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6. (21-0006) Recommendation to approve the destruction of records for the Office of the City Manager; and adopt resolution.	Greg Buhl	gdbuhl@gmail.com		Cal. Gov't Code section 34090 only allows the destruction of documents once they are no longer required. I have several public records act requests for documents that are months past due under the timeframe set by the California Public Records Act that may be in this collection. Public Records Act requests are something the city is required to fulfill. Some of these requests relate to police misconduct that will be effectively covered-up if the documents are destroyed. Does the city council plan to approve the destruction of these documents instead of producing them as public records? Greg Buhl CheckLBPD.org	1/3/2021
7. (21-0007) Recommendation to approve the destruction of records for the Office of the City Prosecutor; and adopt resolution.	Greg Buhl	gdbuhl@gmail.com		Cal. Gov't Code section 34090 only allows the destruction of documents once they are no longer required. I have several public records act requests for documents that are months past due under the timeframe set by the California Public Records Act that may be in this collection. Public Records Act requests are something the city is required to fulfill. Some of these requests relate to police misconduct that will be effectively covered-up if the documents are destroyed. Does the city council plan to approve the destruction of these documents instead of producing them as public records? Greg Buhl CheckLBPD.org	1/3/2021
8. (21-0008) Recommendation to confirm the City Manager's promulgation of the revised Safer at Home Health Order, issued on December 10, 2020, by the City of Long Beach Health Officer as a regulation. (Citywide)	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		Support	1/5/2021

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<p>13. (21-0013) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and determine that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15305 (Class 5 - Minor Alterations to Land Use Limitations) of the CEQA Guidelines and none of the exceptions in 15300.2 apply, and that it is further exempt pursuant to Section 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) and Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), as it will not result directly or indirectly in significant environmental impacts. (CE20-091);</p> <p>Declare ordinance amending Title 21, Zoning Regulations (Zoning Code), of the Long Beach Municipal Code to add Chapter 21.66 related to the establishment of a process to allow the legalization of existing, unpermitted units (Unpermitted Dwelling Unit Amnesty Program), read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading; and</p>	Jordan Wynne	jorwyn95@gmail.com		<p>On December 30th, 2020, Council received a report from Development Services stating that there were no available external funding sources for affordable housing. This report was requested on January 7th, 2020, in order to reject considering an affordable housing bond. Item 13 shows just how dire the situation has become by not substantially investing in affordable and supportive housing. While the UDUAP does some good, many of these illegal units have had major habitability issues and are a striking sign of a SEVERE lack of affordable housing in Long Beach. We need to stop dodging the issue and invest dollars into affordable housing. I suggest pulling from the bloated LBPD budget in the coming fiscal year, and utilizing any COVID funding that may become available. Project Homekey was a good first step, so let's keep ramping up so we can care for those who are most vulnerable in our city.</p>	1/5/2021

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<p>17. 21-0018 Recommendation to receive a report and confirm the proposed Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, and direct staff to prepare the subsequent Environmental Impact Report. (Citywide)</p>	Dave Shukla	dave.shukla@gmail.com		<p>Just like with our transmission numbers of COVID-19, it is not enough to "flatten the curve" of planetary greenhouse gas emissions - we have to bend the curve, down to zero.</p> <p>Long Beach is taking the right first step in confirming the proposed plan, and in making the plan iterable in light of new data and evidence.</p> <p>This city has been at the heart of the dirty-energy growth paths and carbon-intensity of American living over the past century - What actions can it take in this year, 2021 coming out of the global pandemic, to decouple economic growth and prosperity from greenhouse gas pollution?</p> <p>Due to the lag in atmospheric forcing and resultant impacts, we know that significant adverse climate impacts are "baked in" - i.e. set in advance - over the next two decades.</p> <p>So:</p> <p>What actions can we undertake together over the next decade to ensure that Long Beach is a livable, thriving, vibrant place for all who work, live, and visit here in this third century as a municipality?</p>	1/5/2021

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<p>17. 21-0018 Recommendation to receive a report and confirm the proposed Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, and direct staff to prepare the subsequent Environmental Impact Report. (Citywide)</p>	<p>Sona Coffee</p>	<p>sonacoffee@gmail.com</p>		<p>I applaud Development Services for incorporating feedback from the community to create a plan for Long Beach™s climate future. As the CAAP showed, 275,000 residents are more likely to suffer from the impacts of climate change in our community. We cannot achieve social justice without addressing environmental justice issues in our city. We need a Climate Plan that commits to the transition away from fossil fuels, creates green jobs opportunities for those that are employed by the fossil fuel industry, and takes action to join a Community Choice Energy program that can direct revenues towards communities of concern in our city. The CAAP showed that CCAs are key to making significant GHG reductions to help meet ambitious climate goals. Further, CCA programs create green jobs and have revenue benefits compared to the purchase of renewable energy for facilities. The City Council should adopt and implement a binding CAAP that contributes to an equitable and resilient recovery in Long Beach.</p>	<p>1/5/2021</p>

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17. 21-0018 Recommendation to receive a report and confirm the proposed Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, and direct staff to prepare the subsequent Environmental Impact Report. (Citywide)	Ryan Wiggins	ryanwggns@gmail.com		I would like to commend the City, its staff, and the community members that contributed to and developed this CAAP. This plan lays out a strong vision and strategies to both adapt to climate change and reduce emissions while also supporting broader objectives such as improved public health, access to opportunity, and overall quality of life. The plan also prioritizes benefitting historically disadvantaged communities, an equity focus that is very welcome given that climate change does currently, and will in the future, disproportionately impact them without intentional action. I support the adoption of this plan and would ask that the City Council secure its success by ensuring that the resources necessary to successfully implement it will also be a priority.	1/5/2021
17. 21-0018 Recommendation to receive a report and confirm the proposed Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, and direct staff to prepare the subsequent Environmental Impact Report. (Citywide)	Jennifer Lentz	drjenniferalentz@gmail.com		Dear Council Members, California prides itself on being the global environmental leader, but we continue to support programs that accelerate climate change while postponing or even defunding programs that would slow (or reverse) climate change, & are all too often stuck trying to recover from its impacts because we didn't prepare for what we knew was coming. As noted in Appendix G of the CAAP, oil extracted from Long Beach has the 14th highest carbon content in the world, & CA has 3 other locations that are in the top 10 highest carbon emitters in the world! No other state in the US is this bad. High carbon emissions mean we are accelerating climate change. While the proposed CAAP doesn't have the power to stop drilling or the export of petroleum coke, it puts forth a robust plan to prepare our city & help it to become more resilient. I strongly urge you to do what is necessary to enable the CAAP to be put into action as soon as possible. ~Jennifer Lentz, Ph.D. (D7 resident)	1/5/2021