measure was intended to raise \$1.2 billion to create between 8,000 and 10,000 permanent supportive housing units in Los Angeles.

“There’s no set timeline” for preparing to put such a measure on the ballot, Modica said. “But a year would be in the ballpark.”

Richardson said the city is in the convenient position of being just over a year away from the Sept. 18, 2019, deadline for adding items to the March 2020 ballot.

“That allows a full year of engagement and outreach before language would need to be approved by the City Council,” Richardson said. “The timing is right to do something sincere.” <https://www.presstelegram.com/2018/08/22/should-long-beach-put-a-bond-or-tax-for-housing-on-the-march-2020-ballot-city-council-wants-to-know/>
(<https://www.presstelegram.com/2018/08/22/should-long-beach-put-a-bond-or-tax-for-housing-on-the-march-2020-ballot-city-council-wants-to-know/>)

3 days ago

Thank

Reply



1

**Chris Smith (/profile/38028326/)**, The Plaza

Damn good question.. we shall see



Ron Knopp (/profile/20228099/), Carson Park

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I say no on homeless bond issue. When we are right on money do we just call the Government for money? Or tell the Government we don't have enough for our property tax? We are too tight to pay utilities this month...no...they should work within their funding...my fellow citizens do NOT make the mistake we did in gas tax and give another government agency carte blanche to take our money...use the county and city money from what we are already taxed in sales tax....05%. Where did that go?

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3 days ago Thank Reply

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Tom Trapp (/profile/9305572/), El Dorado West

Totally agree with you. It has to stop at some point. Ther also other that want more money from you. Money is not the solution on this problem genarally speaking.

2 days ago Thank Reply

😊 +1 3

A

Anthony Viola (/profile/5812774/), The Plaza-Emerson 3 ▾

Some are so reckless with their comments , already accusing Stacy Mungo of voting for the bond . They have NO knowledge of the vote , yet they make statements as if they were validated . Suggestion.....be fair and wait for the actual vote before spreading misinformation . If you want to go after someone , go after Dee Andrews .

3 days ago Thank Reply 😊 +1 2

M

Mark Schmillen (/profile/7458919/), Carson Park ▾

"Wait and see"? Brilliant!

2 days ago Thank Reply 😊 3

S

Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City ▾

never ever "wait and see"...at that point its too late if it goes the wrong way

2 days ago Thank Reply 😊 +1 5



Randy Tidwell (/profile/10528524/), Lakewood Village ▾

I tried to be fair with Stacy, she is just another political hack.

2 days ago Thank Reply 😊 +1 2

L

Len Julian (/profile/4667488/), El Dorado Park South ▾

And remember this people when you vote. We've seen this unacceptable behavior now for over 4 years, but yet the games continue. This seems to be the case with all nine +1. They've even secured their own positions last election for more terms and most voted for it as it passed. A leopard doesn't change their spots. It is core to their being.

There are two severely opposite agendas for this City and ours is not being heard. I've never seen a greater opportunity for ELB to secede to County only.

Edited 2 days ago Thank Reply

S

Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City ▾

Mungo took a while to get her political talents "honed". Unlike lakewood, long beach seems to be a great launching pad for those who have bigger political aspirations. so all this liberal stuff is just "resume building" to get into the most powerful dem statehouse in the country...Sacramento

2 days ago Thank Reply +1 1

L

Len Julian (/profile/4667488/), El Dorado Park South ▾

Steve Smith (/profile/5658229) Absolutely! Climbing the ladder adding, so called Sacramento and other powers that be notches, in their belt. "Look, see what I can do. See what I did." The extension of terms was due to it not being Garcia's turn for Sacramento. It is viewed as being further out, so he secured his job until then.

1 day ago Thank Reply

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Add a reply...



Rose Foley (/profile/43731747/), The Plaza

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Ok. Here is the response I got from Mungo's office. I recommend we all visit the website. There is a time limitation so if interested, pay attention to time constraints before the council meeting if you can't read it message me



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/995515ad4941dc329d594ae6ebbf476.jpeg)

2 days ago Thank Reply

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Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City



LOL there is your Mungo meeting...can she fundraise off this or get her baby in a pic?

Edited 2 days ago Thank Reply

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Paula Briggs (/profile/13262022/), Carson Park



can someone please tell me where this Council meeting will be at 5pm next Tuesday...maybe I missed it when reading. Thank you. I just sent my email to the LB City Council.

2 days ago Thank Reply



Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City



if you want to write a letter AND spend your whole evening in the new Taj Mahal kudos to you!!

2 days ago Thank Reply



Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City



all meeting details here. If you want to have an impact write a letter. it will take you less time and you can make better points <https://longbeach.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=2474&GUID=28A20A62-2645-436E-B1E5-1D5D9B9D25EB&Mode=MainBody> (<https://longbeach.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=2474&GUID=28A20A62-2645-436E-B1E5-1D5D9B9D25EB&Mode=MainBody>)

2 days ago Thank Reply

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Angela Kimball (/profile/11774697/), Carson Park



Council Chambers- 5:00 p.m.
411 W Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90802

Parking is just past the police station in the parking structure. Free parking there.

