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**Date:** September 8, 2020

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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**From:** Councilwoman Jeannine Pearce, District 2  
Councilwoman Mary Zendejas, District 1

**Subject: The People's Budget Proposal**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and file a presentation from the People's Budget Coalition on the People's Budget Proposal FY 2021.

**DISCUSSION**

The People's Budget is a collaborative effort created by Black Lives Matter Long Beach and allied community organizations to bring equity and justice to the City of Long Beach's budget. For the last two years, community organizations have worked together to identify the priorities of the community and advocate for those needs with the Mayor and City Council.

As the Council gets ready to adopt its fiscal year 2021 budget, it is important that the Council has a moment to review and comment on what "the People" need on this year's budget. From funding for language access, to a youth strategic plan, to universal legal representation for immigrants, the people have proven we know how to make our communities safe and healthy. Additionally, it reflects the historic movement we have seen this year with thousands of people marching in support of defunding police, reallocating of funds, and reimagining public safety.

This presentation will discuss the challenges under-resourced communities face and the 2021 budget proposal from the community.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact.