

**eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of December 15, 2020**

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM	Carlos Ovalle	csovalle@gmail.com		Please have all council meetings on video conference so we can see you and with chat feature enabled. There is absolutely no reason this city, larger than 40 state capitals, cannot get it together to do this after how many months? It's pathetic and shameful.	12/8/2020
1. (20-1231) Recommendation to suspend Council rule contained in Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.03.020 (B) to cancel the meeting of December 22, 2020.	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		The meeting last week was over 9 hours because the two previous meetings were cancelled. This is really hard for citizens to wait to speak. Please be mindful of that.	12/9/2020
1. (20-1231) Recommendation to suspend Council rule contained in Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.03.020 (B) to cancel the meeting of December 22, 2020.	Carlos Ovalle	csovalle@gmail.com		You have cancelled too many meetings already. One of the reasons council used to limit our speaking time is to prevent meetings from dragging late into the night. If you held regular meetings perhaps you wouldn't have to load up the meetings you do have with far too many items. In fact you should be holding meetings every week without any weeks off except when the meeting happens to coincide with a national holiday.	12/8/2020
5. (20-1235) Recommendation to confirm City Manager's promulgation of the revised Safer at Home Health Order, issued on December 6, 2020, by the City of Long Beach Health Officer as a regulation. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Support	12/15/2020
15. (20-1245) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement with the New York Historical Society Museum and Library, for use of exhibit space in the Billie Jean King Main Library, for a period of six months. (District 2)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Interesting	12/15/2020
17. (20-1247) Recommendation to receive and file the application of Binny Shah, dba Prince Market and Deli, for an original application of an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) License at 6401 Cherry Avenue; and, determine the application serves the Public Convenience and Necessity; submit a Public Notice of Protest to ABC; and, direct City Manager to withdraw the protest if a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is granted. (District 9)	Gabby Oropeza	oropeza.gabby@gmail.com		While our community wishes to support small businesses, including Prince Market, we believe increasing the availability of hard liquor will have a detrimental effect on the surrounding neighborhood. North Long Beach has more than enough liquor stores. We must encourage businesses to lead the way toward improving communities, not profit off of existing deficits.	12/15/2020
35. (20-1263) Recommendation to request City Attorney to draft an urgency ordinance for consideration at the next City Council meeting to restore "Hero Pay" hazard pay to front-line grocery workers at a rate of \$4 per hour, to sunset 120 days after the approval of the ordinance.	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Support.	12/15/2020

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35. (20-1263) Recommendation to request City Attorney to draft an urgency ordinance for consideration at the next City Council meeting to restore "Hero Pay" hazard pay to front-line grocery workers at a rate of \$4 per hour, to sunset 120 days after the approval of the ordinance.	Max Filippoff	max.filippoff@gmail.com		Front-line grocery workers have had a massive increase in their responsibilities and deserve to be compensated as such. The additional sanitizing, cleaning, enforcing of CDC guidelines, understaffing, product shortages, etc. require specialized training beyond what could be expected upon hire, so current compensation plans do not reflect the value of their work. Additionally, the absence of low-income essential workers on most aid plans contributes to the pandemic's unequal burden on marginalized groups. Federal and state aid often fails to address the racial and economic disparities of this pandemic. Among the most impacted are women of color, who make up a majority of the low-wage labor force. These workers are not included in most hazard pay proposals. This pandemic is uniquely affecting women of color, undocumented workers and their families while simultaneously perpetuating systemic inequities.	12/15/2020
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ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		<p>Long Beach is an important city, a unique city, a diverse city.</p> <p>We have to be honest about the severity of the economic, social, and public health crisis we are currently in, and will mostly likely remain through 2021 - just as we have to be clear-eyed about which activities / conditions / placetypes / repeated bad-actors are primarily responsible for either continued transmission of the novel coronavirus until a vaccine is widely available, and which principles of infection control and pillars of pandemic response are immediate and cost-effective interventions: masks, physical distancing, hand-washing, etc.</p> <p>Over the next 18 months until the next set of municipal elections, experienced and effective leadership at all levels of city government is imperative to not only preserve our City's unique character, but future direction as a vibrant, healthy, promising place to live, work, and visit.</p>	12/15/2020
ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		I am asking that Councilmember Suzie Price be elected as Vice Mayor. We have not had a woman in leadership role for many years and Rex Richardson has already been Vice Mayor. She is an excellent candidate with her experience as an attorney, business owner and working mother. She is highly respected by residents and City Staff. She always comes prepared for meetings and is respectful to all.	12/9/2020
ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR	Carlos Ovalle	csovalle@gmail.com		In support of Suzie Price or anyone other than Rex Richardson.	12/8/2020