2 days ago Thank Reply

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Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City



Better have your letter in by monday at noon via email at the latest.my (<http://latest.my>) form is in this thread above

2 days ago Thank Reply

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Steven Stingley (/profile/15482243/), Lakewood Village

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It's all about creating a socialist entitlement society for votes.

Just watch...soon there will be a push to register homeless people to vote (Inbox/)

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2 days ago

Thank

Reply

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Jon Car (/profile/18821854/), Woodruff/Wardlow/LCD 3
https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/streets-of-shame/venice-residents-furious-over-homelessness/2284413/ (https://www.nbclosangeles.com (inbox)/news/local/streets-of-shame/venice-residents-furious-over-homelessness/2284413/)

PLEASE watch. The girl in the story has been on the street for 3 years (yes 3 years). Doesn't think that its the right time to enter a shelter.

???????? Lets build more shelters ????????

2 days ago Thank Reply 😊👀 2



Mike Sickles (/profile/12187916/), The Plaza-Emerson
They're not building shelters... they're building APARTMENTS which cost about \$260,000 per homeless person sheltered.

2 days ago Thank Reply 😊 5



Tom Trapp (/profile/9305572/), El Dorado West
this the mindset of the homeless, housing is not the solution. emotional and mental help comes first. politicians only know how to throw money at the problem, much more complicated than that. good video

Edited 1 day ago Thank Reply 🟢+1 1



Ashley Ghiassi (/profile/1547901/), The Plaza-Emerson
Mike Sickles (/profile/12187916) last I read the apartments were close to \$500,000 now

1 day ago Thank Reply 😊 2



Mike Sickles (/profile/12187916/), The Plaza-Emerson
Typical! Politicians want all that tax money so they can create cushy positions for their family and friends and leverage campaign contributions from developers.
Only about half of every tax dollar is spent where intended.

Edited 1 day ago Thank Reply 😊🟢+1 2



Kelley Smith (/profile/1751461/), Carson Park
Ashley Ghiassi (/profile/1547901) because most of the money will go to the developers not the real solution. Just anothe palm greasing. That's all it is.

1 day ago Thank Reply 🟢😊 5

L

Lorraine Ann Gomez (/profile/2581665/), South of Conant
How true.....my Dad used to say there was not a politician he trusted, he passes that DNA on to me. We need to stay alert to the underhanded tactics of our City Sleeze bags, and State thieves.

1 day ago Thank Reply 😊 1

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Add a reply...

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**Steven Stingley** (/profile/15482243/), Lakewood Village

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Jon,

You seem very generous...with other people's money.

(/inbox/)

Please feel free to donate all of your savings to build housing for the homeless.

Note: Ca is already the homeless capital of the US.

Is it our goal to make Long Beach the Homeless City of Ca?

2 days ago

Thank

Reply



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**Arch Stanton** (/profile/27906894/), Old Lakewood City

Time to drain the Calif and LB swamps. 😞

2 days ago

Thank

Reply



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**Paula Briggs** (/profile/13262022/), Carson Park

Why are we the only people that see this going on? I do not get it.

2 days ago

Thank

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**Steve Smith** (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City

Paula most people are too busy watching HBO or sports, taking care of kids, working 60 hrs a week, commuting etc. they dont have time to babysit politicians and just dont care if they get screwed (or assume they are powerless to stop the ruling class). Ignorance is bliss for most people

2 days ago

Thank

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**Paula Briggs** (/profile/13262022/), Carson Park

Steve Smith (/profile/5658229) Well I work 60 hours a week but I want to know what is going on in our state. Very sad for those who feel it is not important.

1 day ago

Thank

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Add a reply...

**David Jaffe** (/profile/6536684/), Los Coyotes

So with that amount of money, we can just hand every homeless person in long Beach \$250,000 in cash. OR, pay a dozen people full time wages to brain storm how to help homeless people for a couple years with no solutions.

1 day ago

Thank

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**Geoffery Maze** (/profile/12918030/), El Dorado Park South

You're onto something David. The fact is there are vested interests making a lot of money, with cushy jobs, that really don't want the Homeless issue to be resolved lest they make their own employment irrelevant...

Much easier just to pander to the Voters and ask for more money. Target a group that is easy to vilify (Property Owners, who are of course all rich right? LOL) and get money that way.

1 day ago

Thank

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J

Jon Car (/profile/18821854/), Woodruff/Wardlow/LCD

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My point is.... BUILDING MORE SHELTERS DOESNT WORK. Watch the video. Those living in tents do NOT want to go to shelters. Even after being on the street for 3 years

1 day ago Thank Reply

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Diane Gilbert (/profile/6532878/), Carson Park



Do you know the reason why? Maybe mental challenged, maybe drugs. No one wants to live like an animal

1 day ago Thank Reply

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Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City



they dont consider it living like an animal. its permanent camping. LOL "Low overhead lifestyle"

21 hr ago Thank Reply

J

Jon Car (/profile/18821854/), Woodruff/Wardlow/LCD



Watch the video.... At the end the reporter asked the girl if she wants help getting into a shelter.

