

eComments Report for Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda of June 23, 2020

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM	Karen Reside	residekj@gmail.com						Why were there no Long Beach Alerts issued at the start of the looting? I almost got caught up in the looting groups because I didn't know they were coming my direction. People with compromised systems (the senior building on the corner should have been notified to evacuate if they had compromised systems. The smoke from the clothing store flooded buildings across the street.	6/21/2020
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM	Sascha Bos	saschaclairebos@gmail.com						I think that the most important thing we can do for public safety is to defund LBPD and redirect funding to community, youth, and education programs.	6/19/2020
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM	Diana Jones	hrhdiana2000@yahoo.com						We need to have an INDEPENDENT investigation into the events that transpired on May 31st, before, during, and after. 170 of our finest businesses we're ransacked and looted. Even one would have been too much. Having an unresponsive police presence is almost as bad as no presence at all, maybe even worse. It is difficult to even fathom how some of these business owners who had put their hearts and souls into making Long Beach a better place felt.	6/17/2020
THE CIVIC CHAMBERS WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com						Brown Act requires public input. Your continuing neglect and dismissal of public outcry is despicable.	6/9/2020

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PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO USE eCOMMENT TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY ALSO BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL TO CITYCLERK@LONGBEACH.GOV	Steve Askin	ska2@columbia.edu						How many police officers, if any, have remained on Police Department payroll after the city paid civil fines or out-of-court settlements related to killings or improper use of force during the past ten years? And what is the Police Department's policy on retaining or removing officers involved in the incidents that resulted in such verdicts or settlements?	6/23/2020
PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO USE eCOMMENT TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY ALSO BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL TO CITYCLERK@LONGBEACH.GOV	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com						I appreciate everything that the police do and there are many outstanding people who risks their lives to protect us. However, 48% of our budget goes to the police department. We need to examine how we allocate resources. We should not have police responding to parking issues, homeless issues (unless there is violence) and enforcing social distancing. We need to expand the Quality of Life Officers program and reduce overtime in general. Let's take a close look at the police budget	6/19/2020
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CALL TO ORDER	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com						We need to have audio public comment and a video meeting. Most cities are using Zoom or other video platforms.	6/19/2020
REGULAR AGENDA	Dawn Shelley	dawnshelley@me.com						The agenda items are an appropriate and important step to helping the public understand lessons learned from looting and rioting and how to prevent it in future. Also good steps to ensuring LBPD are highly trained. Thank you!	6/20/2020

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2. (20-0546) Recommendation to receive a report from Police and Fire Departments on lessons learned from recent protests throughout the City, and specifically incidents of vandalism and violence on Sunday, May 31.	Andrea Antony	andrea.antony.33@gmail.com						<p>There is ample video evidence of LBPD watching looters start to rip boards off of store fronts, protestors asking them to intervene, and LBPD ignoring them as the violence started. Looters were allowed to do whatever they wanted while LBPD shot rubber bullets at peaceful protestors. Chief Luna can say all he wants that that didn't happen, but there is video proof that it did.</p>	6/20/2020
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2. (20-0546) Recommendation to receive a report from Police and Fire Departments on lessons learned from recent protests throughout the City, and specifically incidents of vandalism and violence on Sunday, May 31.	Matthew Salaben	salabenbuy@verizon.net						Why did the Mayor refuse to seek assistance from the NG & other Police or authorize arresting looters before the Riots started? No BS about having a plan & it worked or you were surprised by rioters. Common sense or an internet connection showed that in large city protests there were often riots, and LBC isn't some magical place where it would be immune. The Mayor & Police Chief drastically failed to protect businesses & public property. You don't allow the City to burn & then try to put it out. Instead, you stop the fuse from starting by arresting & removing the looters at the first sign of trouble. The City/Police failed its citizens & did nothing to stop the crimes. It's infuriating that the City didn't arrest these criminals. I learned the City & Police don't protect my safety, family or business. You should all be fired!	6/20/2020

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2. (20-0546) Recommendation to receive a report from Police and Fire Departments on lessons learned from recent protests throughout the City, and specifically incidents of vandalism and violence on Sunday, May 31.	Stephanie Borden	stephanie.borden1987@gmail.com						I think the police are being unfairly attacked. Use of force is necessary in many scenarios. Also I feel that rioting should be shut down whether via rubber bullets or tear gas...when people engage in violent behavior the police have a duty to stop them from harming other people/people's property. no one has the right to burn down buildings and loot stores	6/19/2020
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3. (20-0547) Recommendation to receive a report from Police Department on current internal use of force/abuse of power incident reporting processes and opportunities for additional training on topics of implicit bias, use of force and community policing practices.	Stephen Downing	stephen.beachcomber@gmail.com						The city manager cancelled the IACP contract without council approval after spending \$48,000. Now the city attorney fights against release of the IACP Phase Four Report, which contains 126 pages of recommendations to reform the LBPD. The Public Safety Committee should refer this matter to council with a recommendation that council order release of the report to the public.	6/23/2020

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3. (20-0547) Recommendation to receive a report from Police Department on current internal use of force/abuse of power incident reporting processes and opportunities for additional training on topics of implicit bias, use of force and community policing practices.	Andrea Antony	andrea.antony.33@gmail.com						<p>More training and resources will not solve the problem of police brutality. Research has shown that given more money to police departments to increase training/technology has done nothing to reduce rates of police unnecessary violence. LBPB needs to be completely restructured and redesigned so that police officers are only called on for specialized violent crimes, and otherwise not involved in day-to-day community needs. Changing practices (which means asking for more money) won't do anything to help the current situation we're in.</p>	6/20/2020

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3. (20-0547) Recommendation to receive a report from Police Department on current internal use of force/abuse of power incident reporting processes and opportunities for additional training on topics of implicit bias, use of force and community policing practices.	Cameron Kleinberger	kleinbergercameron@gmail.com						I hope that this report will be made open to the public	6/12/2020
3. (20-0547) Recommendation to receive a report from Police Department on current internal use of force/abuse of power incident reporting processes and opportunities for additional training on topics of implicit bias, use of force and community policing practices.	Anne Proffit	anne@highpowermedia.com						As long as the LBDP and LBPOA make decisions on their own abuse of power, there will be no change. The force should be disbanded with officers permitted to re-sign if they guarantee community-oriented policies will be followed. THIS IS NO TIME FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL. SHAME ON YOU.	6/9/2020

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4. (20-0548) Recommendation to receive a report from City Prosecutor on different prosecution models throughout the state, including the feasibility of appointing a special prosecutor for cases of police misconduct in local jurisdictions, and specifically the City of Long Beach.	Max Norris	max.d.norris@gmail.com						We need a special prosecutor, or a Charter Amendment to allow the City Prosecutor to prosecute the police. We should also be looking at explicitly revoking qualified immunity for police officers.	6/22/2020

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4. (20-0548) Recommendation to receive a report from City Prosecutor on different prosecution models throughout the state, including the feasibility of appointing a special prosecutor for cases of police misconduct in local jurisdictions, and specifically the City of Long Beach.	Cameron Kleinberger	kleinbergercameron@gmail.com						This idea could work, but if the police department is allowed to keep destroying records then it will not matter. This commission should make a recommendation to digitize and save all police records regarding police misconduct	6/12/2020
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ADJOURNMENT	Diana Jones	hrhdiana2000@yahoo.com						On the public safety fireworks flyer from the fire department, they suggest that you make confetti launchers as an alternative to doing fireworks. This is not a very bright idea. The confetti pollutes the environment, is wasteful, and harms our critters. There are many other things that can be done that would be far less harmful. Please see that this is withdrawn ASAP.	6/19/2020