

Date: September 8, 2020

To: Councilmember Al Austin, Budget Oversight Committee Chair
Councilmember Suzie Price, Budget Oversight Committee Vice Chair
Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Budget Oversight Committee Member

From: Councilmember Stacy Mungo Flanigan, Fifth District

Subject: Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

This memo serves as a follow-up to provide clarity and further direction to my comments made during the City Council Budget Hearings conducted in August and September of 2020. Due to the critical nature of this current budget cycle, the pending impacts to City service provision, and the multiple community conversations I've had over the last several weeks with neighbors and Long Beach residents, I felt it important to highlight and recommend the following:

- Reduce all General Fund departments by 70% and allocate the \$5.6 million to the following:
 - \$4.5 million to street repair
 - \$1.1 million to alleys
- Retain and merge the Violent Sexual Predator Unit (VSPU) with the two Warrant Details formed to ensure resources are available to protect our children from non-compliant sex offenders and to conform with other non-compliant sex offender and violent offender mandated checks in our City.
- Allocate the Council 10% voluntary pay cut to instead be paid to the Long Beach Public Library Foundation or Partners of Parks.

I **do not** support any of the following:

- Cutting any patrol officers to replace with civilians, thus reducing the number of officers available to respond to citywide issues, riots, etc.
- Civilianizing the Police Department's Air Support Unit.
- Cutting the K-9 Unit in any way that would require us to release a trained K-9 officer.
- General Fund applications for unbalanced tenant housing provider programs.
- Increasing youth sports fees for Long Beach residents.
- Increasing El Dorado Park gate fees for Long Beach residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.