Her answer after 3 years on the street? " I'm not ready"

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Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City

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classic...Katherine Lauren Hill (born August 25, 1987) is an American politician and social services administrator from Agua Dulce, California. She served as the U.S. Representative for California's 25th congressional district from January to November 2019.[1][2] Hill is the former executive director of People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), a statewide non-profit organization working to end homelessness throughout California. rumor is hill was making 150k a year at PATH where she made the contacts to get her seat. PATH pays 52% of the (tax) money it gets as payroll. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katie_Hill_\(politician\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katie_Hill_(politician)) ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katie_Hill_\(politician\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katie_Hill_(politician)))

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**Ashley Ghiassi (/profile/1547901/)**, The Plaza-Emerson

If they truly wanted to tackle homelessness, and let's be honest, drug addiction and mental illness, they would be out a cushy job. It's very suspicious that when LA hosted a debate that all the homeless were moved out of sight and the city of LA cleaned up the area 😞
Coincidence? Of course not!

The reality is that over 75% of homeless in LA country suffer from drug addiction/substance abuse and /or mental illness. A large percentage of those individuals suffer from mental illness and substance abuse/drug abuse. They do not want to follow rules and conditions set for homeless housing so they choose to remain on the street.

Our area has always had homeless population but the majority of those people were local. We knew their names and their stories. Many of them were mentally ill but their families kept an eye on them. Only in the last few years has CA become a haven for homeless out of state due to our great weather and very relaxed laws.

The BBC did an story on a young couple from another state who decided to move here with \$500 in their pocket so they could become movie stars 😞 Predictably they became homeless within a few days of moving to LA and now beg on the street. The BBC used this horrible example to explain why we need to build more housing..... No, how about you don't move here with \$500 in your pocket!

1 day ago Thank Reply

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**Paula Briggs (/profile/13262022/)**, Carson Park

It is all about the almighty dollar.

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Diane Zalk (/profile/142138/), Lakewood Village

Ashley Ghiassi (/profile/1547901/) I interviewed a patient when working at the health dept. who had multiple serious health issues. He was very up front about why he'd moved to CA: for the welfare. He was not homeless, but I'm certain the word is out about the public generosity as well as the better weather.

1 day ago Thank Reply

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**Ashley Ghiassi (/profile/1547901/)**, The Plaza-Emerson**Diane Zalk (/profile/142138)** WOW....

1 day ago Thank Reply





Jon Car (/profile/18821854/), Woodruff/Wardlow/LCD

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23 hr ago Thank Reply

(/inbox/)



Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City

dont miss this.... hey can we get credit in the census for all the homeless in LB? <https://www.presstelegram.com/2020/01/03/long-beach-mayor-robert-garcia-to-host-state-of-the-city-on-tuesday-jan-14/>
(<https://www.presstelegram.com/2020/01/03/long-beach-mayor-robert-garcia-to-host-state-of-the-city-on-tuesday-jan-14/>)

21 hr ago Thank Reply



Kevin Orr (/profile/5287370/), Plaza

Thank you Alex for your post on the important issues that effect us home owners.

20 hr ago Thank Reply

W

Walt Halverson (/profile/25270595/), Oakbrook

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Send you no protest to your district council's district. district (put in your number)@longbeach.com

(/inbox/)

16 hr ago Thank Reply

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Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City

here is a sample letter you can use. fill in the body of the letter and use your own council dist person in place of mungo if you are in another dist. A mungo meeting would be nice but again she is only one of 9 voices on the council:

Long Beach City Council

Stacy Mungo (5th Dist) district5@longbeach.gov

(mailto:district5@longbeach.gov), stacy.mungo@longbeach.gov

(mailto:stacy.mungo@longbeach.gov)

The Mayor mayor@longbeach.gov (mailto:mayor@longbeach.gov)

City Manager CityManager@longbeach.gov

(mailto:CityManager@longbeach.gov), Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov

(mailto:Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov)

City Clerk CityClerk@longbeach.gov (mailto:CityClerk@longbeach.gov)

Re: Written Comments in Lieu of Public Comments at City Council meeting

Meeting Date: Jan 7, 2020

Agenda item: 20-0019 2020 Housing Measure/Affordable Housing Assessment

Dear City Council and Mayor:

Due to the fact that my time is valuable and public comments were limited to 90 seconds by the council in August 2019 I am submitting my written comments below regarding the above matter to be inserted into the written record as if made in person at the meeting.

[Your personal comments in this section here]

I am also attaching a copy of the entire thread from nextdoor.com (<http://nextdoor.com>) regarding this issue and as you can see all of the comments were negative.

Signed:

/Joe Taxpayer/

5th District Property Owner

Registered Voter

Taxpayer

3 hr ago Thank Reply



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B

brian aboltin (/profile/16429681/), Stratford Square

Thats great that the council gave. 90 secs. To residents to voice their concerns

2 hr ago Thank Reply

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R

Rix Gano (/profile/30954788/), Lakewood Village
Democrat way!

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15 hr ago Thank Reply 😊 1 (/inbox/)

B

brian aboltin (/profile/16429681/), Stratford Square
I think. Its time for a new city council .or let them pay for it out of their pockets.
By the way can anyone tell me if all the city council lives in Long Beach?

