



**City of Long Beach**  
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**Memorandum**

*Draft # 2*

**Date:** December 13, 2005

**To:** Mayor O'Neill and City Councilmembers

**From:** Val Lerch, 9th District City Councilmember

**Subject:** Recommendation: Request City Attorney in conjunction with City Clerk and City Manager to draft an ordinance relating to the regular agenda section.

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Most every Tuesday there are agenda items that Councilmembers or the public have not had adequate time to review, discuss, or be briefed. Not having enough time to familiarize ones self with issues that affect this Great City of ours is a disservice to our Citizens.

In order to give every Councilmember and the public adequate time to familiarize themselves, review and be briefed, I request your support that no agenda item be voted upon by the Council until it has appeared on at least one prior Council Agenda. This section could be called "notification," "future agenda items," and/or "new business."

Discussion of noticed agenda items would not take place until the following week.

This recommendation should apply to ALL items presented by Council members and City departments. Items declared an urgency/emergency, and consent calendar would be excluded from this recommended agenda change.

**Recommendation:**

Request the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the City Manager to draft an ordinance to accommodate these agenda changes.

**Note:** Councilmember DeLong will join Val on this future item. Some text has changed from the original December 2005 council letter.