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22. (20-1252) Recommendation to request City Manager to create a \$5 million Personal Services and Fitness Resiliency Fund from the next federal COVID-19 stimulus fund package. This fund could be increased depending on demand and final federal stimulus bill.	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		I strongly support this proposal. Hair stylists and personal trainers have struggled to stay open and they've responded by getting creative and offering unique experiences- all while complying with coronavirus guidelines. Please support our small businesses and offering low-interest or no-interest loans or co-investment opportunities to help them stabilize, especially as we enter this period of normalizing our local economy. We need a big injection of capital to jump start this town.	12/15/2020
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22. (20-1252) Recommendation to request City Manager to create a \$5 million Personal Services and Fitness Resiliency Fund from the next federal COVID-19 stimulus fund package. This fund could be increased depending on demand and final federal stimulus bill.	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		Why do large gyms like Ionix get streets blocked off, but smaller fitness centers get nothing from the City. Why can't personal salons work outside if you let gyms operate outside. There needs to be an equity policy and waive business license fees for this industry.	12/9/2020
23. (20-1253) Recommendation to refer to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Housing and Neighborhood Committee for consideration the renaming of South Street Parkway, "The Pressburg Parkway," in recognition of the contributions of Uptown community leader Dan Pressburg.	Laurie Angel	lcangel2012@gmail.com		Congratulations Dan for all the work you have done for the community. It has been a pleasure working with you on several of these important efforts. The community could use more dedicated members as you. In friendship, Laurie Angel	12/14/2020
24. (20-1254) WITHDRAWN Recommendation to direct City Attorney to draft resolution in support of Los Angeles County's recent campaign against Hate Crimes entitles LA vs Hate, United Against Hate Week.	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Was not LA vs Hate / United Against Hate Week one week ago?	12/15/2020

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<p>26. (20-1256) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to extend the Open Streets Initiative program including outdoor dining through parklet and outdoor activity permits, in compliance with applicable Safer at Home Health Order for Control of COVID-19 (Health Order); and, extend the intermittent closure of certain non-arterial, neighborhood streets as identified, to through vehicular traffic, beginning January 1, 2021 and assess and extend quarterly as need and funding allows, through any point of the Health Order;</p> <p>Authorize City Traffic Engineer to review and adjust identified neighborhood street boundaries and closure hours, as necessary, for the purpose of increasing outdoor activities, and strengthening economic recovery, while maintaining appropriate physical distancing and adherence to the current Health Order, beginning January 1, 2021 and assess and extend quarterly as need and funding allows, through any point of the Health Order; and</p> <p>Adopt resolution authorizing the temporary closure of Pine Avenue from First to Fifth Street, to through vehicular traffic for increased outdoor activities and a stronger economic recovery, beginning January 1, 2021 and assess and extend quarterly as need and funding allows, through any point of the Health Order. (Citywide)</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		<p>Support for this item, and the OSI program.</p> <p>One of the bright spots during this year's pandemic is the ability of this City to help local businesses adapt to, and remain open when possible in, the evolution of our current Health Orders.</p> <p>It bears repeating: "reopening" certain economic activities prematurely in May, before public health protocols for high risk for transmission activities and spaces could be put in place, has directly contributed to the spread of the novel coronavirus - we are only experiencing our current economic hardships because our national response, comparatively, has been abysmal.</p> <p>The parklets and street closures achieved thus far in town, especially Pine Ave. from 1st to 5th Streets, are models for how to pivot from pandemic response to economic recovery in a resilient, and ultimately sustainable, direction.</p> <p>Quarterly assessments should include measurement, collection, and presentation of data on Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators on these permits.</p>	12/15/2020
<p>30. (20-1202) Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by amending Section 8.101.030, relating to tenant harassment; declaring the urgency thereof; and declaring that this ordinance shall take effect immediately, read and adopted as read. (Citywide)</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Of continued interest	12/15/2020
<p>31. (20-1198) WITHDRAWN Recommendation to declare ordinance authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City of Long Beach and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and authorizing the City Manager of said City to execute said amendment for and on behalf of the City of Long Beach, read and adopted as read. (Citywide)</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Given council action last week, why was this item withdrawn for this week?	12/15/2020

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33. (20-1259) Recommendation to receive and file a report on the development of an Economic Recovery Strategy and provide input and policy direction to staff on economic recovery priorities to address the economic impacts of COVID-19, with an emphasis on equity, to promote the recovery of businesses and jobs across all sectors of the Long Beach economy following the COVID-19 emergency. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		<p>As we are seeing both with COVID-19 and with carbon emissions, it is simply not enough to "flatten the curve".</p> <p>Both for transmission of the novel coronavirus, or for the carbon intensity of our activities, we need to bend the curve down to zero.</p> <p>It is thus a hopeful sign that we are currently swearing in the first female majority group of city councilmembers - every nation with a female leader is progressing fastest on both fronts.</p>	12/15/2020
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