15 hr ago Thank Reply 😊 1

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Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City
city council members supposed to live in their districts but Im sure that gets fudged. I suspect less than half of LB city employees live in the city (esp cops and FD who are high income). they dont have to of course

3 hr ago Thank Reply

L

Len Julian (/profile/4667488/), El Dorado Park South
Steve Smith (/profile/5658229) Only about 15% of LB City employees live in LB.

3 hr ago Thank Reply

S

Steve Smith (/profile/5658229/), Old Lakewood City
Do you have a source for that?

3 hr ago Thank Reply

M

Marilyn Hoffman (/profile/35415710/), Lakewood Village
Most of them do not live in Long Beach , it is not criteria.

49 min ago Thank Reply

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Add a reply...

B

brian aboltin (/profile/16429681/), Stratford Square
Ok let me ask how many council members really live in longbeach. Not rent

2 hr ago Thank Reply

M

Marilyn Hoffman (/profile/35415710/), Lakewood Village
It really is not known

48 min ago Thank Reply

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Add a comment...

R-22 Correspondence – Wendy Henning

From: Wendy R. Henning [<mailto:wrlenning@earthlink.net>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:21 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: 296 Million Bond Issue

Hello Ms. De Lar Garza....

I want to express my husband's and my personal opinions that we are vehemently opposed to the new bond issue being proposed.

Best wishes for the New Year,

Wendy and John Henning

R-22 Correspondence – Glenn Ihrke

-----Original Message-----

From: Glenn Ihrke [<mailto:glennihrike@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:44 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Housing Bond

Seriously? How can the city government actually propose a new property tax (call it what you want to) for a city that already has the highest sales tax in California? The government has asked schemed multiple ways to increase their revenue at our expense. I wish you could be as creative on solving problems as you are at finding ways of keeping your money trough filled to pay for pet projects, reward developers and other campaign contributors. I'm tired of this nonsense.

Take a look at the blight of empty stores springing up on 2nd Street in Belmont Shore, the Marina Pacifica And Marketplace malls. What are you doing about it? I don't think the answer was a new retail development at 2nd & PCH. The east side didn't seem to be short of retail opportunities.

Let me be crystal clear on my position. I will actively work against this bond if it makes it to the ballot and against any of the Long Beach politicians that support it. I am a retired executive that ran large divisions of Fortune 400 companies with plenty of time to help organize.

Glenn Ihrke

R-22 Correspondence – Norma Kober

-----Original Message-----

From: Norma Kober [<mailto:kober1@earthlink.net>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 8:26 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: CD9 - Proposed 2020 Housing Measure

After reading through the proposal I would like to voice my opinion in a strong and clear voice as a NO.

Norma Kober

Homeowner and long time resident

R-22 Correspondence – Christian Lee

From: christian Lee [<mailto:thelatenights@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:14 AM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: NO Housing Bond - NO New Taxes on property owners

To whom it may concern,

As a property owner and a lifetime resident of Long Beach I am absolutely opposed to the proposed housing bond measure being presented to the city council. It should be met with a resounding NO. Long Beach residents are already being taxed for this very same purpose via Measure HH, which was stupidly voted in by uneducated voters who are repeatedly lied to by their council members. NO housing bond. NO more taxes. Council members and Mayor Garcia need to figure out how to fix their mess with the taxes already in place. It is an absolute disgrace and should be an embarrassment to all of the city leadership that they are again begging for money to fix a problem that they have already been paid to fix. Get your act together.

From,
Christian Lee

R-22 Correspondence – Kadee Lorenzen

From: kadeedd@gmail.com [<mailto:kadeedd@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:37 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: NO to Tax ballot measure

Please DO NOT vote to allow another tax on Property owners! Long Beach is over taxed as it is!! We must keep our property taxes low so we can still live here when we are seniors.

Kadee Lorenzen

-----Original Message-----

From: Elena Marty [<mailto:elenamarty@verizon.net>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 7:25 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Proposed bond measure to impose tax to help homeless

I understand that a bond is being proposed that will increase property taxes for the purpose of building affordable housing for low income and homeless. We are vehemently opposed to this and urge the council to vote NO. There is gross mismanagement of funds already in place designated for this purpose (Measure HHH) and we have seen nothing except wringing of hands, and more studies. Who is making sure that the money is spent wisely and appropriately? If something is built to help low income and homeless people, how will it be maintained, managed, policed? We are already being taxed to death. Manage the money already earmarked for this effort. It clearly is not being used wisely.

R-22 Correspondence – Herbert Mc daniel

From: Herbert McDaniel [<mailto:herb62barb@verizon.net>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 2:57 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: bond proposal for homeless

I object to this proposal . should it pass there is no assurance it will help the homeless. These folks have no means of income that's why they are homeless. We give them housing how do they pay the upkeep along with utility bills? OR PROVIDE FOOD. They can't do it now what makes you think giving them a home will change that

Herbert Mc daniel

From: Jim Morford [<mailto:morfordjtb@msn.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 8:46 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Bond Issue for building for homeless

I am totally opposed to this housing bond issue. The numbers are astronomical. Why doesn't the City go after the drug corporations for providing the drugs that have mostly created the homeless problems. Also raising taxes will raise rents which is also a BIG problem. Landlords are not going to take the financial hit. They will pass it onto tenants making rents higher. No, absolutely no. Thank you for asking and letting us know about this horrendous housing bond.

R-22 Correspondence – Linda Olson

From: Linda Olson [<mailto:lnordenstam-olson@charter.net>]

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 8:55 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: We are Opposed to CD9 - 2020 Housing Measure/Affordable Housing Assessment

We are strongly **Opposed** to CD9 - 2020 Housing Measure/Affordable Housing Assessment.

Measure HHH passed in 2016 and tax payer money's already been spent on this problem with no measurable progress.

Property owners are taxed too much already with no accountability.

Sincerely,

Linda & Mark Olson,
3rd District, Long Beach

R-22 Correspondence – Michael Pack

From: MikePack [<mailto:mikepack@aol.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:22 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Vote NO on Agenda Item R-22

From: MikePack <mikepack@aol.com>

Date: January 6, 2020 at 3:19:17 PM PST
To: mayor@longbeach.gov
Subject: **Vote NO on Agenda Item R-22**

I am a property owner and do not believe that increasing property taxes on home owners is the right way to deal with the homeless.

No more bonds on property taxes. This is not what Long Beach needs. I have personal experience with a family member who was homeless living in Long Beach.

Through that exposure, I met many homeless people. They are not homeless due to housing costs. They have substance abuse and mental health issues. Most are on general relief and/or food stamps. They sell their food stamps for 50 cents on the dollar so they have money to feed their addiction. They don't want housing or help. Many are not even from Long Beach, but come from other communities that are more strict than Long Beach when it comes to homeless people.

How would taxing property owners deal with people from outside our community and for the chronic homeless suffering from mental issues and substance abuse? How will this not attract more homeless people to Long Beach. It's is not a good idea.

Vote no.

Michael Pack
Long Beach Homeowner

R-22 Correspondence – Jennifer Rose

From: Jennifer Rose [<mailto:jennyjumpup@verizon.net>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:36 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: 3rd District opposed to proposed Housing Bond

I live in the 3rd District and I'm opposed to the housing bond that will be proposed tomorrow night.

R-22 Correspondence – Katie Rowe

From: Katie Rowe [<mailto:katieroweh2o@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:00 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Suzie Price <suzie@suzieaprice.com>

Subject: Housing bond.

Ms. Price and Long Beach City Clerk-

I am absolutely OPPOSED to the Housing Bond being proposed for the November Ballot.

thank you,
Katie Rowe

R-22 Correspondence – Matthew Salaben

-----Original Message-----

From: Deborah Pauer [<mailto:msalaben@icloud.com>]

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 9:07 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Another tax/bond to screw over property owners.

SUZIE PRICE,

Do not support any more bonds or taxes, especially the homeless housing one. The City continues to lie to taxpayers, promise the impossible, divert money from the agreed upon uses, and ignore fact based and reality based economics and psychology. If you pass this I'm just passing this on to tenants.

However, I'm sure this will be approved and pass because: 1. Most voters pay no attention to what the H they are actually voting for; 2. The name of the bond is usually a complete lie and made to pull on the heart strings of voters or to confuse the voter rather than be remotely factual; 3. many voters are not property owners and they mistakenly believe that they will have no repercussions when property owners have to pay that tax, especially after SUZIE PRICE, other Council persons, and the idiots in Sacramento all voted for Rent Control (hello annual maximum rent increase); 4. the city will use tax payer paid for mailings, advertising, emails etc to support this theft; 5. Our wonderful and unbiased media will support the bond and the lemmings will follow; 6. media and politicians all falsely claim this is a housing issue when, in fact, it's mental health and addiction based; 7. A large percentage of persons now believe and expect the government to provide them housing they can afford wherever they want to live regardless of their means, ability, job, support network, etc etc etc

Matthew Salaben

R-22 Correspondence – Jeannine Saucedo

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeannine Saucedo [<mailto:jeannine.saucedo@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 10:02 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: House Bond NO!

I want to voice my opinion on the new housing bond measure being considered at City Council.

My husband and I are GREATLY AGAINST this. It didn't work in LA with measure HHH. We already pay the highest sales tax. We CAN NOT afford anymore. Focus on really help the addicted mentally ill that need help. Not on taxing the residents of LB. Look to finds in another manner. NO BONDS!

I already drive to seal beach to do my shopping. Enough is enough!

Thank you,
Jeannine & Mike Saucedo



January 6, 2020

RE: January 7, 2020 Council Agenda Item No. 22: "2020 Housing Measure/Affordable Housing Assessment", Councilmember Richardson, Councilwoman Zendejas and Vice Mayor Andrews

Honorable Mayor Robert Garcia and Members of the City Council:

The Pacific West Association of REALTORS® (PWR) is the local real estate association that represents the Long Beach area, and PWR's 13,000 members promote homeownership, private property rights, free enterprise and responsible government.

We strongly urge the City Council to reject any resolution that would consider a special assessment [general obligation] bond through increased property taxes.

BACKGROUND

PWR is committed to helping solve California's housing crisis and advancing housing affordability for all, which requires adding to the supply of housing, supporting flexible and adaptable development standards that would accommodate all housing types, and continuing with process improvements and incentives as opposed to counterproductive measures such as market controls or government mandates.

Raising property taxes to make housing more affordable is simply bad public policy. Increasing property taxes will raise the cost of housing, not reduce it.

The May 2017 "Revenue Tools and Incentives for the Production of Affordable and Workforce Housing" report by the Long Beach Development Services Housing and Neighborhood Services Bureau states, "Over 47% of all Long Beach households, including both renter and owner households, experience a housing cost burden...in recent years, a lack of supply, and strong demand for housing have resulted in low vacancy rates, and price and rent increases, leading to more and more middle and lower-income households being priced out of the marketplace" (p. 5). Increasing property taxes would only further cause Long Beach residents to be priced out of the marketplace, exacerbating the challenge more than 20,000 households have who are precariously housed.

Moreover, the crisis of homelessness and the issue of housing affordability are not one in the same. The 2018 "Everyone Home Long Beach (EHLB) Taskforce Recommendations" report found that the 2017 Point-in-Time (PIT) count for unsheltered homeless individuals was 1,208, and 53% of respondents reported a disabling condition...nearly one-third of those experiencing homelessness report a mental illness and 21% report using substances" (pp. 6-14).

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The EHLB report goes on to state that the “Housing Authority has the voucher capacity and funding to house approximately 7,200 households within Long Beach. However, nearly 550 households have qualified and completed the application for a voucher but cannot find a unit available to them...The average time to find a unit is five months for those who do find housing...We estimate an additional need of nearly 2,4000 units that will accept subsidies” (p.13). There are ways to remedy this to attract more landlords to voluntarily participate in the program and to consider alternative proposals that would incentivize landlord participation.

THE BURDENSOME ADDED COST TO ALL RESIDENTS

In the agenda item put forth by Councilmember Richardson, Councilwoman Zendejas, and Vice Mayor Andrews, it states “On September 25, 2017, City staff returned to the City Council with one such option for a revenue source, outlining the cost of benefits of a housing bond that could meet some of the affordable housing needs in our city” (emphasis added).

The “cost of benefits” to “meet some of the affordable housing needs” references the current Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) production goal for the city of Long Beach - an additional 2,517 low and very-low income units (less 806 in the development pipeline). “In order to build the 1,711 additional units identified under RHNA, an estimated additional \$793,000,000 in total development funding would be needed...The RHNA number addresses approximately 12.5% of the units to meet the needs of those precariously housed within the City” (p. 13).

Although the authors of the item reference a “recommended need of \$217 million in capital costs...”, this would be to fulfill EHLB Goal 1 to “build governance, data capabilities, communications and financing...”; the reality is to build the needed units as specified under RHNA **it would cost \$463,472 per unit** (\$793 million/1,711 units) to be borne by Long Beach residents. This means that 166,460 or 99% of households within Long Beach (source: U.S. Census, 2014-18) would be financing housing for the other 1% or 1,711 units.

In addition to housing-related ballot measures passed by California voters in November 2018 (Propositions 1 and 2), the California State Legislature dedicated over \$700 million in the 2018-19 budget to address homelessness, and SB 2 Building Homes and Jobs Act, which commenced on January 1, 2018, establishes permanent, ongoing sources of funding dedicated to affordable housing development through an additional \$75 real estate recording fee. None of these revenue sources were discussed or explored, presumably as the said reports were produced prior to such funding mechanisms being fully adopted and/or implemented.

The resolution being contemplated would ask voters to consider a \$298 million housing bond at \$25 per \$100,000 assessed valuation of property, although it’s not clear how and under what criteria such an assessment would be applied (e.g., differentiation for residential vs. commercial, age exemptions, etc.).

This added annual tax is extremely high in comparison to other cities who have considered or passed similar measures. For instance, in the City of Los Angeles, Proposition HHH meant an additional \$9.64 per \$100,000 in assessed value; in San Francisco, Proposition A levied an average tax rate of \$11.72 per \$100,000 of assessed value; and San Diego is considering a similar measure that would increase property taxes roughly \$6 per month for homeowners.

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WHY WOULD LONG BEACH WANT TO REPLICATE THE FAILURES OF LOS ANGELES?

A recent October 2019 audit titled “The High Cost of Homeless Housing: Review of Proposition HHH” issued by Los Angeles City Controller Ron Galperin found that “more than two years after the first bond issuance and nearly three years since voters approved HHH, not one bond-funded unit has opened...and homelessness in the City has increased by 40 percent to more than 36,000 people over the past four years...more than 1,000 HH units are projected to exceed \$600,000, with one project topping \$700,000 per unit...HHH projects are estimated to take between three to six years to complete - a schedule plainly out of step with the City’s urgent need to bring tens of thousands of people off the streets and into housing.”

REDUCING THE COST OF HOUSING THROUGH SMART GOVERNANCE, NOT TAXES

The housing bond funding mechanism as currently proposed is likely to result in building costs for such units to exceed the existing median sale price of a market-rate condominium in the city of Long Beach. As experienced in Los Angeles, “reasons for this include the number and complexity of funding sources (on average seven) required to complete a project, the relatively limited pool of eligible developers, regulatory barriers and permitting challenges, and considerable construction and labor costs.”

Instead of taxing property and increasing the price of development, Long Beach policymakers should look to options for less restrictive zoning, reduced development fees and expanded use of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), etc. Based on an April 2, 2019 staff memo on the city’s ADU Ordinance, “during the calendar year 2018, ADUs constituted 43% of total housing starts within the city”; however, “the physical construction, costing \$200 per sq. ft. or more for new structures and payment of City permits and impact fees averaging \$10,00 or more...” remain prohibitive to increasing the housing supply “for the benefit of the tenant and larger community” (pp. 2-3).

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

Once again, PWR applauds your goal of delivering affordable housing to Long Beach, but we do not agree with the approach of increasing property taxes to achieve it.

We stand ready to support efforts that are proven to work but placing the burden on residents by driving up housing prices and ending up with fewer stable homes is not the solution.

Sincerely,

Phil Hawkins, *Chief Executive Officer*
 Tim Shaw, *Government Affairs Director*
 Christine Schachter, *Government Affairs Director*

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From: Joseph Sherrin <joesherrin@gmail.com>

Date: January 1, 2020 at 5:27:10 PM PST

To: mayor@longbeach.gov, Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov, CityManager@longbeach.gov,
CityClerk@longbeach.gov, district4@longbeach.gov

Cc: mail@LBreport.com, editor@gazettes.com

Subject: Written Comments in Lieu of Public Comments at City Council meeting

Meeting Date: Jan 7, 2020

Agenda item: 20-0019 2020 Housing Measure/Affordable Housing Assessment

Dear City Council and Mayor:

Due to the fact that my time is valuable and public comments were limited to 90 seconds by the council in August 2019 I am submitting my written comments below regarding the above matter to be inserted into the written record as if made in person at this meeting.

I am graduate of Long Beach Wilson and CSULB and have deep roots in the city of Long Beach. I am also part of the very limit millennial home owner population in Long Beach. Many of my friends both from high school and college **don't buy homes in Long Beach because of the taxes and higher cost of living.**

As you know Long Beach is the highest taxed city in the USA (tied with Chicago).

Raising property taxes is an unacceptable way of trying to generate more funds to the city and will only take more of my hard earned money out of my pocket. My wife and I both work full time with considerable amounts of over time to afford a home and raise our two young boys. \$150 plus extra dollars here and there may not seem like much to an **older generation who don't have high dollar mortgages or renters who wouldn't be effect at all. But, that is food and baby formula for 2 weeks, for my family.**

As for the homeless crisis. I consider it more of a drug problem. Especially in district 4. A majority of the people behind the target and along the freeway are drug addicts looking for their next fix. Sadly , lot of the people are my age too. Has the city considered alternate solutions and using the already high sale taxes to pool in funds? Perhaps expanding on the Fire Departments HEART team and allow them to offer people they are assisting more options.

Raising taxes should not be the go to for every new idea. We elect you to be responsible and allocate our tax dollars appropriately. Tax is theft.

I encourage council members to read negative comments in regards to this matter on Nextdoor

Regards

Joe Sherrin

4th District Property Owner

Registered Voter

TaxpayerSent from my iPhone

R-22 Correspondence – Sheri Snyder

From: Sheri Snyder [<mailto:sherisnyder@charter.net>]
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 2:27 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: New bond measure to address homelessness Ed's

Dear council members:

Let me begin by saying I see everyday the need to address the homeless population in our city. The never ending tax increases and bonds have not helped in the past and I urge you to research alternatives. I am a retired 67 year old female living on a fixed income. My property taxes went up \$500 last year for free city college. The 10-1/2% sales tax is one of the highest in the nation and impacts where LB residents shop, outside of our city where sales taxes are lower. If these increases in bonds, sales tax, property taxes continue, not to mention utility services, I will have no choice but to sell my home in the city I was born and raised in. Walk down 2nd street and note all of the empty storefronts.

Thus far I'm not aware of anything substantial the city has done so far in terms of affordable housing or solving the homeless problem.

We have a wonderful resident, Christine Berry, who manages to actually help people get off the streets. Perhaps she has some useful, helpful ideas that you should listen to as she is well aware and may have some great ideas other than taxing LB residents, many like me who are just making ends meet now.

Once again, I urge you, beg really, to not continue to raise taxes, have more bond measures or do anything that raises the cost of living in my city.

I have no solutions, just reaching out so you take into consideration not all of us can afford these increases, especially when we've seen no results in the past.

Respectfully,
Sheri Snyder

R-22 Correspondence – Nathalie Soussan

From: Nathalie Soussan-Villedrouin [<mailto:natville@mac.com>]

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 11:01 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>

Subject: November 2020 proposed Housing Affordability

Dear Elected Official,

We already voted on a tax (Measure HH) that was supposed to address this issue. How is that money being spent?

I am opposed to increasing property taxes by any additional bonds or measures. I am also concerned that this measure seems to conflate Homelessness with Housing Affordability. They are not the same problem. It makes no sense to increase everybody's housing costs in the name of Affordable Housing.

Long Beach is becoming unbearably unaffordable to live in. Where is all of the money that the state and the federal governments provide that we already pay taxes on? Where is the accountability? What about the millions of dollars that the developers have recently invested in Long Beach and turned downtown into a concrete jungle of an affordable housing? Where is this new affordable housing going to go?

I am diametrically opposed to this new property tax. I am also opposed to the next one, if this one does not pass.

Nathalie Soussan

R-22 Correspondence – Catherine Steisel

-----Original Message-----

From: Catherine Steisel [<mailto:catherines@homessence.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 11:05 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Council District 1 <District1@longbeach.gov>; Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Council District 3 <District3@longbeach.gov>; Council District 4 <District4@longbeach.gov>; Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Council District 6 <District6@longbeach.gov>; Council District 7 <District7@longbeach.gov>; Council District 8 <District8@longbeach.gov>; Council District 9 <District9@longbeach.gov>

Cc: suzie@suzieaprice.com

Subject: Housing bond

Dear Mayor Garcia, City Council Members and City Clerk,

I am vehemently opposed to the proposed housing bond. We cannot keep taxing home owners. Long Beach is a great place to live and I feel fortunate that my husband and I were able to purchase a home here. We did it by working hard (sometimes two jobs) and saving our money. Now, it seems you want to penalize us for owning a home by taxing us even more. We are already overburdened with taxes, especially property taxes. Have you given any thought to people who retire and are living on fixed incomes? Just because we are homeowners doesn't mean we have unlimited disposable income. And have you noticed that many people are leaving California because of the terrible tax burden the state legislature has saddled us with. According to Dan Walters, a researcher with the state think tank CALMatters, there's been a rush of retirees or near-retirees making the move to neighboring low-tax states such as Arizona and Nevada. This new tax will add to the reason to leave!

Thank you,

Catherine Steisel

-----Original Message-----

From: Julee Stover [<mailto:jstover@charter.net>]

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 8:44 AM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: re: CD9 2020 Housing Measure/Affordable Housing Assessment

As a homeowner and life-long Long Beach resident, I am writing to express my strong feelings AGAINST this proposed \$298 million housing bond being put on the ballot here in Long Beach, CA. Not because I don't believe there is a need to provide affordable housing, but because we, the citizens of Long Beach, CA, deserve full disclosure on the current state of how money that has already been raised through other taxes and bond measures for this issue has been allocated and spent. At this point, there is minimal confidence in how our local government is handling this issue. All we have to do is look to Measure HHH in Los Angeles and the ineffectiveness of it to bolster this opinion.

We cannot keep taxing our citizens with little to show for it. Give us a fully comprehensive plan with specifics on how the money would be allocated that involves mental health support, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, job training, AND housing. Then provide a website that updates all of us on how the tax revenue is doing its job and the progress being made. Only then can you gain back the citizens' trust that these kind of bond measures make sense.

So as of now, it's an emphatic NO on the CD9 2020 Housing Measure/Affordable Housing Assessment bond.

—Julee Stover

R-22 Correspondence – Debby Tomassini

From: Debby Tomassini [<mailto:d.tomassini@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:53 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Subject: CD9 - 2020 Housing Measure/Affordable Housing Assessment

Dear City Clerk:

My husband and I (Joseph A. and Debra A Tomassini) live in District 3 (Suzie Price) of Long Beach. We are current homeowners in Belmont Shore and are strongly opposed to the proposed \$298 million housing bond to be added to this November's ballot!!

Best regards,

Joe and Debby Tomassini

R-22 Correspondence – William Tripodi

From: William Tripodi [<mailto:williamtripodi@msn.com>]
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 5:27 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>
Cc: Suzie Price <suzie@suzieaprice.com>
Subject: Housing Bond initiative
Importance: High

Hi Monique DeLaGarza

Good Morning & Happy New Year!

Just want you to know that my wife Terry & I are AGAINST the proposed property tax bond initiative that the city council is proposing therefore if it makes it on to a Nov ballot issue we will vote AGAINST any tax increase. With all of the tax increases (both approved and proposed) all bodies of our government are trying to put people like Terry & I into homelessness!

Thanks for listening.

Bill & Terry Tripodi

R-22 Correspondence – Laurann Wakefield

From: Laurann Wakefield [<mailto:flagday614@charter.net>]

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 2:32 PM

To: CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Proposed property tax for homeless

NO! I live in Dist. 3. We are already overtaxed and our property values are falling. \$40 million in grants, Measure this and measure that, the mayor's fund, and no appreciable improvement in the homeless situation . No, no. no!

Laurann Wakefield

R-22 Correspondence – Becky Walker

From: Becky Walker [<mailto:becky.walker@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:43 PM

To: Council District 5 <District5@longbeach.gov>; Stacy Mungo <Stacy.Mungo@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; City Manager <CityManager@longbeach.gov>; Tom Modica <Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Written Comments in Lieu of Public Comments at City Council meeting

Written Comments in Lieu of Public Comments at City Council meeting Meeting Date: Jan 7, 2020
Agenda item: 20-0019 2020 Housing Measure/Affordable Housing Assessment

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Signed: Becky Walker 5th District Property Owner Registered Voter Taxpayer